

DYSON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**FORTIETH
ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE SOCIETY OF FELLOWS**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021
AND
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021**

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Two-Day Schedule

Friday, March 19, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

5:00-5:15 p.m. Annual Meeting Welcome

5:15-7:00 p.m. Plenary Presentations

Saturday, March 20, 2021 from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Noon-12:15 p.m. Greetings and Set-up

12:15-1:15 p.m. First Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 1 through 6

1:30-2:30 p.m. Second Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 7 through 11

2:45-3:45 p.m. Third Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 12 through 17

4:00-4:30 p.m. Award Reception

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FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 - 5:00PM-7:00PM

5:00 p.m. **Annual Meeting Welcome**

Dr. Maria T. Iacullo-Bird
Assistant Provost for Research, Pace University

Dr. Tresmaine R. Grimes
Dean, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

5:15-7:00 p.m. **Plenary Presentations**

(Tik)Toking 'Bout a Revolution: TikTok as a Tool of Social Change
Shea A. Donnelly
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Emily E. Welty

Heterotopias and Queer Time in Ali: Fear Eats the Soul and Carol
Elena R. Guzman
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ruth D. Johnston

Self Portrait
Jiajia (Man-Chia) Wu
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Jillian M. McDonald

Latinx Theater of New York's 20th Century
Holly E. Tomaino
The History of Nuyorican Literature in Brooklyn, NY
Emily P. Reyes
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kelley A. Kreitz

FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 - NOON-4:30PM

First Concurrent Afternoon Sessions – 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Session 1 **Chemistry Topics in Poster Format**
12:15-1:15 p.m. **Moderators: Dr. Elmer-Rico E. Mojica and Dr. Rita K. Upmancis**

The Effect of BMI on Fatty Acid Profile
Alexandrea C. Papadelias; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elmer-Rico E. Mojica

Spectroscopic Differentiation of Bee Propolis Extracts
Baylee D. Caudill; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elmer-Rico E. Mojica

Antioxidant Activity of Bee Propolis Extracts From the United States
Jennifer L. Hutnik; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elmer-Rico E. Mojica

Chromatographic Analysis of Bee Propolis from Distinct Parts of the United States of America
Lawrence Phillips; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Elmer-Rico E. Mojica

Sex-Specific Inheritance Pattern of COX2 Mutation
Shayan Saniei; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Rita K. Upmancis

Synthesis and Analysis of the Biodegradable Plastic
Marjana Aliaj; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Rita K. Upmancis

Session 2 **Digital Storytelling and Mediated Racial Criticism**
12:15-1:15 p.m. **Moderator: Dr. Melvin L. Williams**

The Kardashian Effect
Alanis E. Choo; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Melvin L. Williams

Way of the Dragon: Bruce Lee vs. The Asian Stereotype
Justin K. Winley; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Melvin L. Williams

Two Halves Make a Whole
Kailey G. Liddell; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Melvin L. Williams

Session 3 **The Films of Todd Haynes**
12:15-1:15 p.m. **Moderator: Dr. Ruth D. Johnston**

Gays and Gaze: Queer Reconstruction of History in the Work of Todd Haynes
Jonathan J. Ozburn; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ruth D. Johnston

Narrative Isolation and Disruptions of Temporal Diegesis in the Films of Todd Haynes
Leif A. Tystad; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ruth D. Johnston

Session 4 **Exploring Agency in Literature**
12:15-1:15 p.m. **Moderator: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating**

Escaping and Wrestling with Social Pressures and Expectations in Literature
Arianna S. Goodhand; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

No Right Way to Be a Hero in Your Story: Heroines in Modern Feminist Literature
Mary K. Justin; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

The Only Way to Find Yourself is to Leave Behind What You Know; An Exploration of Female Agency in Contemporary Literature
Maya A. Looker; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

Session 5 **Political Transformation: agency, institutions and policy**
12:15-1:15 p.m. **Moderators: Dr. Claire D. Panetta and Dr. Emily E. Welty**

Nationalism in the Age of Brexit: The Attitudes and Identities of Young Voters
Emma L. Wolkenstein; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Claire D. Panetta

NATO in light of Trump's presidency. How has the Trump administration affected the US's position in NATO? What does the future of NATO in look like in the bigger international security picture in the aftermath the Trump administrations and their relation to other countries?
Jenny Aanestad; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Emily E. Welty

What the Dakota Access Pipeline and North Dakota's Voter ID Law Tells Us About the Link Between Environmental Injustice and Voter Suppression
Natalie H. Kim; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Emily E. Welty

Session 6
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Economic Relationships viewed through Gender, Space, and Hospital Care

Moderator: Dr. Mary A. Kaltenberg

Gender Equality and Diplomacy: How the Presence of a Female Ambassador Impacts Economic Relationships

Jelena H. Goldstein; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mary A. Kaltenberg

The Relationship Between Space Exploration and Economic Development

Pooja Dhar; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mary A. Kaltenberg

What Non-Financial Factors of Hospitals Impact Respective Bond Ratings?

Marissa A. Kleinbauer; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Mary A. Kaltenberg

Second Concurrent Afternoon Sessions – 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Session 7
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Psychology Topics in Poster Format

**Moderators: Dr. Leora R. Trub, Dr. K. Mark Sossin,
Dr. Courtney L. Gosnell, Dr. Brenna L. Hassinger -Das and
Dr. Ramón Emilio Fernández**

*Drunk Texting: When the Phone Becomes a Vehicle for Emotional
Dysregulation and Problematic Alcohol Use*

Vendela Parker; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Leora R. Trub

*Nonverbal Communication and Proxemic Measurement in Exploring Parent-
Infant Relationship*

Kvitoslava Kravchyk; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. K. Mark Sossin

A Study on the Effects of Gratitude in Buffering Cross-Party Relationships

Sarah-Louise M. Baldwin; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Courtney L. Gosnell

*From the Toy Box to the Job Market: Effects of Gender on Toy Selection and
Career Beliefs*

Nowou Cyrielle Talla Takoukam

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brenna L. Hassinger-Das

*Investigating the Effects of Radiation on our Neurobiology as we Explore Deep
Space*

Gerardo E. Gomez; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ramón Emilio Fernández

The Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Memory

Amber Brouwer; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Ramón Emilio Fernández

Session 8
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Advancing Social Justice

**Moderators: Dr. Anne H. Toomey, Dr. Gina Scutelnicu, and
Dr. Melvin L. Williams**

*Supporting Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Environmental Studies
and Science at Pace University*

Racine Robinson; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Anne H. Toomey

*The Importance of Social Media in Grassroots Organizing for Black Lives
Matter*

Carly J. Corbett-Frank; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gina Scutelnicu

*Aroldis Chapman 30- Game Suspension on charges of Domestic Violence in
2016 and the Implantation of the Joint Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and
Child Abuse Policy by the Major League Baseball Association*

Brooke M. Salamone; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Melvin L. Williams

Session 9
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Creative Writing

Moderator: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

1. Honeymoon

2. Flowers Grow Out of My Grave

Autumn L. Sancho; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

Apple Slices

Kiara E. Ronaghan; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

Then There Was You

Emily S. Richey; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Helane C. Levine-Keating

Session 10
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Philosophy
Moderators: Dr. Eddis N. Miller and Dr. Daniel Barber

Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz: Visions of God and The Universe
Lauren D. Cotner; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Eddis N. Miller

Theorizing Black Performance
Jamellah D. Sweeting; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Daniel Barber

The Mental Health Crisis and Psychoanalytic Theory
Noah Colby; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Daniel Barber

Session 11
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Economic Analyses for Robots, the Super Bowl and Public Education
Moderators: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock and Dr. Todd R. Yarbrough

Factors that Affect Robot Density
Lizabeth L. Singh
Faculty Sponsors: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock and Dr. Todd R. Yarbrough

Super Sized or Super Small Super Bowls: Explaining the Changing Popularity of the National Football League Over Time
Madison R. Willard; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock

The Effects of States' Economic Conditions on the Quality of Public Education System
Huan Yang; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Sam S. Baruch

Third Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions – 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Session 12
2:45-3:45 p.m.

Interpreting the Impact of COVID
**Moderators: Dr. Travis Webster, Dr. Joseph Morreale,
Dr. Adam G. Klein and Dr. Tiffany J. Henley**

Making a Difference; Finding Where You Belong
Samantha M. Saumell; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Travis Webster

*The Influence of News Media over Consumption Behavior during COVID-19
Pandemic*
Isabelle A. LaBianco; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph C. Morreale

Rebranding Amid a Pandemic: COVID-19 and the Advertising Impact
Sophia A. Medina; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Adam G. Klein

Nonprofit Sustainability Beyond COVID-19 Panel
Novlette Gooden-Castillo; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Tiffany J. Henley

Session 13
2:45-3:45 p.m.

Policing and Civic Responsibility
Moderators: Dr. Gina Scutelnicu and Dr. Andrew W. Crosby

*Researching Ways to Improve the New York City Civilian Complaint Review
Board*
Ryan E. Brock; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Gina Scutelnicu

*A Prospective: The Village of Port Chester Police Department: Assessing,
Reforming and Reinventing*
Gregory M. Rivera; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Andrew W. Crosby

Session 14
2:45-3:45 p.m.

**Historical Memory and Cultural Recovery: NYC Latinx Press and
South Korean Comfort Women**
Moderators: Dr. Kelley A. Kreitz and Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee

*My Continuing Experience in Recovering New York City's Spanish-Language
Press*
Katerinne Vargas; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kelley A. Kreitz

The Collective Trauma of the South Korean Comfort Women
Anna H. Bartsch; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Tse-Hei Lee

Session 15
2:45-3:45 p.m.

Diversity Discourse: Cultural Difference and Shared Values
Moderator: Dr. Judith Pajo

*The East and the West under a Cosmopolitan Age: The Common Cognitive
Essence in the Acceptance of Cultural Difference*

Chi Zhang; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Judith Pajo

The New World, Shared Values, and Human Connection

Max T. Weisman; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Judith Pajo

Climate, Poverty, and Race

Aaron Feeney; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Judith Pajo

Session 16
2:45-3:45 p.m.

Creative Inquiry: Painting, Video and Performance
Moderator: Dr. Bette Kirschstein

The Defeated (Painting)

Mariana Garcia Tinoco; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Elizabeth M. Atzberger,

Christmas Determination

Brennan F. Conley; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Louis A. Guarneri

*Poor Jud: Investigating Autism Representation in Broadway Theatre Creative:
Best and Only*

Benjamin Nurthen; Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Crystal L. Skillman

Session 17
2:45-3:45 p.m.

Economic Perspectives: Criminal Justice, Migration, Cult Classics and Film Sequels

Moderators: Dr. Todd R. Yarbrough, Dr. Meng Xu, Dr. Anna Shostya and Prof. Kier F. Hanratty

Reacting to Recidivism: An Analysis of a Criminal Justice Issue
Yesenia Vazquez; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Todd R. Yarbrough

The Rocky Horror Econ Show: The Economics of Cult Classics
Carolyn H. Smith
Faculty Sponsors: Dr. Meng Xu and Dr. Todd R. Yarbrough

The Effect of Carbon Emissions on Migration: An Empirical Study in Ten Countries
Maria A. Andrukhiv; Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Anna Shostya

The Diminishing Return of Film Sequels
Matthew Giove
Faculty Sponsors: Prof. Mark L. Weinstock, Dr. Todd R. Yarbrough, and Prof. Kier F. Hanratty

4:00-4:30 p.m.

Reception and Awards Ceremony

Presiding, Dr. Maria T. Iacullo-Bird
Assistant Provost for Research, Pace University

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Society of Fellows of Dyson College Annual Initiation Ceremony

Friday, April 16, 2021

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Transactions – Call for Papers

Full-length research papers/artistic projects submitted to the 2021 Annual Meeting will be considered for publication. It is highly recommended that students edit Annual Meeting papers with their faculty sponsors and resubmit.

Please forward revised submissions or new entries by June 30, 2021 at

softransactions@pace.edu



The Society of Fellows began in the fall of 1980 with a weekend seminar devoted to questions in applied ethics. The first class of members inducted at the formal inauguration of the Society in December 1981 was named after distinguished philosopher and Pace faculty member William Barrett. Since then, a new class is inducted annually and named after a member of our society who has made a significant contribution to the ideals we hold important. To date, more than 700 hold the distinction of Fellow of Dyson College.

The Society of Fellows of Dyson College is the premier honors organization in the College. The Fellows foster dialogue and scholarship across the fields of the arts and sciences through enriching experiences for students with exceptional academic and artistic abilities. The Society of Fellows provides students with opportunities to develop intellectual interests and present their research and creativity to the university community. Membership in the Society of Fellows gives recognition to advanced levels of student participation and achievement. Faculty who participate in Society of Fellows events and sponsor students also receive recognition as Fellows.

Each fall the Society of Fellows sponsors the Weekend Seminar in which students, faculty, and alumni engage in discussions on a chosen topic in a casual, off-campus setting--usually in upstate New York. At the Annual Meeting of the Society of Fellows, which is a one-day student conference held in early spring, students showcase their faculty-mentored scholarly research and artistic projects. *Transactions*, the official publication of the Fellows, features outstanding work written by Pace University students under the sponsorship of faculty members, many of whom are Fellows. New members are recognized at the Initiation Ceremony held at the end of the spring semester. More information about the Society of Fellows is available on the Pace University website.