



Weissman Weekly

Highlights from Baruch College's
George and Mildred Weissman School of Arts and Sciences

Thursday, March 19, 2020

A Message From The Dean

Dear Weissman Faculty and Staff:

Before anything else, I would like to thank you for the promptness and ingenuity with which so many of you have responded to the unprecedented situation we're facing. I've reviewed a range of resourceful proposals to move courses online, and I want to express my gratitude for your determination and creativity to serve our students through this difficult time. When classes resume this Thursday, I feel certain they will be in good hands.

In some cases, this mode of instruction will be less than optimal. I'm aware of the challenges you face, and I appreciate your concern for the quality of education we deliver—in fact, that is precisely the subject I want to address. Every member of the faculty, both full-time and part-time, must realize that we have a responsibility to give our students an educational experience that continues to meet the high standards of Baruch College. This responsibility is in your hands. What you do between now and the end of May will determine whether the institution lives up to its reputation for excellence or whether the students suffer a lapse in their education along with the threat to their health. I'm confident you will rise to the occasion.

Please be aware that you're not alone in this effort. The college has a range of resources to help you navigate the task before you, and in the coming days you will be receiving information about support services at your disposal. I urge you to take advantage of them and to keep your chairs and the Dean's Office apprised of any problems that come up. We're beginning a period that will test our resolve, but it's also an opportunity to show that we exemplify the ideals we profess.

I also want to thank our staff that has made everything possible to continue to work from home in the service to the School in general and the students in particular

Best wishes,

Aldemaro Romero Jr.,
Dean and Professor

Special Services Available

The Psychology Department is sponsoring de-stressing sessions for all students and faculty.

Stress Reduction Sessions will be hosted by

Dr. Sitt.

There will be a session held for faculty/staff and also a separate session for students.

[For more information and how to access the sessions.](#)

The Psychology Department presents:



KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON

Stress Reduction Sessions
with Dr. Sitt

Tues & Thurs; Faculty/Staff 12-12:25pm; Students 12:30-12:55pm
Faculty/Staff: <https://baruch.zoom.us/j/310131933> Meeting ID: 310 131 933;
+16465588656, 310131933#
Students: <https://baruch.zoom.us/j/310131933> Meeting ID: 310 131 933
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Weissman students from the Master of Financial Engineering program triumphed over teams from 47 colleges and universities, including MIT, Stanford and Carnegie Mellon, to win first place at the 2020 Rotman International Trading Competition; Baruch has dominated the event winning three times in the last five years

- Dr. Chester Zarnoch along with a team of researchers published the research article "[Marsh Plants Enhance Coastal Marsh Resilience by Changing Sediment Oxygen and Sulfide Concentrations in an Urban, Eutrophic Estuary](#)" in the journal *Estuaries and Coasts*.
- Professor Elizabeth Heath, from the history department, has been awarded an [I.D.E.A grant from Weissman School of Arts and Sciences Office of the Deanto](#) support the development of "Visualizing the Data of the Eighteenth-Century French Caribbean," a digital history project that she developed with Julia Landweber, Associate Professor, Montclair State University.
- Congratulations to the [winner of the 2020 Art-a-Thon poster contest, Wendy Lei](#). Art-a-Thon has been postponed due to the school closing.
- Dr. David Gruber's research was highlighted by the *CUNY SUM* article "[Click-Click! Deciphering the Language of the Sperm Whale](#)" and in a video produced by the [American Museum of Natural History](#).
- Congrats! Playbill lists dwb at BPAC for its recommendations of the "[Best classical and jazz music in New York City.](#)"

Opportunities for Faculty

- [J.M. Kaplan Currently Accepting Applications- Deadline 4/1/2020](#)
- [MacDowell Colony Accepting Applications for Fall Artist Residencies- Deadline 4/15/2020](#)
- [Bogliasco Foundation Invites Applications for Arts and Humanities Fellowships Deadline 4/15/2020](#)
- [International Studio & Curatorial Program 2020 Artist Residencies- Deadline 4/26/2020](#)

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