

May 15, 2020

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## A Farewell Announcement from Dean Aldemaro Romero Jr.



Dear Weissman School family,

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing that effective July 1st, 2020, I will be stepping down as Dean and going on sabbatical for one year. I will be devoting my time to new creative projects, including but not limited to writing and producing a new TV series about higher education. This series will draw from my upcoming book, "Institutional Failure in Higher Education: Why Colleges and Universities Fail and What We Can Do to Prevent It," co-authored with my fellow Dean and friend Dr. John Pratte, from the University of Louisiana.

I would like to sincerely thank all the faculty and staff with whom I have worked with during my four years as your Dean and for all your efforts to make the Weissman School a better place for everyone. I will miss three things in particular: my daily contact with faculty who are so dedicated to advance scholarship and pedagogy at the highest rigorous level; the dedication and high sense of ethical commitment of the staff; and finally, the students with whom I share my immigrant story, my diverse background, and having been a first-generation college student.

As a farewell, I would like to quote a portion of the English writer William Wordsworth's poem "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood."

What though the radiance which was once so bright  
Be now for ever taken from my sight,  
Through nothing can bring back the hour  
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;  
We will grieve not, rather find  
Strength in what remains behind...

¡Adios!

Al Romero

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[\\*A message from the Provost on the announcement of Dean Romero stepping down.](#)

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## Wins @ Weissman



and the Writing Professions, announced that journalism major, **Ayse Kelce**, has won a prestigious scholarship from the [New York Financial Writers Association](#), the only undergraduate among the five winners.

**Presidential Excellence Award** for Teaching, which includes a \$1,000 honorarium. This award is conferred on outstanding faculty for distinguished teaching, scholarship and research, or service. Weissman recipients are:

- Professor Vincent DiGirolamo, History Presidential Award for Scholarship
- Professor Don Waisanen, MSPIA Presidential Award for Scholarship
- Professor Anna D'Souza, MSPIA Presidential Award for Service
- Professor Stephanie Hershinow, English Presidential Award for Teaching (Full time)
- Professor Cory Labanow, Management Presidential Award for Teaching (Adjunct)

**Sydney Harman 2020 Jerome L. Schulman Memorial Poetry Prize Winners:**

- 1st Place: Katherine Hernández
- 2nd Place: Justine Galvan
- 2nd Place: Evan Gordon
- 3rd Place: Olmay Okunov

The poetry contest commemorates the life of Jerome L. Schulman (1927-2016), a devoted husband and pioneering virologist whose research isolated the H3N2 Influenza A virus that caused the 1968 flu pandemic. Grace Schulman has authored thirteen books, eight of them collections of poetry. She is the winner of the Frost Award for Lifetime Achievement in American Poetry and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. [Grace Schulman is a distinguished professor of english at Baruch College.](#)

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## #WeissmanWellness

- [The Beginnings and the Endings: Watching Unorthodox during COVID-19](#), by Jessica Lang, professor and chair of english and Newman director of the Wasserman Jewish Studies Center, comments on a four-part Netflix series *Unorthodox*, for the Fordham Center for Jewish Studies webpage.
  - [The Story of Serum Therapy](#), written by Bert Hanson, professor of history, science, and medicine. Published by the Science History Institute.
  - Shelly Eversley, PhD, Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Provost, and Interim Chair of the Department of Black and Latinx Studies was featured in [New York magazine's article "What is College without a Campus" that discusses the difficult challenges CUNY students currently face](#)
  - [Andrea Gabor, professor and chair of business journalism, published a Bloomberg article making a plea for state and local budgets to protect school funding, especially for the needies](#)
  - Elizabeth Reis, professor of gender and bioethics at the Macaulay Honors College at the City University of New York, discusses [teaching medical ethics during the pandemic.](#)
  - [The office of Human Resources has released new information regarding your health, wellness, finances & more.](#)
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# Baruch College Virtual Commencement Experience

## Monday June 8th, 2020

- **Graduate Studies Department** will be hosting virtual toast to graduate students on Zoom @ 12:00 noon, stay tuned for more information. We invite graduates to wear their caps and gowns.
- **Baruch English Department** End-of-Year Celebration Friday, May 22, 1:00-2:15 p.m. Zoom TBA. Features Creative and critical readings, awards and prizes, recognition of our class of 2020 graduating majors. Graduates, please wear your caps and gowns if you have them!



## News and Announcements



**Weissman** wants to hear from our students, faculty, and alumni, about your experiences surrounding COVID-19. Take a brief moment and fill out our survey! We look forward to hearing from you.

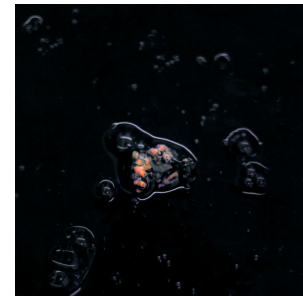


**BPAC** exists to bring us together to experience compelling live performing arts. Obviously, in the present moment, we are challenged to present other kinds of programs. Please take a moment to fill out this survey, so we can know your program preferences



[#ShelterInBaruch](#), is a series of Instagram Filters that use augmented reality (AR) to lightheartedly question the “new normal” for Baruch students. We encourage you (and your students!) to use these filters and share them widely!

**Mishkin Gallery** - Join us May 24th at 3:00 p.m. eastern time on Zoom for a listening session of three new electronic tracks by Lamin Fofana as featured in his New York debut exhibition BLUES at Mishkin Gallery (Baruch, CUNY). Fofana will be in conversation with writer and curator Serubiri Moses and the session will be moderated by BLUES curator and Mishkin Gallery director Alaina Claire Feldman. This event is produced in collaboration with Goethe-Institut NY. You can register here.



## Opportunities for Faculty

- [The Hopper Prize Invites Applications From Visual Artists- Deadline 5/19/2020](#)
- [Arts Writers Grant Program Welcomes Applications for 2020 Grants- Deadline 5/22/2020](#)
- [Society for Neuroscience Invites Nominations for Science Educator Award-](#)

[Deadline 5/22/2020](#)

- [American Psychological Foundation Invites Applications for Undergraduate Faculty Research- Deadline 5/31/2020](#)
- [PEN America Invites Applications for PEN/Heim Translation Fund- Deadline 6/01/2020](#)
- [2021 Holberg Prize Invites Nominations for Outstanding Researchers- Deadline 6/15/2020](#)
- [Prairie Ronde Invites Applications for Fall Artists Residencies- Deadline 6/15/2020](#)
- [Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation Invites Applications for New ERA Women Writers Program- Deadline: Rolling](#)
- [National Geographic Invites Applications for COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Journalists- Deadline: Rolling](#)

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