

June 5, 2020

Congratulations Weissman Class of 2020!

Dean Romero Remarks

Dear Weissman Graduates,

First of all, congratulations class of 2020. In addition to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, now we are facing one of the most convulsed periods in the history of this country.

As an immigrant who chose to become an American citizen and whose grandchildren were born here, I have experienced with you in horror what is going on in the U.S. and around the world. In times when some are encouraging division and violence, no respect for science and reason, it is time to take a stand.

Although nobody can take away from you, your talents, knowledge, and skills, the values we have tried to impress upon you at Baruch College, are in your hands. Wherever life takes you to, do not forget that we are all humans with the same rights, that we all cherish our country's future, and that future may well be in your hands. Remember the words from Jorge Santayana, a Spanish philosopher who also came to this country as an immigrant, when he said, "Aquellos que no recuerdan el pasado están condenados a repetirlo." "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Good luck,

Aldemaro Romero Jr., Ph.D.
Dean and Professor



Weissman Commencement Events

The Office of Graduate Studies 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.

The Department of History will be hosting a celebration of graduating majors @ 1:00 p.m. on June 8th featuring a welcome from Dr. Mark Rice, and an

address to graduates by Dr. Thomas Heinrich, and the department's faculty.



2020 Weissman Graduate Goldie Gross Wins The Kanner Prize for Outstanding Baruch Honors Thesis

Goldie Gross, 2020 Weissman School senior, has an ad hoc major in Art and Business and will be in the first Baruch virtual graduation ceremony. Goldie received the Kanner Prize for outstanding Baruch Honors Thesis entitled "A Study of Der hammer: Aesthetic Influences on Art and Culture in the Communist Yiddish Press," which focuses on the artistic trajectory (and the politics that influenced it) of a Communist Yiddish periodical published in the 1920's and 30s". She plans to attend the Institute of Fine Arts at NYU for an MA in Art History and hopes to continue on to a PhD and eventually teach art history or work in the non-profit art industry". She will be interning at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute this summer.



Wins @ Weissman Faculty Achievements



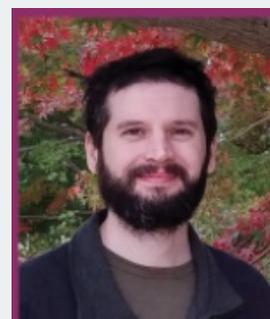
Edyta Greer
Professor of
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Krista C. Dobi
Assistant Professor of
Biology



Tatiana Emmanouil
Assistant Professor of
Psychology



Steven Young
Associate Professor of
Psychology

- **Edyta Greer**, PhD, professor of computational chemistry, was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support her research on thermally activated heavy-atom tunneling in organic chemical reactions. Professor Greer teaches Organic Chemistry I and II, and Medicinal Chemistry in Weissman's Department of Natural Sciences.
- **Krista C. Dobi**, PhD, who teaches in the Department of Natural Sciences at the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, has received a \$459,732 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support her research into treatments for muscle wasting. The grant was made through the National Institute of General Medical Sciences division of the NIH and its Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Program.

- **Tatiana Emmanouil** - The NIH Award for \$338,929. was granted to two CUNY professors who will use the grant to investigate the cognitive and neural mechanisms of visual perception in humans. Baruch College Weissman School of Arts and Sciences Assistant Professor of Psychology **Tatiana Aloi Emmanouil** and Brooklyn College Assistant Professor of Psychology **Anjali Krishnan** will collaborate on this project. The results will contribute to the understanding of how people can process complex visual scenes despite their limited ability to encode visual details.
- **Steven Young** - Associate Professor of Psychology and **Donald Sacco**, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi were granted the National Science Foundation Rapid Award for \$149,990. to jointly conduct important research on the impact of virtual socialization and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.



- Stephanie Hershinow, PhD, Weissman School Department of English, is a double Win @ Weissman winner as both the 2020 recipient of the Feliks Gross Award and the 2020 Presidential Excellence award for Distinguished Teaching (Full-time). The Feliks Gross and Henry Wasser awards are awarded to the most accomplished scholars and researchers among CUNY Assistant Professors. (Upper-left)
- David Gruber, PhD, professor of Biology and Environmental Science, was awarded a National Geographic Society grant of \$99,997. to support his proposed project "An Exploration of Bioinspired and Gentle On-whale Sensors to Better Understand the Communication of Sperm Whales". (Upper-right)

Weissman Faculty Racial Solidarity Response

Dear Members of the Baruch Community

We write with sorrow for and outrage at the killing of George Floyd while he was in the custody of Minneapolis police officers. George Floyd's senseless death continues a pattern in this country of lethal racial injustice, one that indicates its deep-rootedness in our society. We have far too much evidence to turn away from it; our collective tragedy is its accumulation on a near-daily basis.

As faculty at CUNY, we celebrate diversity and recognize its manifold benefits and

Dear Political Science Students, Alumni, Instructors, and Staff

Central to the discipline of Political Science is the study of power: who wields it, who is subject to it, and the relative legitimacy of how it is exercised. In 2020, it is clear that the United States is grappling with the disproportionate burdens of health disparities, economic precarity, and racial violence that fall on communities of color. The tragic murders of George Floyd in Minnesota, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, and Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, all in the span of a single semester, speak to the urgency of this

richness. CUNY is an institution founded on principles of equal access to higher education; we cannot remain silent in the face of systemic and institutionalized racism. We know we have work to do.

Our mission is tied to the power of education and, with it, the eradication of bigotry and intolerance. We stand with those who live in fear of their safety because of the color of their skin. Their lives are meaningful, precious, and they matter.

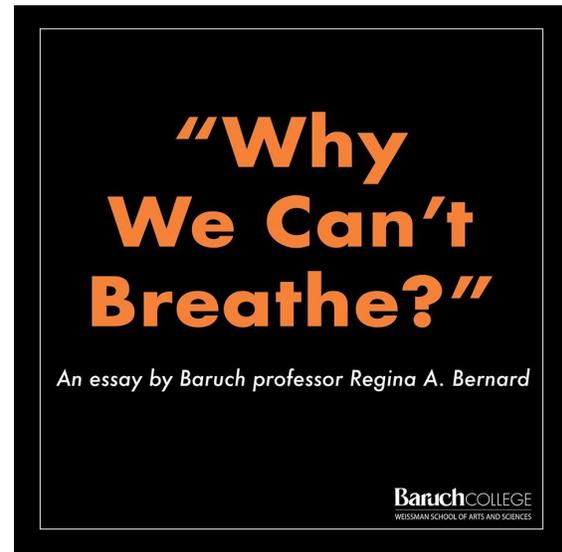
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current political moment. The disproportionate number of Latinx and African American New Yorkers that have fallen victim during the ongoing pandemic and the alarming increase in hate crimes against Asian American communities underscore the perilous state of race relations in this country.

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"Why We Can't Breathe?" by Baruch Professor Regina A. Bernard

“This essay, this moment in my life, was supposed to be about something else. This was supposed to be about my body. This wasn’t supposed to be about a man I never met, never heard of, never saw face to face, but for whom I felt the breath he couldn’t take. I did not start this essay with the intention of writing about George Floyd, but in my final edits of something else, in my periphery, I saw George Floyd on my television screen as he lay on asphalt, hands bound by the metal bracelets that are supposed to be reserved for “bad guys.” He was groaning beneath the officer who pressed a knee down on his neck. I stopped typing. I sat, frozen, watching an execution take place. A tear hit my computer keys. This man is being murdered. This is not the thing of nightmares. This is happening in broad daylight and there are people watching... too afraid to push the officer off Floyd’s neck. A second officer, pacing nearby, enforcing what he must have deemed appropriate, admonished George’s people. I heard their pleas, their screams, and their protest somewhere offscreen, disembodied, in the cut of what was happening...”



Opportunities for Faculty

- [2021 Holberg Prize Invites Nominations for Outstanding Researchers- Deadline 6/15/2020](#)
 - [Prairie Ronde Invites Applications for Fall Artists Residencies- Deadline 6/15/2020](#)
 - [NIHCM Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Investigator-Initiated Health Services Research Grants- Deadline 6/29/2020](#)
 - [Fulbright US Scholar Program- Deadline 9/15/2020](#)
 - [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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Student Artist Eases Pandemic Anxiety With Nightly Concerts



Graduating Weissman senior, Cameron Hart, management and music enterprise (MME) major, Fine and Performing Arts department.

CUNY-TV on air schedule: (Ch. 75 on Spectrum and Optimum, Ch. 77 on RCN, and Ch. 30 on Verizon FIOS)

- Friday, June 5 - 3:30pm
- Saturday, June 6 - 10:30am
- Sunday, June 7 - 7:00pm
- Friday, June 12 - 8:30am, 3:30pm
- Saturday, June 13 - 10:30am
- Sunday, June 14 - 7:00pm
- Thursday, June 18 - 8:30pm
- Friday, June 19 - 8:30am, 3:30pm
- Saturday, June 20 - 10:30am
- Sunday, June 21 - 7:00pm
- Friday, June 26 - 8:30am, 3:30pm
- Saturday, June 27 - 10:30am
- Sunday, June 28 - 7:00pm

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