A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Members of the Weissman Community,

We write just a few days after the shocking events that took place in our nation’s Capitol on January 6, 2021. We share your horror in witnessing an angry mob, brandishing symbols of racism and hate, intent on undoing a fundamental democratic process by violently interrupting the peaceful transfer of power, threatening the lives of this country’s elected officials and public servants, and causing the death of a police officer. The acts of violence, both casual and deliberate, against the backdrop of the United States Capitol Building, a seat and symbol of democracy, throw into sharp relief the fragility of the institutions and practices that we hold dearest. Langston Hughes identifies just this dark tension in his poem “Democracy,” which begins,

Democracy will not come
Today, this year
Nor ever
Through compromise and fear.

As we take time to reflect on the sobering events that occurred just days into a New Year, we draw strength from the democratic mission of this institution and Weissman’s role as a place of discourse and the exploration of ideas, truth, and knowledge. At the same time, we recognize the work we must continue to do. We must continue to build and expand access to education and opportunity; recognize the manifold importance of an equitable and diverse community; and promote the democratic principles and values that undergird this and other American institutions.

We are grateful to be a part of the Weissman community and to share in our collective work to ensure that the events of January 6 are not repeated.

Please take good care,

Jessica Lang, Interim Dean of the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences
Gary Hentzi, Associate Dean of the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences

Wins @ Weissman

The Modern Language Association of America awarded its tenth Fenia and Yaakov Leviant Memorial Prize in Yiddish Studies for an outstanding scholarly work in the field of Yiddish to Debra Caplan, Associate Professor of Theater, for Yiddish Empire: The Vilna Troupe, Jewish Theater, and the Art of Itinerancy, published by the University of Michigan Press. The prize is awarded each even-numbered year and is given alternately to an outstanding translation of a Yiddish literary
Weissman's Master's in Financial Engineering Program Achieves Another Milestone

Weissman's Master of Financial Engineering Program was ranked #2 worldwide in the 2021 Risk Quant Finance Master’s Programs Ranking. Weissman's MFE Program was ranked #1 in starting salaries (worldwide figures adjusted for purchasing power parity). The ranking includes 49 programs from 12 countries (Australia, Austria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, and the US). Over the last five years, Baruch has dominated the first or second spot in the QuantNet rankings, which is considered the most comprehensive classification to date of master’s programs in financial engineering and mathematical finance. Read more.

News and Announcements

Weissman Political Science Experts Address Key Issues

David Jones, Department Chair of Political Science, had two of his articles appear in popular journals. "Gender, Sex, and Trust in Government" (coauthored with Monika L. McDermott) will appear in the journal Politics & Gender "Institutional Context and Accountability for Political Distrust" will appear in Political Research Quarterly

Els de Graauw, Associate Professor in Political Science, recently published an article in Critical Sociology, titled "Labor Unions and Undocumented Immigrants: Local Perspectives on Transversal Solidarity During DACA and DAPA." You can access the article here.

News Roundup

Theodore Henken, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, was quoted in the New York Times article, Pompeo Returns Cuba to Terrorism Sponsor List, Constraining Biden’s Plans (01/11/2021). Professor Henken was also interviewed by Univisión 41 Spanish about Cuba being named a state sponsor of terrorism by Trump Administration.

Wayne Finke, Associate Professor of Spanish and Deputy Chair of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature, was recognized as a living giant in Geolinguistics at the 23rd World Geolinguistics Congress in Seoul, South Korea.
Annual International Geolinguistic webinar entitled, "Theory, Research, and Practice in Geolinguistics," produced for the first time from Nepal. Professor Finke’s acclaimed keynote speech “El Espanol Al Dia: Castillian in the 21st Century Iberian Peninsula” was read by Irene Kyffin, Irish Scholar and international advisor of the Nepalese Society of Geolinguistics. Read more.

**Aldemaro Romero Jr**, former Dean of Weissman, released a new book, *Contributions to the History and Philosophy of Science*. The book includes a collection of 36 essays authored by Romero and his collaborators on the history and philosophy of science.

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**Harman Writers-in-Residence Program**

The Weissman School of Arts and Sciences welcomes Spring 2021 Harman Writer-in-Residence **Stew Stewart**, a Tony award-winning playwright and singer-songwriter. Read more.


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**Upcoming Events**

"Journalism, the Election and the Transition: What did the news media get right? Get wrong? Miss?"

Wednesday, February 3, 4:15pm to 5:30pm. Register now

The Journalism Department features a Zoom Webinar with noted panelists featured clockwise: Betty Wong (Moderator), Eric Deggans, Soledad O’Brien and Jon Allsop.

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**Lawrence N. Field Center for Entrepreneurship Virtual Open House**

Thursday, January 21, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Learn more about the different services and programs for students offered by the Field Center for Entrepreneurship. Drop in and meet representatives from MakerHub, SBDC, CUNY Startups, Curriculum, and CEO. Register here.
See Art Speaks Justice: "The Reconstruction of Race Relations Post Election 2020" on CUNY TV
Airing on the following dates:
Monday, January 25th, 10:00pm
Tuesday January 26th, 3:00pm
Thursday January 28th, 8:00am & 2:00pm
Saturday January 30th, 9:00am
Sunday January 31st, 4:00pm
Monday February 1st, 6:00am & 12:00pm
Also, available to watch on the Weissman YouTube channel.

Mishkin Gallery Artist Talk Series
"Ho Tzu Nyen: The Critical Dictionary of Southeast Asia" (cdosea.org)
Thursday, February 4, 12:00pm. Register here

Moderated by Professor Katherine Behar
Associate Professor of New Media Arts
Zoom produced in collaboration with CUNY’s Asian American/Asian Research Institute (AAARI).

Spring 2021 Entrepreneurial Lunch & Learn Webinar Series
"Inspiration to Execution: Channel Your Inner Entrepreneur"
February 4, 2021, 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Register here.

See attached PDF for all dates and events.

Opportunities for Faculty

- Center for Retirement Research Welcomes Proposals for Steven H. Sandell Grant Program- Deadline: 01/31/2021
- 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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