

***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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**VIRTUAL**

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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 Sponsors: Dr. Tiffany J. Henley and Prof. Ric P. Swierat

**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: Prof. Sarah B. Cunningham**

*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

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4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Reception and Awards Ceremony**

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

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**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](mailto:softransactions@pace.edu)**



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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.