

# PACE UNIVERSITY

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

**SOCIETY OF FELLOWS**

Society of Fellows Weekend Seminar

October 15-16, 2021

Pace University, NYC Campus

## **Getting Back to Work: Reimagining the Future of Employment**

Work takes up a significant part of our lives and, since 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our everyday patterns, including the way we work. During this challenging time questions have emerged about the way we work and the value of work. This seminar will consider the changing nature of employment and the question of how we can work more effectively whether together or apart. It will also consider the larger context in which work takes place by asking some fundamental questions: What—or, perhaps more pointedly, who—gives value to work? Why are some kinds of work valued more than others? How do established modes of value-giving generate disparities, and how might we think of different modes of value-giving to bring about greater social justice in work? Many decisions that we make in our lives are centered around work: apartment configurations, locations to live in, how far to commute, education to pursue, and skills to build. Larger questions are determined as a society—what boundaries do we place between work and life, what are our human rights in the workplace, how has this changed with generational and cultural shifts, and how do we collaborate in an increasingly globalized world?

### **Seminar Leader**

Dr. Mary Kaltenberg, Economics, NYC

### **Session Leaders**

Dr. Daniel Barber, Philosophy and Religious Studies, NYC

Dr. Emily Bent, Women's and Gender Studies, NYC

Dr. Zafir Buraei, Biology, NYC

Prof. Sarah Cunningham, Art Gallery, NYC

Dr. R. Emilio Fernandez, Mathematics, PLV

Dr. Eric Osborne-Christenson, Economics, NYC

Dr. Anne Toomey, Environmental Studies and Sciences, NYC

*All Main Sessions will be held in the Student Center in One Pace Plaza.*

*Breakout Sessions can use the Student Center and nearby Zannino Room.*

*The Art Session will take place in the Student Center and the Art Gallery in 41 Park Row.*

*Lunch will be served in boxes in Bianco. Dinner will be served buffet-style in Bianco.*

## **Friday, October 15**

9:45am Registration

### *Morning Sessions*

10am **Welcome and Introductions**

Dean Tresmaine Grimes, Dyson  
Dr. Judith Pajo, Sociology and Anthropology, NYC

10:15am **The Future of Employment: Automation, Skills, Education, and Inequality**

Dr. Mary Kaltenberg, Economics, NYC

11am Break

11:15am **Identifying Passions through Evolving Green Jobs**

Dr. Anne Toomey, Environmental Studies and Sciences, NYC  
Celeste Ann Perez, Environmental Science and Policy '21 Student, PLV

11:30am **Icebreaker**

*Students will have their photo taken by a polaroid. On a board/wall there will be a major skill titled (Writing, Coding, Math, Speaking, etc.) at the top and on the bottom, there will be careers. Each skill will be linked with a career with a rubber band or string. Students will connect their polaroid with the skill and with a job that they are interested in. This will help students start thinking about potential jobs. They can also meet other students who are interested in the same job. Many different skills will link to the same job, showing a diversity of skill sets that can be linked to one particular job. Paula King, Phyllis Mooney, and Michael Healy from Career Services will also attend and talk to students.*

Moderated by Dr. Mary Kaltenberg, Economics, NYC

12:15pm **Flash Talks**

*Four 10-minute talks by professors across disciplines.*

Dr. Joseph Lee, History, NYC -- Lying Flat Movement  
Dr. James Reich, Philosophy and Religious Studies -- Work and Its Opposites: Religious-Philosophical Perspectives  
Dr. Claire Panetta, Sociology and Anthropology -- Anthropological Perspectives on Mobility and Transnational Labor  
Dr. Stephanie Hsu, English, NYC -- Werk: The Black Queer Symbolic in Language and Culture

Moderated by Dr. R. Emilio Fernandez, Mathematics, PLV

1pm Lunch -> Pick up boxed lunch and enjoy in small groups around campus

### *Afternoon Sessions*

2pm President Marvin Krislov, Pace

2:05pm **Panel: Reimagining the City in a Post-Covid World**

*As more people work from home permanently, how will this impact business centers in the city, residential spaces in and around the city, and what are potential consequences to these changing landscapes (tax revenue, city life, physical building changes, etc.)?*

Dr. Kier Hanratty, Economics, NYC -- Urban Planning  
Dr. Todd Yarbrough, Economics, NYC -- Public Finance

Moderated by Dr. Mary Kaltenberg, Economics, NYC

3:15pm Break

3:30pm **Gallery Work: How Artists and Curators Prepared the “Substance” Exhibition at Pace University Art Gallery** (Student Center in 1 Pace Plaza & Art Gallery in 41 Park Row)  
[1<sup>st</sup> part will be streamed via Zoom in Student Center]

*The faculty/student curatorial team and a faculty artist from the Substance exhibit now on view at the Pace University Art Gallery will share a behind-the-scenes view of the art historical research, material experimentation, and exhibition design processes. Session will also include an exhibit walk through.*

Prof. Elizabeth Atzberger (Liz Atz), Art, NYC, Substance exhibit artist  
Prof. Sarah Cunningham, Art, NYC, Substance exhibit co-curator  
Samantha Smith, History and Art History '21, Substance exhibit co-curator

Moderated by Prof Sarah Cunningham, Art, NYC

5pm Dinner -> Buffet Served (no self-serve because of COVID) in Bianco Room

**Saturday, October 16**

*Morning Sessions*

10am **(Re)Defining Essential Work: Gender, Race, and the COVID-19 Pandemic** [Talk will be streamed via Zoom in Student Center.]

Dr. Emily Bent, Women's and Gender Studies, NYC

10:45am **What Gives Value to Work?**

*Why are some kinds of work valued more than others? How do established modes of value-giving generate disparities, and how might we think of different modes of value-giving that bring about justice?*

Moderated by Dr. Daniel Barber, Philosophy and Religious Studies, NYC

11:30am Break

11:45am **Disciplinary Breakout Sessions**

Prof. Mark Weinstock, Economics, NYC -- Zoom's Effect on Education Outcomes  
Prof. Carlos Mercedes Meran, Psychology, PLV -- Self-care and returning to work  
Winnie Liu, Economics, NYC -- How has COVID-19 affected part-time employment of students?

12:30pm **Plenary**

*Reporting back from breakout sessions, can be on poster boards.*

1pm Lunch -> Pick up boxed lunch and enjoy in small groups around campus

*Afternoon Sessions*

2pm **Teamwork: Collaboration on the Covid Vaccine**

Dr. Zafir Buraei, Biology, NYC  
Dr. Erika Crispo, Biology, NYC  
Adonis Miliano, Biology '20, Alumn  
Dr. Elmer Mojica, Chemistry, NYC  
Dr. Rita Upmacis, Chemistry, NYC

Moderated by Dr. Eric Osborne, Economics, NYC

3:30pm Break

3:45pm **Breakout Session: Faculty-led Mind Maps**

*Students will draw out major themes of what they learned in the conference through “mind maps.” Within these major themes they can include surprising facts, their thoughts on how they changed the way they worked, or lessons they took from the weekend.*

Dr. Brian Evans, Mathematics, NYC  
Other groups will be formed spontaneously.

4:30pm **Closing Plenary**

Moderated by Dr. Mary Kaltenberg, Economics, NYC

5pm Dinner -> Buffet Served in Bianco Room

Student Volunteers

Shen Yang, Sociology & Anthropology, '21, NYC  
Charlotte MacNeal, Political Science, '25, NYC

COVID-19

You must wear a mask on campus and follow all current health regulations. Pace students and faculty are required to complete the PaceSafe app prior to arrival and display a green self-assessment code to Security. Pace alumni are required to provide proof of vaccination upon arrival or a negative PCR test administered within 72 hours. More information can be found on the Return to Campus website:  
<https://www.pace.edu/return-campus/visitors>.

Upcoming Events

March 26, 2022: Annual Meeting  
April 2022: Initiation Ceremony  
June 2022: Transactions Deadline

**Questions? Email Judi Pajo, PhD at [jpajo@pace.edu](mailto:jpajo@pace.edu)**

