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Spring into new beginnings at Hunter! Please join us in welcoming our new President – and more exciting updates inside!

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Mr. Michael J. Chiaffitella
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Dear Michael,

I hope this letter finds you well and thriving. With the arrival of spring, we are delighted to share our most recent newsletter, filled with exciting updates and inspiring stories from Hunter College—your cherished alma mater.

In this edition, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of our new incoming president, who will begin on August 12. We highlight our innovative "Smart Pantries" initiative, aimed at combating food insecurity among our students, and celebrate the remarkable generosity of a donor whose gift established the Ruth Stanton Chair of the Department of Art and Art History. From our distinction as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution to the remarkable contributions of our students and alumni in various fields, the Hunter community's achievements continue to inspire us all.

As you explore the accomplishments and initiatives featured in this edition, we hope you feel a renewed connection to Hunter College and are inspired to support our ongoing mission of excellence. Your contribution to the Hunter College Annual Fund helps support student scholarships, campus-wide technology, academic programs, new curricula, and more!

We invite you to make your first donation today, giving back while joining the ranks of alumni whose contributions actively enrich the legacy of Hunter College.

Hoping to hear from you this spring.

Warmest regards,

Alexis L. Eggleton
Interim Vice President for Advancement for Hunter College
and Executive Director of the Hunter College Foundation

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *continued*

Grad Wins Documentary Award for Film on Chinese Village



A Hunter Integrated Media Arts alum has won a coveted International Documentary Association award.

Yehui Zhao '23 won the award for *May the Soil Be Everywhere*, a film about Zhao's ancestral village in the mountains of China's Loess Plateau.

Zhao's film was one of three selected out of 56 nominees to receive $75,000 in production and post-production grants from IDA's Pare Lorentz Documentary Fund — a substantial sum in the documentary world. The fund, which has disbursed $1,285,000 since 2011, supports feature-length films reflecting the values of Depression-era documentarian Pare Lorentz.

Alumna Named Philly's Citizen of the Week



Congratulations to **Barbara Greenspan Shaiman '67**, a Hunter Hall of Famer, on recently being named Philadelphia's "Citizen of the Week."

Greenspan Shaiman was honored for her longtime humanitarian work as the founder of Champions of Caring, which has mentored more than 10,000 local youth.

CALENDAR

Distinguished Writers Series

April 4



Lucy Sante
Sante's books include *Low Life, Evidence, The Factory of Facts,* and *Kill All Your Darlings.*

April 15



Terrance Hayes
Hayes's most recent works are *American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin* and *To Float In The Space Between.*

May 7



Catherine Barnett
Catherine Barnett is the author of *Human Hours, The Game of Boxes,* and *Into Perfect Spheres Such Holes Are Pierced.*

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Faculty Dining Room
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No RSVP required

For more on the series, visit
hunterartsevents.org/monthly-calendar

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Join us in supporting this legacy of excellence by making a gift through our secure site at https://hunter.cuny.edu/give/ or by scanning the QR code.

Together, we can continue to make a difference!

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Message from the President

Dear Friend,

Happy Spring! I'm delighted to share a wealth of great news from Hunter College.

Congratulations to artist Sara Greenberger Rafferty as the inaugural Ruth Stanton Chair of the Department of Art and Art History.

The U.S. State Department again named Hunter a Fulbright Top Producing Institution.

A Hunter Integrated Media Arts alum has won a coveted International Documentary Association award.

And we send our warm congratulations to Nancy Cantor, who will join us this summer as the 14th President of Hunter.

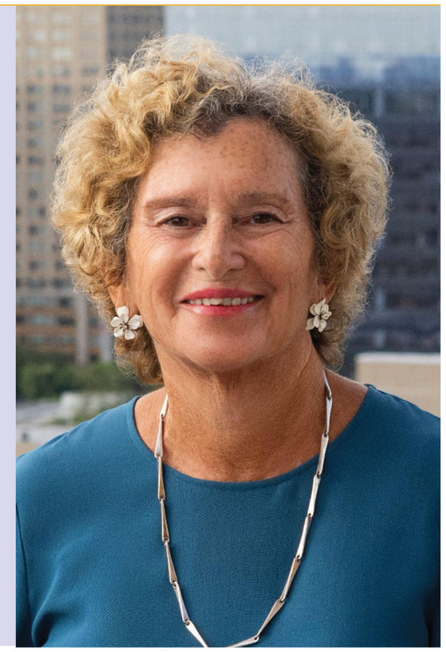
We hope you will enjoy this news from around Hunter.

Kind regards,
Ann Kirschner

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Nancy Cantor Named Hunter College's 14th President



Born into a legacy of academic excellence, **Dr. Nancy Cantor** is the daughter of two proud CUNY alumni. Her mother, Marjorie, was a member of Hunter's Class of 1943, while her father, Aaron, graduated from City College. This familial connection imbues Dr. Cantor with a profound understanding of the values that define Hunter College.

Before her appointment at Hunter, Dr. Cantor served as chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark, where she distinguished herself as a champion of diversity and inclusion. Under her leadership, Rutgers fostered partnerships with local organizations and initiatives promoting social equity and accessibility in higher education.

Dr. Cantor holds a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College and a Ph.D. in psychology from Stanford University. She has received many awards, including the Robert Zemsky Medal for Innovation in Higher Education and the Women of Achievement Award of the Anti-Defamation League.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS *continued*



Hunter Installs 'Smart Pantries' for Needy Students at East Harlem Campus

Hunter has installed two free vending machines at its Silberman Campus in East Harlem that provide access to ready-to-eat meals and snacks as well as fresh produce for students in need.

The Smart Pantries, a pilot with Share Meals, let students use their smartphones to obtain free, culturally appropriate, and nutritionally rich food from two machines in the Student Lounge.

"With almost 40% of CUNY students reporting that they experience food insecurity, Hunter College is proud to launch this initiative to give them healthful food options," said Hunter College President Ann Kirschner.

DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

Ruth Stanton Chair of Art & Art History Dept. Named



Hunter College has named interdisciplinary artist **Sara Greenberger Rafferty** as the inaugural Ruth Stanton Chair of the Department of Art and Art History.

Rafferty comes to Hunter from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, where she was professor and director of graduate studies in Photography. Her art is included in the collections of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and others.

A child refugee from Nazi Germany, the late Ruth Schloss Stanton was a noted art collector whose philanthropy centered on those affected by war or economic hardship. At Hunter, her foundation has generously supported scholarships for students from disadvantaged and/or immigrant backgrounds who aspire to careers in the arts.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Hunter Again Named Top Fulbright Producer by State Department

The U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has named **Hunter College a Fulbright Top Producing Institution for the 2023–2024** academic year — the 17th time in the last 19 years that the college has earned the distinction.

"Hunter College's brilliant and diverse students, many from immigrant backgrounds, are a natural source of Fulbrights, as this recognition shows," said Stephen Lassonde, the director of Ruth & Harold Newman Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships.

Three students — now graduates — from Hunter were selected for Fulbright awards for academic year 2023–2024: Samantha Bodamer '23, Hunter Moran MHC '23, and Rafa Sattar MHC '20.

Hunter Graduate Students Model Affordable-Housing Authority

Graduate students in Hunter College's Urban Policy Program have added important elements to a bill in Albany that would establish a vehicle for financing affordable housing.

The students in Professor Laura Wolf-Powers's class worked with the nonprofit Community Service Society of New York to create a model for a "Social Housing Development Authority," which would finance the building and preservation of affordable units. The proposal was introduced in the Legislature by State Sen. Cordell Cleare (D-Manhattan) and Assembly Member Emily Gallagher (D-Brooklyn).



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Hunter Alums Rock CUNY Physics Conference

A recent conference promoting Physics among undergraduate women was a veritable Hunter College reunion, with five alums involved as speakers, panelists, or organizers.

The alums involved were conference co-chair **Sophia Suarez BA/MA '98**; plenary speaker **Fatima Alleyne '02**; and panelists **Tetiana Nosach Quignon MA '09**, **Sandra Brown BA/MA '94**, and **Shana Elbaum-Garfinkle '06**.

The three-day American Physical Society Conference, held at the CUNY Graduate Center from January 19 to 21, drew about 100 undergraduates, including 17 from CUNY schools.

"The event was a showcase of the powerhouse women physical scientists who have graduated from Hunter and done research in our lab," said Distinguished Professor of Physics Steve Greenbaum, who during his 40 years at Hunter and CUNY taught and mentored all of them. "It's a testament to our brilliant students and the intensive training we give them."



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