

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST



### Welcome faculty to the 2022-2023 academic year.

Since Thomas Wolfe wrote his classic, *You Can't Go Home Again*, there's been heated debate whether that statement's true or not. The fact is, many if not most of us, don't want to revert to the past. We want to go forward, toward the future. We may want to remember the past, but don't wish to recreate it.

That's been on my mind a lot since this past Summer. That's when we knew that the Fall would bring with it an attempt to return to life prior to the pandemic. We know that's impossible, for no other reason than COVID-19 is still very much with us—the country is averaging over 300 deaths a day, even in the third year of the pandemic.

Despite the disease' continuing presence, we all wish to return to a time when we conducted classes in filled classrooms (the only concern being about the number of chairs); when we piled into subway cars without hesitation; when online courses were a choice based on the course' flexible nature, not vaccine hesitancy and anxiety; and when we went to theatres, movies and clubs without fear.

Yet rather than return to the past, we must move forward. We need to rejoice in the opportunities the pandemic has given us. Yes, even this deadly scourge has had its silver linings. It's taught us that more diverse programs and courses could be taught online than had been imagined; that meetings could be held online and be productive; that collegiality, friendship and empathy can transcend distance.

As we embark on this new academic year, I hope you'll make a recipe combining all your teaching experiences prior to the pandemic, with a healthy portion of your more recently acquired skills, to create a mix that is truly beneficial to our students. At the start of this new year, I hope we all will bring an energy and an awareness to our work which will lead our students to feel they are going home again, for the first time.

Have a great Fall semester. Make sure to roll in a pile of leaves. Or two. And enjoy the color as it changes from the past to the future.

—Lester.

**As always, my appreciation for your commitment to our students is unwavering.**

# SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE WORK



**Dr. Alexander Ott**, (Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Curriculum Matters and Academic Programs): *Better Transfer Course Equivalencies Using a Publicly Accessible Tool* ([Insidehighered.com](https://insidehighered.com), Opinions and Blog segment, June 2, 2022)

**Dr. Salvador Salazar**, (Assistant Professor of Spanish, Department of World Languages and Cultures): *La pausa. Relatos de la Cuba inmóvil* [*The Pause. Tales of Immobile Cuba*] (Berlin: Iliada, 2022).

## BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL NEWS - FALL 2022

### New Hires

#### CLT

Cris Oliver Bernardo

Engineering, Physics & Technology

#### Lecturer

Patricia Sifuentes Cazorla

Art & Music (Digital Design)

Maribel Bell-Gam

Biological Sciences (MLT)

Alex Sodeman

Chemistry, Earth Sciences & Environmental Sciences

Harrison Carranza

Engineering, Physics & Technology (Cybersecurity)

Tiquana Gatlin (SP 22 Hire)

Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Hassimiou Wann

Mathematics & Computer Science

Kathy Cunningham

Nursing & Allied Health Sciences (LPN)

Karen David

Social Sciences (Economics)

#### Assistant Professor

Abu Kamruzzaman

Engineering, Physics & Technology (Cybersecurity)

Briana Morrison (SP 22 Hire)

Nursing & Allied Health Sciences

Valencia McPherson-White

Nursing & Allied Health Sciences

## Tenured Effective September 1, 2022

### Associate Professor

Deborah Lewittes	Art & Music
Rajendra Gharbaran	Biological Sciences
Enyuan Shang	Biological Sciences
Harini Mittal	Business & Information Systems
Edward Lehner	Education & Academic Literacy
Joseph Donica	English
David Puglia	English
Ivan Horozov	Mathematics & Computer Science
Monique Guishard	Social Sciences

### Assistant Professor

Julio Garay	Chemistry, Earth Sciences & Environmental Sciences
Kevin Bozelka	Communications Arts & Sciences
Eugene Mananga	Engineering, Physics & Technology
Syed Rashid	Engineering, Physics & Technology
Jonathan Scott	English

### College Lab Tech

Sanjay Jahalal	Chemistry, Earth Sciences & Environmental Sciences
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## Promotions Effective as of August 25, 2022

### To Full Professor

Enyuan Shang	Biological Sciences
Alexander Wolf	Biological Sciences
Nikole Knight	Business & Information Systems
Donna Kessler-Eng	English
Swan Kim	English
Maria Treglia	English
Ulana Lysniak	Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Stacia Reader	Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Mara Lazda	History
Ivan Petrovic	Mathematics & Computer Science
Nelson Reynoso	Social Sciences

### To Associate Professor

Raffaella Diotti	Biological Sciences
Jonathan Scott	English
Eugene Mananga	Engineering, Physics & Technology
Syed Rashid Zaidi	Engineering, Physics & Technology
Cynthia Tobar	Library
Yunchun Hu	Mathematics & Computer Science

Jacqueline Jimenez-Polanco  
Min Liu

Social Sciences  
Social Sciences

**To Chief CLT**

Erma Nieves

Library

**To Adjunct Associate Professor**

Angel L. Martinez

Social Sciences



**Certificate of Continuous Employment (Lecturer) Effective as of August 25, 2022**

Emakoji Ayikoye  
Daniel Lazarus  
Adam Shale  
Vicente Montero  
Jacob Adler  
Stefan Bosworth

Business & Information Systems  
Business & Information Systems  
Chemistry, Earth Sciences & Environmental Sciences  
Engineering, Physics & Technology  
Library  
Social Sciences

**Retired**

George Sanchez  
Donna Genova  
Atlaw Belilgne  
Vaso Thomas  
Helen Harrison

Education & Academic Literacy  
Health, Physical Education & Recreation  
Mathematics & Computer Science  
Social Sciences  
World Languages & Cultures

# 2ND ANNUAL BRONX SOCIAL JUSTICE MATTERS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The 2nd Annual Bronx Social Justice Matters International Film Festival will be held virtually from October 21- 30, 2022.

A trailer for the festival can be seen at

<http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/bronx-social-justice-matters-film-festival/>

The film festival is once again hosting two panels:

- “Now More Than Ever: Social Justice Today”, on Saturday October 29th at 5:00 pm
- “Ask the Filmmaker”, on Sunday October 30th at 5:00 pm with filmmakers whose films were selected for this Festival.

On Sunday, October 30th at 6:15 pm, the winners and prizes in five categories will be announced: \$1000 for First Place in Feature Length Documentary and \$500 each in the Short Form Narrative, Short Form Documentary and Student (Undergraduate and Graduate) categories.

A complete listing of the films can be found at <https://bsjm.eventive.org/films>

All Access passes give virtual entrée to all twelve films, the panels, and the award ceremony. The Short Films pass gives entrée to the six short films only.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://bsjm.eventive.org/passes/buy>

For more information about the films, panels, or any other aspect of the festival, please reach out to Dr. Debra Gonsher ([debra.gonsher@bcc.cuny.edu](mailto:debra.gonsher@bcc.cuny.edu)). Dr. Gonsher has been spearheading this initiative for Bronx Community College.



# OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EXPANDS COLLABORATIONS

As BCC's designated representative, Provost Sandres Rapalo attended the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Hispanic Educational Technology Services (HETS) on June 23 and June 24, 2022. The meeting took place at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. Established in 1993, HETS is the first bilingual consortium made up of more than 40 higher education institutions in Puerto Rico, United States and Latin America.

This was followed on June 27th by Bronx hosting representatives from Tecnológico Universitario Ruminahui to discuss opportunities for academic collaboration between the two institutions.

In 2021, Dr. Thomas Isekenegebe, President of BCC, and Dr. Angel Ernesto Huerta, Managing Rector of Tecnológico Universitario Ruminahui, in Sangolqui, Ecuador, signed a five-year agreement to explore educational cooperation and strengthen relations between the two institutions.

According to the Provost, this year's follow up meeting of the partnership, was "an opportunity to expand the global reach of the College. It will benefit our faculty, staff, and students through a collaboration with this distinguished institution in Ecuador."

The success of this initiative is also credited to the former Vice-Counsel of Ecuador Mr. Bladimir Quito, Dr. Alexander Ott, BCC Associate Dean for Curriculum Matters and Academic Programs, Dr. Luis Montenegro, Dean of Academic Affairs and Dr. Irene Delgado, Vice President for Student Success.





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