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York Tax Program Hits New Record Highs

As reported in the February 2009 (Volume 3, Issue 1) issue of *Academic Affairs Update*, the York Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program prepared tax returns on campus for low- and moderate-income city residents. The members of the project team – Assistant Professor Robert Clovey of the Accounting and Business Department, Assistant Professor George White, Jr. of the Department of History & Philosophy, and Jonathan Quash of the Men's Center – were optimistic that their second year could build upon the success of the 2008 tax season when York VITA volunteers prepared 556 returns and netted just over \$668,000 in federal and state refunds.

This year's numbers are finally in: the York VITA program prepared a

whopping 2,379 returns and garnered \$2,754,765 in refunds for our end users. In addition, volunteers have saved clients almost \$500,000 in tax filing fees in these tough economic times. According to Robert Aramanda, our partner at the IRS, "York College has become the most successful college by far in our entire territory in its second year, and was almost number one in its first year. Our territory includes the 5 boroughs of New York City, all of Long Island, and Westchester and Rockland Counties."

These fantastic numbers are a tribute to the hard work, professionalism, and community-centered approach of Professor Clovey and his team of almost 200 volunteers from York College, Queens College, and neighboring high schools.

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Congressman Meeks Supports York's SEMAA

Congressman Gregory Meeks secured a \$250,000 earmark for the York College. The funds will support the York College/CUNY Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA), as part of the FY09 federal omnibus budget bill.



Congressman Gregory Meeks

Reflections

York's Teacher Academy: Growing Strong through Mentorship by Dean Dana Fusco

The Teacher Academy at York College currently supports 29 students: 19 Mathematics majors and 10 majoring in the Natural Sciences. In an effort to ensure the retention and graduation of these potential Secondary Mathematics and Science teachers, the mentors are ramping up their efforts. Dr. Daniel Robie has established a collaborative mentoring relationship with three students. At least once a week, Edward Castro, Tianfu Chen, and Yiming Yang can be found “talking chemistry” with Professor Robie. Dr. Lidia Gonzalez has developed a journal for each of her students to keep track of their progress, challenges, interests, and the like. Students are lined up at the door of Professor Rishi Nath, and other mentors in the Math department including John Ameyo, Lou D’Alotto, Farley Mawyer and Lewis Lasser. In the sciences, Nazrul Khandaker, Ivica Arsov and Andrew Criss lend their endless support. All of this stands on the shoulders of York’s pioneering Director, Professor Jane Keleher, who is busily pur-

suing her research in Mathematics Education, and the faculty in Teacher Education, in particular Leslie Keiler and Coleen Clay.



From left to right: Jinzhu Hu, Dr. Che-Tsao Huang, Fatima Flores, and Man-Lung Yeung

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the mentors, the Teacher Academy Director, Dr. Che-Tsao Huang, and the Coordinator, Keteya Harrison, two Teacher Academy students, Fatima Flores and Man Yeung, were chosen as recipients of the Harcourt Fellowship for 2009-10. Last year’s recipient, Jinzhu Hu, will continue receiving the Fellowship based on her excellent academic standing. The competitive Fellowship awards each recipient a \$5,000 annual scholarship.

Provost Distinguished Scholars Lecture

“What To Eat: Personal Responsibility vs. Social Responsibility”

Dr. Marion Nestle

Paul Goddard Professor of Nutrition, Food Studies, and
Public Health (New York University)



**May 14, 2009
12:00-2:00 pm
Room AC 4M06**

What we eat affects our health in ways that range from obesity to food safety, but what determines what, when, and how much we eat? How much does individual responsibility come to bear on food choices or are food company marketing and government policy what really counts?

Another Salk Scholar for York



Sheryl Purrier, biology graduate in 2006, has won the prestigious Salk Scholarship for 2009. Salk Scholarships are awarded annually to eight graduates of CUNY senior colleges who have demonstrated “sound character, outstanding scholarship and the promise of significant contribution to medical research.”

Ms. Purrier did her prize winning research in the lab of Dr. Margaret MacNeil and the title of her research paper is: “The Organization of the Inner Nuclear Layer of the Cat Retina.” Sheryl also worked in the developmental biology lab of Dr. Gerard McNeil and her work contributed to a paper published in the journal *Developmental Genes and Evolution* for which she was a co-author.

Sheryl was born in Jamaica, W.I., and came to York in 2002 graduating with honors in biology. Since graduation she has continued to work in Dr. MacNeil’s research lab.

As an undergraduate Ms. Purrier served as a student senator, Vice President of Student Government and secretary of the College Senate. Sheryl follows a long line of Salk recipients from York College. In recent years these have included Max Saenz, University of Virginia Medical School, Angela Hopkinson, University of Michigan Medical School, Metheul Gordon and

Fiona Smith, Penn State Medical School. Sheryl will follow Metheul and Fiona to Penn State Medical College in the fall of 2009.

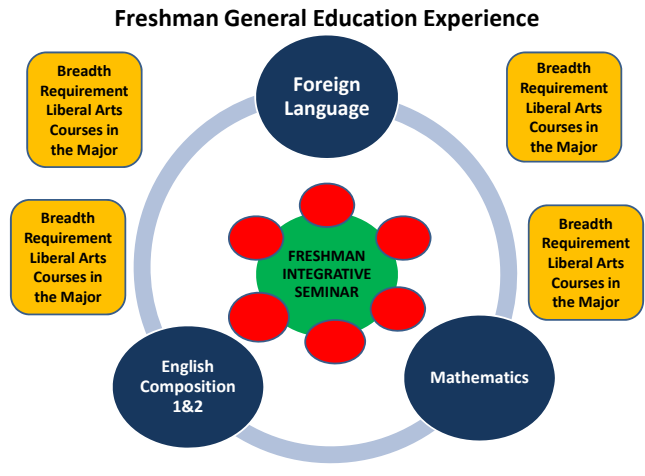


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All items should be submitted in MS Word via email to:

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General Education Reform at York College



Many faculty members from every department worked hard in the course of the first semester of the Reform (Fall 2008) to identify the conflicts (tensions) inherent in general education; current challenges; and effective educational structures, models, and strategies. The Task Force is proposing an innovative structure based on best practices of other educational institutions and in adherence to the Six Principles of York College General Education Reform: integrative, global, collaborative, technological, experiential, and ethical. The Principle of Integration has emerged as the Cardinal Principle. The idea of interdisciplinary courses playing a central role in the new Gen Ed has led to the proposal of a Freshman Seminar, Interdisciplinary Keystone Courses, and Capstone Experience that would integrate discipline-specific knowledge across the curriculum.

The Task Force has reconfigured Faculty Inquiry Groups into five new FIGs consisting on average of ten members each:

Faculty Inquiry Group	Freshman Seminar	Arts of Expression Keystone	World & US History Keystone	Science & the Natural World Keystone	Behavioral & Social Sciences Keystone	Logic & Explanation Keystone
FIG Leader	Deborah Majerowitz	Valerie Anderson	Laura Fishman	Laura Beaton	Xiaodan Zhang	Howard Rutenberg

Each FIG is cross-disciplinary with members representing as many disciplines as possible. All new FIGs have initiated a dialogue with the ultimate goal of developing course prototypes. The work of FIGs is collaborative and creative. The members are constructing topical courses under the umbrellas of the broad themes. The process is dialectic; the topics and courses are emerging as creative syntheses of the ideas emanating from the whole range of College disciplines. A group drawn from the Task Force will be reporting on York's progress in General Education Reform at the Conference on General Education at Lehman College on May 8.

York's Tax Program

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The success of the York VITA program continues to draw praise throughout the accounting world. Professor Clovey recently was nominated for the "Innovation in Accounting Education" award given annually by the American Accounting Association. In addition, Professor Clovey and his crack team have garnered a different type of praise from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Recently, Brooklyn College contacted the IRS about starting a VITA program, to which the IRS responded by directing them to contact Professor Clovey for advice and stewardship.

Now that the tax season has ended, the project team will turn its attention to grant writing and research/scholarship. The project team will pursue funding from a number of IRS grant programs, particularly those programs that support tax counseling for senior citizens and assistance for taxpayers who seek to mediate disputes with the federal agency. Further, the project team will target grants from private philanthropies that support civic initiatives like York VITA. Also targeted for funding are financial institutions and elected officials in the community. The project team will also be:

- ◆ working to establish a year round Tax Clinic on campus
- ◆ establishing an on-campus internship program for our students
- ◆ visiting neighboring high schools to recruit more juniors and seniors to participate in the tax program next tax season

Finally, the project team will resume its scholarly work on the need for culturally competent financial services, among other research projects. Through similar collaborations, the project team aims to fos-

ter interdisciplinary work among faculty in numerous departments and programs such as History & Philosophy, Health, Physical Education & Gerontological Studies and Services, Foreign Languages, Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, and Cultural Diversity, to name a few.



York's VITA program in action; Prof. Clovey on the left talking with some of the applicants.

"York's tax program saved Queens residents a whopping \$2,754,765."

As one example, on April 8, 2009, Professor Clovey, in conjunction with Professors Alex Costley and Charlene Lane from the Health, Physical Education & Gerontological Studies and Services Department, hosted the first annual Senior Financial and Health Awareness Event. This joint venture provided free tax services as well as a forum for seniors to obtain information on services available in the community. Seniors

gained important insights on banking, estate planning, eldercare care planning, health services, fire safety, reverse mortgages, and health care programs just to mention a few. This collaborative event is a prime example of successful interdisciplinary work geared towards meeting the needs of the community and the interests of a broad cross-section of our faculty. More to the point, these recent successes indicate that the best is yet to come for York VITA and the College as a whole.



York College Encourages International Trade

The York College Small Business Development Center sponsored an International Trade Breakfast the morning of March 11, 2009. Held in the faculty dining room, it was well attended by over 65 people. The majority of the participants were international trade service providers, freight forwarders, and local import/export firms.

Keynote speakers were Mr. Bill Puckhaber (JFK Airport Chamber of Commerce), and banking expert Mr. Richard “Chip” Thomas of the American Export Training Institute. They both examined global trade problems in today’s turbulent times. A last minute addition was Mr. Al Titone, the Acting Director of the NYC District Small Business Administration, who spoke on the

components of the Federal Stimulus Package.

The meeting concluded with an announcement that the York SBDC will host a Spring 2009 international trade financing workshop series. For more information, contact (718)262-2880.



William R. Puckhaber, President of the JFK Chamber of Commerce

Social Justice Award for Prof. Lidia Gonzalez



The American Educational Research Association’s Special Interest Group: Leadership in Social Justice (AERA-LSJ-SIG) recently announced that Prof. Lidia Gonzalez (Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science) has won the 2009 Outstanding Social Justice Award. AERA is the largest national professional association for education.

Prof. Gonzalez, who joined York College in Fall 2008, obtained a Ph.D. in Urban Education from the Graduate Center (CUNY) with a dissertation entitled “Mathematics teachers as agents of change: Exploring teacher identity and social justice through a community of practice.”

Research Grant for Prof. Michael Sharpe



In addition to a PSC-CUNY Grant, Dr. Michael Sharpe was recently awarded an *American Political Science Association* Small Research Grant to conduct his study entitled “The Political Incorporation of Latin American Nikkeijin (Japanese Descendants) in Japan” during the summer of 2009. This research builds on part of his doctoral work conducted in Japan in 2006. The announcement of this award will appear on the American Political Science Association website and in the July issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics*. Dr. Sharpe presented two papers at the International Studies Association Annual Convention held in New York in February 2009.

New Possibilities for Careers in Aviation to York Students

The York College Aviation Club sponsored its 2nd Annual Aviation Day on April 2, 2009. This event continues to bring York Aviation Management students, high school students, and industry professionals together to discuss aviation careers.

This year's event featured Charles J. Crawley, Jr. from Allianz Aviation Managers, LLC., Amy M. Roy from IMS Health, and Martin J. Ingram from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at an Aviation Career Round Table. The panel was moderated by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Office of Strategic Initiatives Director, Cruz C. Russell.

The panelists highlighted the benefits and career opportunities of the aviation industry and encouraged students to aspire to aviation careers. They advised students to get internships or part time jobs in order to figure out what they want to do after graduation. Also discussed was the current economic climate and how their companies are being affected.

Jenny Chimbo, President of the Aviation Club led the student run effort to give students the opportunity to network with industry experts and gain knowledge of careers available in the industry.

Crawley, Vice President and Underwriting Airline Manager of Allianz, has been part of the aviation industry for over 30 years and served as a Captain and Aircraft Commander in the United States Air Force's (USAF) Air National Guard. Crawley was also a former member of Airline and Manufacturers Committees for International Union of Aviation Insurers. He advises students to always think ahead and that in the aviation industry one must always be ready for change. "Strive to be a factor in whatever you do and bring your passion to the position," Crawley advised.

Roy is an aviation scheduler and flight coordinator for IMS Health, the world's leading provider of information solutions to the pharma-

ceutical and healthcare industries. She served as Chair of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Schedulers & Dispatchers Committee for 2006-2007, and is a private pilot and Chair of the Northeast Dispatchers & Schedulers Regional Group. Roy encourages students to consider careers in business aviation and to apply for the NBAA scholarships (www.nbaa.com/prodev/scholarships). "You should take any opportunity available even if it means working overnight shifts and smelling like jet fuel," advised Roy.

Ingram is the Assistant Division Manager at the FAA Eastern Region Flight Standards Division. He began his employment with the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller at New York Center in Ronkonkoma in 1978, and holds an Airline Transport Pilot Rating in multi-engine airplane and rotorcraft aircraft and is type rated in the Boeing 747 and other aircraft. In addition Ingram is a certified flight instructor, dispatcher and a certified flight engineer with a Turbojet rating. He advises students to take advantage of opportunities that are offered now and which were not offered to him in the past. Ingram also encourages the York Aviators to look to the government and military for career possibilities. He confirmed that the FAA has a need to hire Air Traffic Controllers.

According to York Aviator Hanna Mohammed, this event gave her the opportunity to aspire to be like the panelists and she could relate to Roy who has an Aviation Management Degree. Another York Aviator, Faiza Parveen, focused on how the panelists explained different paths to success in the aviation industry.



Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at York College

On Sunday March 29, 2009, York College for the first time organized and held the NY Metro region Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). The regional JSHS is part of the national JSHS organized by the Academy of Applied Sciences and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense. Symposium participants are high school student researchers. York was selected to organize and host the symposium through the efforts of the Director of Sponsored Research and Programs Ms. Dawn Hewitt.



High school students at the Junior Symposium

New York City high school students and their research mentors were invited to submit applications since early January. Student researchers submitted complete research applications including abstracts, research articles and IRB approval and other pertinent documents. Applications were submitted and evaluated online. Approximately 170 applications were received in disciplines such as behavioral sciences, biology, engineering, environmental sciences, earth and planetary sciences, chemistry, computer sciences, mathematics, and physics. Each application was evaluated by faculty and practicing scientists. Approximately 80 applications were selected as semifinalists and the students were invited for the final stage of the competition the seminar presentation. Seminar presentations took place on March 29, 2009. Each presentation was evaluated by a panel of at least three judges. Research paper and seminar presentations were evaluated

according to the national JSHS guidelines and rubrics. The first five winners of the NY metro symposium competition are the NY Metro delegation to the national symposium competition that took place in the Air Force Academy in Colorado (April 29–May 2, 2009).

On March 29, 2009 the student semifinalists came to the York College campus with their friends and families. After registration and breakfast Provost Ivelaw Griffith welcomed the symposium participants, congratulated them for their research accomplishments and wished them good luck. Students and their guests went to their designated rooms to present their seminar. Guests and judges asked questions that revealed the depth and extend of their research. All student participants received certificates recognizing their participation and their achievement. Students came from high schools throughout the NY City, including Bronx Science, Stuyvesant, Staten Island Tech, Brooklyn Tech, Queens Science & YC, Francis Lewis, Forrest Hills, Bayside, etc.

Judging the symposium were faculty from York College, Brooklyn College, City College, and other CUNY colleges. Attendees also included people from non-CUNY colleges and their friends and relatives including regional research and medical centers such as the Brookhaven National Laboratory, the NYC DEP and others. Many of the judges were faculty that began their service at York College in the fall. Symposium judges also received certificates of appreciation for their service. Provost Griffith thanked them in person and participated in many seminars, enjoying the student presentations and their interaction with their peers and faculty.

Student presenters, their friends and relatives, and their teachers were very appreciative of the organization and the success of the symposium wishing that York College will be hosting it also next year (2010).

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Dean's List Recognition

On Thursday March 26, York College held the third annual recognition of the Dean's List Students. This year the 889 students who achieved dean's list status in Spring 2008 and 741 students who achieved dean's list status in Fall 2008 were honored. A select group of 260 students achieved dean's list status both Spring 08 and Fall 08.

Students and their guests came in the YC Physical Education complex where they were congratulated by the academic and student leadership of the College. President Keizs and Provost Griffith congratulated the students and their families on their achievement and implored them to use that success as the foundation for greater accomplishments and achievements.



President Marcia V. Keizs with two of the Dean's list students

Mr. Azhad Chowdhury, a dean's list student and executive director of the student government, brought greetings from the student leadership and urged the students to continue their success by paying attention to timely completing the requirements for their degrees, especially the CPE exam. Mr. Alberto Bravo, a dean's list and an honor's student, brought greetings from the YC Honor's Program and discussed the benefits of public education.

The keynote speaker of the reception was Ms.

Maria Teresa Feliciano-Mero, a social work graduate from the class of 2007. Ms. Feliciano-Mero shared with the students and their guests her experiences at York. She repeatedly emphasized how her York College education met her needs and expectations and how it helped her to complete her MS in Social Work with full scholarship at New York University. She thanked her professors, especially Dr. Letteney and Professor Lee from the Social Work program, for helping her and mentoring her through the program and its requirements.

Each dean's list student received a booklet with the names of all the 2008 dean's list students, a message from the President and a message from the Provost and a characteristic tag with a ribbon, green for the Spring 2008, Orange for the Fall 2008 and Gold for the Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 honorees attached to a red ribbon. Students and their guests were treated to lunch at the end of the ceremony and had the opportunity to take pictures with faculty, staff and their families.



The event's keynote speaker, Ms. Maria Teresa Feliciano-Mero

The dean's list reception was organized by the dean's list committee and supported by the Testing Office, the Office of the Registrar, the Office for Public Safety, the Honors Program, the Office of Admissions and the Office of Academic Affairs. The Office of the Provost generously sponsored the reception.

Study Abroad in China

by Shawnalee Pusey

In the fall semester of 2008 I registered for an International Marketing course, after being intrigued by the different global marketing and advertising strategies. I was eager to learn more about this particular area of Marketing. Fortunately, the opportunity to participate in a study abroad program presented itself. Six years of training in French prompted me to initially apply for the Paris program. However, by default, and the fact that my application was late I was presented with another opportunity to study in China. This proved to be a blessing in disguise. China was wonderful; the people, the food, and the architecture were all incredible.

While in China, I visited nine cities in total, Shanghai, Nanjing, Hong Kong and Xian just to name a few. In Beijing I visited the Olympic villages, and most importantly the Great Wall. The second city was Xian, where the museum of the Terra Cotta army can be found. The exhibit was unbelievable. It took a few hours to get to the museum, but it was worth the 14-hour train ride and the 2-hour bus ride.

The Chinese people were friendly and went out of their way to practice the little English they knew. They often asked “Meiguo?” which means “American?” in Mandarin. Almost always was a follow up question “Can I practice my English with you?” They usually engaged us in conversation, and would help us learn other helpful words in Mandarin by pointing to articles, objects and their peculiar menu. Their menu was eclectic, unique, and tasty. Our professor persistently warned the students not to eat from the street vendors because he did not want us to get sick. I completely disregarded his advice since many of the foods on display were impossible to resist, plus I was armed with my chewable Pepto-Bismol. The octopus rolls were my favorite.

Traveling by the trains, buses, and taxis provided us the opportunity to view the picturesque scenery of the cities and towns. The landscape and mountainous terrain was exactly as depicted

in the movies and artworks I have seen in books. The Chinese culture goes through great lengths to preserve their history. They respect their ancestors by maintaining their distinctive Chinese architectural styles.



Shawnalee Pusey

An eye opening experience came when I went shopping at a popular department store named Wal-Mart. At the Wal-Mart store in China I was able to see the marketing strategies, such as product and communication adaptation come into play. Brands such as Lays had lime flavored potato chips, the advertising campaigns remained the same with the exception of the language. I also observed that many products were co-branded.

My experience in China has provided me with a broader scope of the world at large. It is very important to be aware and knowledgeable of the different cultures that exist in the world today. We live in a global economy which only proves the importance of learning the different ways other cultures survive and the importance of different ways to communicate globally. As a marketing and business student with plans to pursue a Masters degree in International Business, it is essential to travel and explore the diverse cultures of the world. The international traveling experience takes you out of your comfort zone, shakes life up a little and gives you the opportunity for growth. It also provides different viewpoints and ultimately leads to a successful career especially in business or whatever career one might pursue.





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York College Social Scientists at the SCCR Conference in Las Vegas

The Society for Cross-Cultural Research is a venerable association of the scholars with an interest in research on culture with a particular emphasis on conducting research across cultural boundaries. SCCR holds its annual conference every February since 1972. York's own Bill Divale is the current President of the Society and one of its early members. He organized the meeting which took place in Las Vegas in February and was attended by about 300 scholars from across the globe. York College was represented by a team of six faculty members from the Social Sciences Department. Below is the list of presentations of York College social scientists at the SCCR:
Gila Acker: Cultural differences and attitudes of social workers toward managed care

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York's conference group in San Francisco

- William Divale: "Blaming the victims: Mistrust of medical and behavioral researchers by African-Americans"
- Susan Letteney: "Ethnicity, age, and disease stage: Correlates of parents' HIV disclosure to children"
- Vadim Moldovan: "Connected all the time: A comparative analysis of the electronic media use of different racial groups"
- Selena Rodgers: "Posttraumatic growth in Latina immigrants in refugee-like situations"

New Thurgood Marshall College Fund Award

York College is pleased to announce that the college has been awarded **\$207,607.00** in software from the TMC/Microsoft Technology Grant.

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

May 2009 Forums and Workshops

Wednesday, May 6

Workshop: *Ethical Issues in Teaching*
 3:30–5:00pm
Presenters: Bill Ashton, Behavioral Sciences
 Tim Kirk, History & Philosophy
 Mary Jo Kranacher, Accounting & Business
 Vadim Moldovan, Social Sciences

Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen



On April 21, York College honored the Tuskegee Airmen during a fundraiser concert by Brian Stokes Mitchell. Above are some impressions from the event which was held at the College's Performing Arts Center



York Faculty Update



- ◆ Ashton, W.A., & Ashton, B. (2009), "Deception and detection: The Trickster Archetype in the film, *The Big Lebowski*, and its cult following. *Trickster's Way*," 5(1). , from <<http://www.trinity.edu/org/tricksters/trixway/>> (retrieved April 24, 2009).
- ◆ Ashton, W.A. (2009). "Honors needs diversity more than the diverse need honors." *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council*, 10(1), 65-68.

York College Presentation at Literature Conference

Dr. Jason Mendez, Assistant Professor in the Teacher Education department, presented a paper entitled “So Much Things to Say: Examining the Experiences of Three Puerto Ricans in Higher Education” at the American Comparative Literature Association Conference at Harvard University. Dr. Mendez presented with Mrs. Christina Hernandez, a York College student, and Mr. Richard Reyes, a Mount Olive College student. The paper was framed using a theory that Dr. Mendez developed called, BoricuaCrit.

The concept of BoricuaCrit derives from the idea that the Puerto Rican experience in the United States needs to be deconstructed. Though similar, the experiences of Puerto Ricans are complex and distinct from other Latino/Hispanic groups. The premise behind BoricuaCrit is that lived experience is a legitimate body of knowledge. Thus supporting the notion that theory does not validate experience, but experience validates theory.

In the intellectual community individual freedom can be suppressed by the need to validate

through theoretical jargon and frameworks. This paper advances an understanding of the principles of the classical liberal/libertarian tradition by “supporting a doctrine stressing individual freedom.” An individual freedom to advocate on behalf of a people lacking the social power to have their voices heard in a community that can bring about change.



L. to r.: Prof. Mendez, with his students Richard Reyes, and Christina Hernandez

This paper, as well as BoricuaCrit, supports the importance of voice. This opportunity supports an individual freedom, which stresses that the people, the voices, are the source of power. Dr. Mendez is currently working on an edited book which contains narratives from Puerto Rican faculty and students about their experiences navigating through academia.

MARC Scholar Research & Publication

by Adeola Adebayo

I am a native of Nigeria, West Africa, and I came to the U.S in Nov. 2004. My experience majoring as a biology student has been very rewarding. The MARC program has increased and enhanced my desire to go into scientific research. I developed a gradual interest in research when I began attending the research seminars held on Thursdays by the Biology and Chemistry departments. As a Minorities Access to Research Careers (MARC) trainee, I have been given the opportunity to be more involved in research. I am currently involved not only with the MARC program but also Independent Study. Last year at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minorities (ABRCMS) in Nov. 2008, I gave a presentation on my research “Impaired Adult Lymphopoiesis in the absence

of Autophagic Protein Beclin-1.” I have been accepted into a ten-week summer program in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Harvard University from June 8 – August 14, 2009.

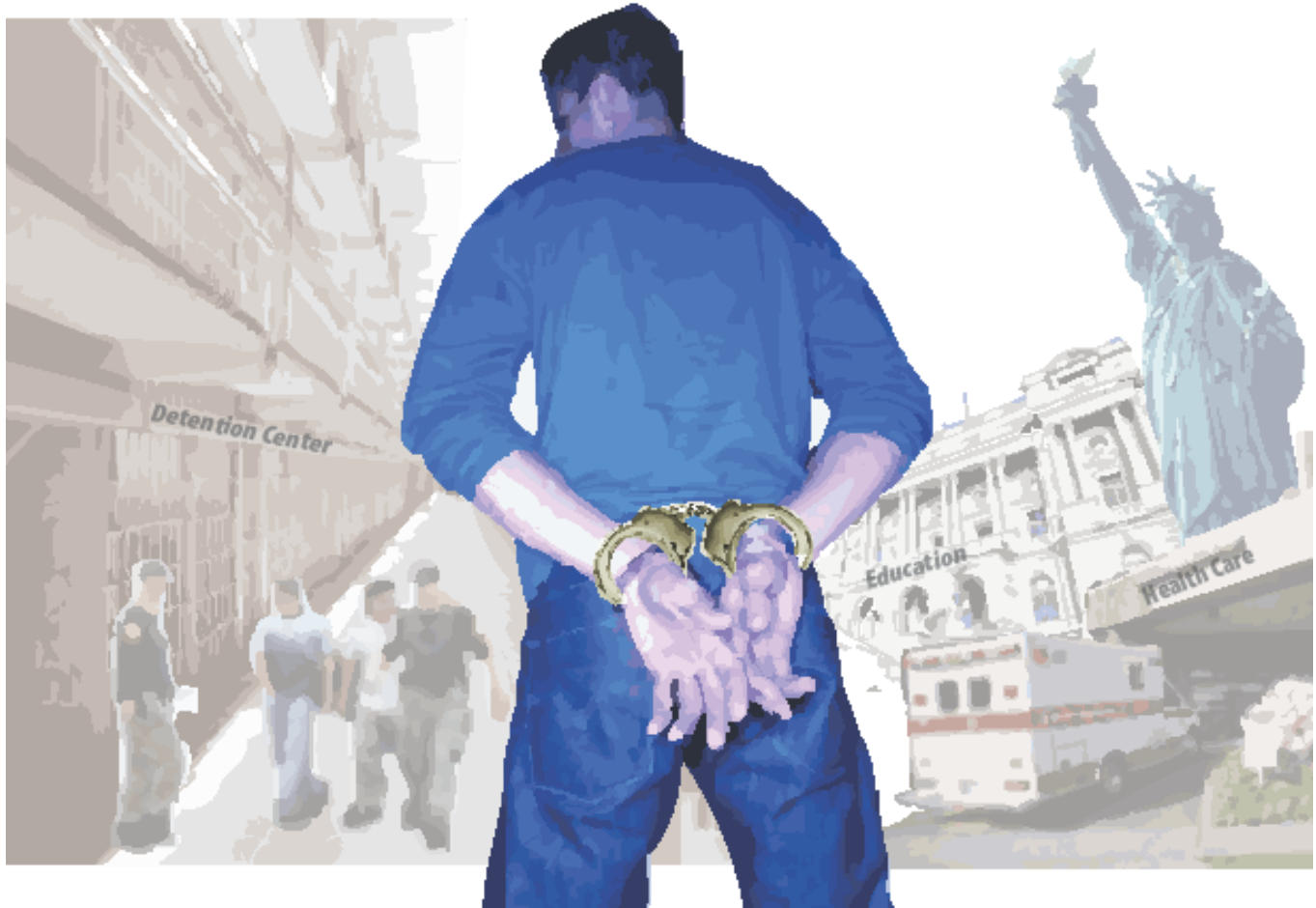


Adeola Adebayo

My research efforts have been supported by Dr. Ivica Arsov, (who is currently my mentor), Dr. Ruel Desamero, MARC program director, Dr. Jack Schlein, and Dr. Lee, who all have been very helpful by giving me guidance and steering me in the right direction.

Between the Dream and the Nightmare

Immigration, Social Exclusion, and the Criminal Justice System



May 15, 2009

9:00am - 5:00pm

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
899 Tenth Avenue New York, NY, 10019



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“There are 27 million slaves alive in today’s world—more than at any point in history.” Drawing on new research and dozens of narratives by modern-day slaves, Zoe Trodd will discuss 21st century slavery, the contemporary slave narrative, and today’s anti-slavery movement.



Wednesday, May 6, 2009
1:00 - 3:00 PM Room AC-3D01



Dr. Zoe Trodd – Harvard University

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Biology, Social Sciences, History & Philosophy, the African-American Studies Center and York College Auxiliary Enterprises.



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