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As you can see from the first several announcements below, Hunter's Department of English is more renowned than ever. We congratulate in particular the faculty of the MFA Program in Creative Writing and its executive director, Peter Carey - who, in less than seven years since his arrival at Hunter, has transformed the program into one of the country's finest. Its greatness is not limited to the poets and fiction writers currently in the international spotlight; Poets & Writers Magazine just ranked Hunter #6 among the country's top non-fiction MFA programs.

Of course, it is Hunter's campus-wide excellence that led the *Princeton Review* to name us the #2 "Best Value" public college in the nation. We thank all of you for contributing to our continued and growing success.

News & Announcements

Distinguished Awards

Peter Carey (English), executive director of Hunter's MFA in Creative Writing program, has been selected to appear on a series of Australian commemorative postage stamps. The series, "Australian Legends of the Written Word," honors Carey and five other writers for their outstanding lifetime contributions to the social and cultural life of Australia. The "Australian Legends" annual series of commemorative stamps was launched in 1997. Last year's honorees were Australian Oscar winners Cate Blanchett, Russell Crowe, Nicole Kidman, and Geoffrey Rush.



Hunter Distinguished Lecturer **Colum McCann** (Creative Writing) won the 2009 National Book Award for fiction for his best-selling novel *Let the Great World Spin*. The National Book Award is considered the top American prize for literature. *Let the Great World Spin* tells the tale of 1970s New York City and of famed tightrope walker Philippe Petit's high-wire act between the World Trade Center towers. *Esquire* magazine called it "the first great 9/11 novel." Accepting the award in New York City on



November 18, McCann said, "As fiction writers and people who believe in the word, we have to enter the anonymous corners of human experience to make that little corner right." McCann, born in Ireland, was inducted in May into Aosdána, a prestigious Irish literary association, and was named *Irish Echo's* Irish American of the Year for 2009. And last fall, the French

government awarded him a French Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres, one of France's highest cultural honors.

Meena Alexander (English) won the 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award in Literature from the South Asian Literary Association. Every two years, the organization selects a South Asian-American writer who has made an outstanding contribution to American literature. The award was presented on December 27.



In November, the University of Michigan Press' award-winning Poets on Poetry series published **Alexander's** *Poetics of Dislocation*, which considers the creative process within the context of the American immigrant experience. In September, Cambridge Scholars Publishing released *Passage to Manhattan: Critical Essays on Meena Alexander*, a collection of scholarly critique and analysis examining Alexander's poetry, memoirs and fiction.

Tom Sleigh (Creative Writing) won the 2009 Poeteka Ring Award, given to "the most prominent figure" at the Poeteka International Festival of Poetry in Albania in September. The festival, at which poets from 20 countries read their own material, won the 2009 Cult Academy Award as "Best Cultural Event of The Year." Sleigh is also the recipient of a fellowship from the American Academy in Berlin for a one-semester residency at the Hans Arnhold Center.



Hunter Remembers

We sadly report the death of **Vera Mowry Roberts**, professor emerita of theatre, whose 50 years of extraordinary service to Hunter inspired generations of students. A full professor since 1969, Vera oversaw the committee that created the PhD program in theatre at The Graduate Center and chaired the Department of Theatre and Cinema at Hunter from 1970-1980. She founded the "Junior Year in New York" program, which brings students from across the country to study at Hunter and participate in internships in various arts organizations in the city. She was awarded three Presidential Honors during her distinguished career at Hunter. Contributions in Vera's memory may be made to the Hunter College Foundation c/o the Vera Roberts Theatre Fund.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Dan G. Simmonds III**, longtime women and gender studies adjunct lecturer. Dan died of natural causes on December 25. He was an integral part of the success of the Women and Gender Studies program and was known for his sense of humor and boisterous spirit. A memorial service was held at Hunter on February 24th.

We are sad to report the death of **Robert L. Thompson**, professor emeritus of psychology at Hunter and CUNY's graduate program. Bob died peacefully on January 13. He joined Hunter in 1964, establishing the biopsychology program and leading it for much of his long and distinguished career. He was a founding member of the Society of Neuroscience and an active member of the New York Academy of Sciences and its psychology section. He was also an accomplished jazz musician and longtime leader of the Red Onion Jazz Band. A memorial service was held at Hunter on February 18th and a Robert Thompson Scholarship Fund has been created in the Department of Psychology at Hunter College. Contributions in memory of Robert may be made to the Hunter College Foundation, 695 Park Avenue, E1313, New York, NY 10065. Please note Robert Thompson Scholarship Fund in the memo line.



Faculty Awards: In the Spotlight

Linda M. Alcoff's (Philosophy) book, *Visible Identities: Race, Gender, and the Self* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), is the co-winner of the 2009 Frantz Fanon Prize, presented by the Caribbean Philosophical Association. The prize is awarded annually to recently published books that are "successfully making a significant contribution to Caribbean thought and successfully extending the pertinence of that contribution to the wider philosophical community."

Spiro D. Alexandratos (Chemistry) was elected into the first class of Fellows in the American Chemical Society (ACS), the world's largest scientific society. Society Fellows are recognized for excellence in contributions to chemical enterprise and service to ACS, a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress. ACS is the premier professional organization for chemists, chemical engineers, and related professions.



Ronnie Ancona (Classics) was elected vice president for education for the American Philological Association. The APA, founded in 1869, is the principal North American society for the study of ancient Greece and Rome.

Janos Bergou and **Mark Hillery** (Physics and Astronomy) won a three-year, \$478,583 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund research for what many scientists believe could be the future of information processing. The grant is a major milestone for Hunter's recently established Center of Research Excellence in Quantum Information and continues to secure Hunter's role as a leader in the quantum state discrimination field. Research developed at Hunter has led to experiments at the University of Toronto and the purchase of intellectual property rights by a New York-based quantum information company.

Bergou was also elected to Fellowship in the American Physical Society in November. The position of Fellow is limited to one half of one percent of the society's membership. The citation reads: "For outstanding work in quantum optics and quantum information, in particular work on the theory of correlated emission lasers, the effect of pump statistics on the nature of the electromagnetic field produced in lasers and micromasers, and on quantum state discrimination." Bergou is also a Fellow of the Optical Society of America.

Carol M. Gould (Philosophy), author of *Globalizing Democracy and Human Rights* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), won the David Easton Award from the Political Theory Section of the American Political Science Association. The award is presented for a recently published book that raises "significant philosophical issues for political science."

Beatrice Krauss (Urban Public Health) was asked by Ellen Stover, National Institute of Mental Health director of the Division of Mental Disorders, Behavioral Research and AIDS, to help coordinate HIV prevention strategies across the NIH and to develop a national HIV prevention strategy that will become part of the White House's national strategy. On December 1, Krauss was featured as a guest speaker at the United Nations Economic and Social Council Chambers at a meeting of the Sudanese Mission to the U.N. and the Congo Committee on HIV/AIDS. Her talk was entitled, "Even after there is a vaccine: Managing our communities, ourselves and HIV."

Peter Kwong (Urban Affairs and Planning) is one of five nominees for an Academy Award for Best Documentary (Short Subject) for his film, "China's Unnatural Disaster: The Tears of Sichuan Province." The film, highly controversial in China, looks at the devastating aftermath of the 2008 earthquake that killed nearly 70,000 people, and it tells the heroic story of people struggling to demand answers and seek justice from the Chinese government.



In October, **Victoria Luine** (Psychology) received the Society for Neuroscience's inaugural Bernice Grafstein Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Mentoring. The award recognizes individuals dedicated to promoting women's advancement in neuroscience. Luine is the project director and principal investigator for the Hunter College Minority Biomedical Research Support Program - Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (MBRS-RISE) and the Minority Biomedical Research Support Program - Support of Competitive Research (MBRS-SCORE), which are funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. She is currently investigating how hormones alter cognition and sexual behavior.

Jeffrey Mongrain (Art) won the Bronze Award at the Australian Drawing Biennale for his works in charcoal on paper.

Andrew Polsky (Political Science) won the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Northeastern Political Science Association, a leading regional association for the study of politics. He was honored for his work as the editor of *Polity*, a political science journal.



Bernard L. Stein (Film and Media Studies) was honored as a journalist and teacher at the annual benefit of the Bronx River Alliance, which cited his "service as an editor, interpreter and voice of conscience for the Bronx." Stein, a 1998 Pulitzer Prize winner for editorial writing, is the editor of *The Riverdale Press* - a position formerly held for more than 30 years by his father, the newspaper's founder. After joining the Hunter faculty in 2006, Stein founded *The Hunts Point Express*, which is produced by his students. He is also the founder of the *Mott Haven Herald*.

Shanti Thakur (Film and Media Studies) garnered a number of prestigious awards for her film, *Sky People*, including "Best Experimental Film" at the Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, "Best Narrative Film - Silver Chris Award" at the Columbus International Film Festival, "Best Narrative Film" from the University of Film and Video Association at the New Orleans National Conference, and "Best of the Fest" at the Chicago International REEL Short Film Festival. *Sky People* is a lyrical satire on class in New York City that follows the lives of 21 different characters.



Vidette Todaro-Franceschi (Nursing) was named a Fellow in Thanatology (FT), an advanced certification for thanatology professionals from the Association for Death, Education and Counseling, the oldest interdisciplinary organization in the field. The FT recognizes practitioners and educators in the discipline of thanatology who demonstrate advanced levels of competency in teaching, research, and/or clinical practice and who have met specialized knowledge requirements.

Clay Williams, Acting Chief Librarian of Hunter College Libraries, was named "Member of the Week" on November 2 by the Association of College & Research Libraries.

On the Go: Faculty Publications

Mimi Abramovitz (Social Work) presented two papers this fall: "The Social Determinants of Social Problems" on September 7 at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in San Antonio, and "The U.S. Welfare State: A Battle Ground for Human Rights" on October 23 at "Human Rights USA," organized by the Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut in Hartford.



Ronnie Ancona (Classics) presented "Research for Teaching and for Scholarship" as part of a panel symposium, "The Other Face of Scholarship: Research in Support of Teaching," at the American Philological Association Annual Meeting 2009 in Philadelphia.

Marianne C. Fahs (Urban Public Health) and **Rose Dobrof** (Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity) presented "Bridging the Divide: A New Role for Senior Centers to Address Neighborhood Health and Longevity Disparities" at the International World Congress on Gerontology and Geriatrics in Paris in July.



Carol C. Gould (Philosophy) delivered the plenary address at the XXIV World Congress of the International Association of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR) in Beijing, sponsored by the China Law Society and the IVR. The theme of the congress, held in September, was "Global Harmony and the Rule of Law." Gould's paper was "Diversity, Democracy, and Dialogue in a Human Rights Framework." More than 700 delegates from over 50 countries and regions participated in the conference.

Gould's first book, *Marx's Social Ontology* (MIT Press, 1978), is coming out in Chinese translation this fall, published by Beijing Normal University Press.

Bill Herman (Film and Media Studies) delivered a presentation at the *Newsweek* magazine offices in Manhattan in November on the changing landscape of lobbying and Internet advocacy. In his presentation, "David and Goliath Go Online: Geek Law and Internet Advocacy," Herman discussed whether the Internet is changing the way we advocate for policy change, allowing for obscure groups to publicize messages widely.

In July, **Karen Kern** (History) lectured on Iraqi politics from World War I to the present at the Yale Summer Institute for Educators on Health and Conflict in the Middle East. The Council on Middle East Studies at Yale coordinated the conference.

Marnia Lazreg (Sociology) was invited by the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research to give the keynote lecture on "Sciences Sociales et Geopolitique" at a social science conference in Algeria in May. She also presented a paper entitled "Le Role Strategique de la Torture dans les Guerres Anti-Insurrectionnelles" at the Abdel Hamid Ibn Badis University in Algeria in June - a lecture covered by the national press. She presented at the "Arab Women and Feminism" conference in October, held at the American University in Beirut, and at the "International Symposium on Women's Rights in Arab-Muslim Societies: The State of Academic Research in the Region" in Amman, Jordan, in November.

Franklin E. Mirer (Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Urban Public Health Program) testified as an expert witness on October 29 before the U.S. Congressional Committee on Education and Labor. The committee was probing work-safety law enforcement after several construction workers had died in accidents. Arguing for fundamental change, Mirer said that he found state and federal enforcement "deficient." Also in October, *The Synergist*, a magazine for occupational and environmental health and safety professionals, published Mirer's article "Risky Business: Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." The article argues for enforcement of carcinogenic smoke regulations.



Diana Reiss (Psychology) made a presentation entitled "Self-Awareness and Dolphins" at The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) 2010 Annual Meeting in San Diego on February 21.



Dennis Paoli's (English) play, *Nevermore*, was featured in a limited engagement at the Steve Allen Theatre in Hollywood in September. The one-man show imagines a night with writer Edgar Allan Poe.

In Print and On Air

On December 29, **Mimi Abramovitz's** (Social Work) article "'Tis the Season for Candor about Gov't Handouts" appeared in *Women's eNews*. Abramovitz is a regular commentator for *Women's eNews*.

Abramovitz's paper "Double Jeopardy: The Impact of Neoliberalism on Care Workers in the United States and South Africa," co-authored with Jennifer Zelnick, appeared in the *International Journal of Health Services* in January.

Philip Alcabes (Urban Public Health), an infectious disease specialist, was quoted in numerous news articles and shows - including features by *ABC News*, *Forbes.com*, C-SPAN, and WNYC - on the subject of H1N1, warning people not to be alarmed. In a January 2 *examiner.com* article, Alcabes responded to the findings of a new study claiming that swine flu cases last spring indicated that the upcoming flu season would be only slightly worse than normal. "It would have been great to have had that information back in June," he said. "There would have been one more bit of evidence behind my assertion six months ago that people were overreacting to H1N1."



On December 8, *ABC News* quoted **Alcibes** in "Has Swine Flu Been Oversold?" The story suggested that H1N1 could have been a case study for Alcibes' book, *Dread: How Fear and Fantasy Have Fueled Epidemics from the Black Death to Avian Flu*, which was published just as swine flu began to make headlines. "I think that it was, from the very beginning, created as a crisis and overstated as a real threat," Alcibes said.

Ronnie Ancona's (Classics) article "Latin Teacher Certification: Training Future Secondary School Teachers" was published in the Spring 2009 volume of *Classical World*. She also reviewed the book *Meeting the Challenge: International Perspectives on the Teaching of Latin* for the online forum of *The Classical Journal*. The first publication of the Latin textbook series *BC Latin Readers*, which Ancona edits, was reviewed in June in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*: "If the rest of the series lives up to the high standards of this volume, the series will be a welcome addition to the college and even high school Latin classroom."

Recent research by **Manu Bhagavan** (History) referenced in the *Indian Express's* December 24 article "Learning to Be Happy" reveals the influence of Prime Minister Nehru's negotiating brief in favor of internationalism on the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the United Nations in 1947-48. According to Bhagavan, Nehru's position on foreign policy for a rising India was more in keeping with the internationalist legacy of India's founding fathers than had been previously thought.



Margaret Chin (Sociology) was quoted in a September 16 *New York Times* story about Asian-American candidates in the New York City elections. In the article, "Victories across City Resonate in Chinatown," Chin said, "It's significant for the whole population to see all these Asian-Americans taking political roles. The West Coast broke this barrier close to two decades ago."

Irene Chung's (Social Work) study on older Asian-American women was referenced on the September 2 "Brian Lehrer Show" on WNYC, in a feature concerning suicide risk among Asian-Americans.



Shirley Cohen (Early Childhood Special Education & Autism) published an article on her 50-year perspective on autism intervention in the fall issue of *Autism Spectrum News*.

Forbes Magazine has named **Jessie Daniels** (Urban Public Health) as one of its "20 Inspiring Women to Follow on Twitter." The magazine - one of the nation's foremost business and public affairs publications - developed the list after discovering that even though more women than men use Twitter, men have 15 percent more followers. To help redress this gender imbalance, *Forbes* went looking for outstanding women tweeters - and found Daniels. It said of her: "[She] is an



anti-racist, sociologist and professor who researches how the Internet is (and is not) changing social inequality. Her tweets are informative and interesting links to blogs, news and research in this new field."

Randall Filer (Economics) was quoted in the September 24 CNNMoney.com article "Catching Bad Guys: Tough Times at SEC" about the need for the SEC to prevent future Ponzi schemes. "The SEC's problem is that these things are hard to find. To do a better job, they'll have to become more efficient," Filer said. "Given the political mood, that idea will gain traction...and the government will spend the resources for more regulation."

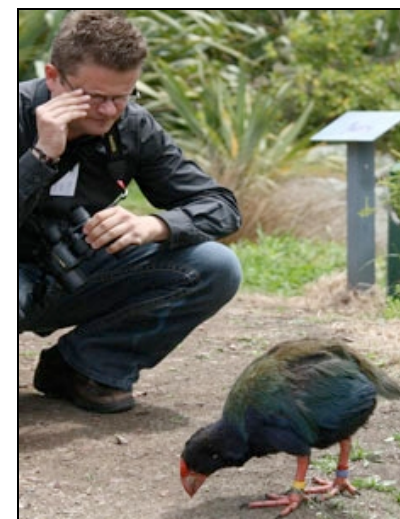
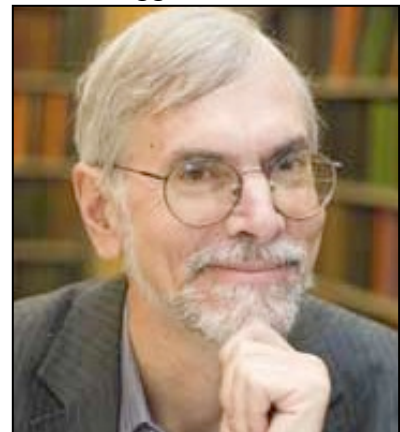
Nancy Foner (Sociology) was quoted in a December 8 *New York Times* article, "Census Finds Rise in Foreign Workers," in response to census findings of a general decline in levels of education and income in third-generation immigrant families: "If there is some evidence of third-generation decline, then this no doubt has a lot to do with persistent inequalities and disadvantages facing many of the second generation and their children." Foner added that "the economic declines of the past few years no doubt play a role" and that "it could also be that second-generation parents, themselves born in the U.S., are less optimistic and push their children less hard than their own immigrant parents, who came here and struggled so their children could succeed."

Nick Freudenberg (Urban Public Health) was quoted in a July 19 *Los Angeles Times* article, "Higher Costs Could Be Unintended Consequence of Deep Cuts." He argues that cutting programs such as adult day care have a hefty long-term cost. "It's pay now or pay later," Freudenberg said.

Bill Gallo (Urban Public Health) and two colleagues published a paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research entitled, "Work Expectations, Realizations, and Depression in Older Workers," which appeared in *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics* in October. The research was supported by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute on Aging.

Mark E. Hauber's (Psychology) paper "The Cost of Virulence: An Experimental Study of Egg Eviction by Brood Parasitic Chicks" was accepted in the October issue of *Behavioral Ecology*. The paper describes Hauber's joint research on the price paid by a young cuckoo of evicting host eggs from the nest. (The last issue of *FacultyNews@Hunter* cited Hauber's \$1 million Young Investigators' Grant for this work.)

Peter Kwong (Asian-American Studies, Urban Affairs and Planning) was quoted in an October 21 *New York Times* story, "In Chinatown, Sound of the Future is Mandarin," about the fact that Mandarin, the official language of China, is eclipsing Cantonese in Chinese-American communities. "The fact of the



matter is that you have a whole generation switch, with very few people speaking only Cantonese," Kwong said. Kwong also was featured in the *Times* "City Room" blog on September 14, answering questions about gentrification in Chinatown.

Edwin Melendez (Center for Puerto Rican Studies) was quoted by *CNN.com* on October 22 in "Fear and uncertainty after government layoffs in Puerto Rico," saying that when Puerto Rico's economy started declining, the public sector payroll continued to swell. As a result, the U.S. territory's political parties became dependent on government employment, in effect creating a patronage system, according to Melendez. "We are where we are because the patronage system is bankrupt," he added.

Jeffrey Parsons (Psychology) was quoted on:

- December 10 in *The Palm Beach Post* article "Caffeine Doesn't Sober You Up," backing up findings of a recent study showing that, while drinking caffeine after alcohol consumption may diminish the sedative effects of alcohol, it does not diminish the impaired decision-making. "This adds to the growing body of evidence that individuals who combine caffeinated energy drinks with alcohol may be inadvertently putting themselves at a greater risk due to poor decision-making and the misperception that their judgment is intact, he said, adding that "a rum and coke isn't going to stop you from being intoxicated and potentially making bad decisions."
- October 2 in an Associated Press story, "Half of Addicts Quit after Six Months of Treatment." Google News, Yahoo News, CBS, MSNBC, *Forbes*, *Salon.com* and other outlets picked up the story, which reported results of a study that monitored treatment of patients in England addicted to heroin, crack cocaine, or both. About half quit using drugs after six months of treatment. "It is quite possible," said Parsons, nevertheless, "that many of those with a positive outcome experienced relapse."



Diana Romero (Urban Public Health) published "U.S. Fertility Prevention as Poverty Prevention: An Empirical Question and Social Justice Issue," in *Women's Health Issues*, August 2009. The study was supported by a grant from the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities to the Center for the Health of Urban Minorities (CHUM) and an additional grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.



Jonathan Rosenberg (History) wrote a book review of *Lift Every Voice: The NAACP and the Making of the Civil Rights Movement*. The review was published in *The Christian Science Monitor* on September 1.

Kenneth Sherrill (Professor Emeritus, Political Science) was recently quoted in a December 29 *Washington Times* article, "N.Y. Sen. Gillibrand Appears Safe in Seat," saying that "nobody ever has an election lock because of the state's volatile political landscape. But Mrs. Gillibrand's prospects of holding onto the Senate seat she won by appointment this year improved markedly when 'America's mayor' announced he would stay on the sidelines." Sherrill added that the senator's prospects "were looking reasonably good to begin with. I don't think she has a serious opponent."

Sherrill was also widely quoted on the November elections in New York City:

- In a September 23 *New York Times* article, "For First Advocate, a Focus on Record": "The question for public advocate is not just what has he or she done, but what is he or she likely to do eight years from now?"
- In a November 4 *Times* article, "Mayor No Longer Seems Invincible": "Bloomberg, for better or for worse, is not a charismatic figure. So he didn't have passionate supporters. But he may have had passionate opponents."
- In a *New York Daily News* story the same day: "People who have lived in New York know what their lives are like and whether they are satisfied with Bloomberg."

The documentary *RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope*, produced and directed by **Larry Shore** and **Tami Gold** (Film and Media Studies), was praised as "remarkable" in a December 31 *consortiumnews.com* article, "A Ripple of Hope from the Past." As the article explains, "This well-made film includes some never-before-seen footage from Robert Kennedy's historic trip [to South Africa], as well as interviews with people who were there at the time, adding new information on Kennedy's journey to the record."



On September 19, South African Broadcasting Corporation News interviewed **Shore** and **Gold** about their film, which tells the story of Kennedy's 1966 South Africa trip and the young senator's boldness in supporting the anti-apartheid movement. "I hope in a small way [this film] contributes to people's understanding of this important moment in history, and about America's relationship with South Africa and the connections between the civil rights movement and the anti-apartheid movement," said Shore. On December 3, the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs held a screening of the film in Manhattan.

William D. Solecki (Geography) was quoted in the blog *Althouse* on August 1 in a piece called "Why Aren't More People Going to the Beach?" Solecki said the summer's unusually mild temperatures shouldn't buoy global warming skeptics. "Ask them to visit Seattle," where a temperature of 103 was recorded in late July, he said.



Pamela Stone (Sociology) was quoted in an October 1 *Washington Post* article, "Census Dispels One Notion of Motherhood," about "opt-out" mothers. "Opt-out" refers to high-achieving women who exit the work force to stay home with their children. Stone's response to the recently released U.S. Census Data Report on the high number of stay-at-home mothers who tend to be younger, less educated, and with lower family incomes is that these mothers appear to be "more vulnerable women, for whom I would argue the issue is lack of opportunity. They have a hard time finding a job and finding a job that makes work worth it." Stone points out that once successful women leave their careers, some shift course and focus on their children, but "not at the numbers people think. Even among this advantaged group, there is no upward trend of staying at home."

In the September 4 issue of *Software Development Times*, **Virginia Valian** (Psychology) was quoted in a story, "Computer Science Lacks Women, Minorities." "There is a good amount of research that shows that women are judged more harshly than men, for hiring, evaluations and promotions," she said.



Joseph Viteritti (Urban Affairs and Planning) appeared in several media outlets:

- He was named as a possible candidate for NYC schools chancellor in an October 30 *New York Times* piece entitled "Thompson vs. Bloomberg: A Contrast of Style and Plans."
- He was quoted in the October 26 edition of *Education Week* in an article entitled "Education Issues Bidding for Voters' Attention" as saying, "The stakes are high when it comes to education in New York City. It's probably the strongest system of mayoral control in the country."
- He was cited in the *cityhallnews.com* article, "In City Classrooms, the Government Experts are the Government Vets," on August 24: "Hunter College Professor Joseph Viteritti never lent his academic pedigree to a campaign nor has he served in an official capacity for an elected official. But that does not mean his voice cannot be heard."

Viteritti's 2009 book, *When Mayors Take Charge: School Governance in the City*, was suggested as a must-read for policy makers in the recent debate over mayoral control. School Chancellor Joel Klein publicly recommended it. Viteritti served as the executive director of the Commission on School Governance, appointed by Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum.

Sanford Wurmfeld (Art) was featured in an August 13 Associated Press article, "Belgium's Old-fashioned Waterloo Panorama Still Entertains," which discussed Wurmfeld's two abstract works, *Cyclorama 2000* and *E-Cyclorama*, both of which have been displayed in Europe and the United States. "It is exactly in contrast to the Internet, video and other 'hot media' that I think my panoramas take on their greatest function," Wurmfeld was quoted as saying. "I see painting as the ultimate example of the static medium which requires the most active participation by the viewer to experience it fully."

Ming-Chin Yeh (Urban Public Health) and **Mimi Fahs'** (Urban Public Health) article, "Body Weight and Length of Residence in the U.S. Among Chinese Americans," appeared in the *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* in October.

Must Reads: Faculty Publications

Jessie Daniels' (Health Sciences) book, *Cyber Racism: White Supremacy Online and the New Attack on Civil Rights*, was published by Rowman & Littlefield in June. Research for *Cyber Racism* was partially supported by the MacArthur Foundation. Daniels also published two articles, "Cloaked websites: propaganda, cyber-racism and epistemology in the digital era" in *New Media & Society* (August), and "Rethinking Cyberfeminism(s): Race, Gender, and Embodiment" in the spring/summer issue of *Women's Studies Quarterly*. *Contexts Magazine*, an official publication of the American Sociological Association, will feature news about the book in audio format.

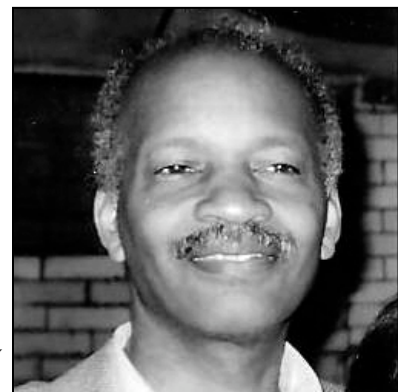
Interpreting National History: Race, Identity, and Pedagogy in Classrooms and Communities by **Terrie Epstein** (Curriculum and Teaching), was published in 2009. The book chronicles a six-year study of the effects of children's and adolescents' racial identities and history teachers' instructional strategies on students' interpretations of national history and contemporary society.



Nick Freudenberg and **Susan Klitzman** (Urban Public Health) published *Urban Health and Society: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Research and Practice* (Jossey-Bass, August). The book prepares students in public health, urban studies, and other areas to investigate causes and solutions to urban health problems such as asthma and violence. A National Institutes of Health Roadmap Award received by Freudenberg and the CUNY Urban Health Collaborative supported work on the volume.

Freudenberg and **Megha Ramaswamy** (Urban Public Health) published a chapter, "The Impact of Incarceration on the Health of African Americans," in *Health Issues in the Black Community, 3rd Edition*, in November.

Charles Green (Sociology) edited a special issue of the Caribbean journal, *Wadabagei*, which included articles by **Anthony Browne** and **Joyce Toney** (Africana & Puerto Rican/Latino Studies) and Green.



Marnia Lazreg's (Sociology) book *Questioning the Veil: Open Letters to Muslim Women* was published by Princeton University Press in October. *The Economist* gave the book a favorable review in its September 3 issue, and *Times Higher Education*, which reviewed it on October 29, selected it as one of four noteworthy titles. Lazreg was interviewed about the book, including an October 10 appearance on BBC Radio's Women's Hour. Lazreg's

previous book, *Torture and the Twilight of Empire: from Algiers to Baghdad* (2008), continues to be the subject of literary reviews.

Illegal Alien, or Immigrant: The Politics of Immigration Reform by **Lina Newton** (Political Science), published by New York University Press in 2008, carefully dissects the political debates over contemporary immigration reform.

Around Hunter: Upcoming Events

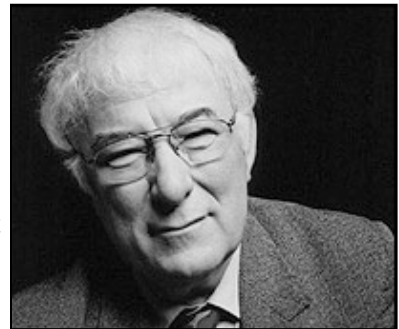
Smoke + Mirrors + Fog

Curated by Tracey L. Adler and Mara Hoberman
Hunter College Times Square Gallery
450 West 41st Street (Between 9th and 10th Avenues)
Tel: 212 772-4991
Opening Reception: Thursday, February 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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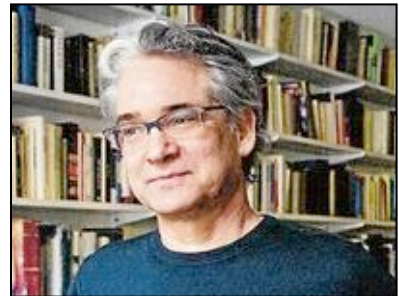
Michael Greenberg

Wednesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.
Faculty Dining Room, Hunter West, 8th floor
Michael Greenberg is the author of the memoir *Hurry Down Sunshine* (Other Press, 2008), which was chosen as one of the best books of 2008 by *Time*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Amazon.com, and the *Library Journal*.



Seamus Heaney

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Assembly Hall, Hunter North, 1st Floor
Seamus Heaney, an Irish poet, critic and playwright, was awarded the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature. In 2000 he won the Whitbread Book of the Year Award for his translation of *Beowulf* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000).



Peter Carey

Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.
Roosevelt House Auditorium
47-49 East 65th Street (Between Park and Madison Aves.)
Peter Carey, executive director of Hunter's MFA Creative Writing program, is a novelist and short story writer who is one of only two writers to have won the Booker Prize twice: for *Oscar and Lucinda* (University of Queensland Press, 1988) and *True History of the Kelly Gang* (University of Queensland Press, 2001).



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