

ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS

Message from the Provost



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the April newsletter. Spring has arrived and the NJCU campuses are busy with classes, events, and performances. This month's news highlights Professor Giunta's new book, jointly edited with Mary Anne Trasciatti, *Talking to the Girls: Intimate and Political Essays on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire*. Based on decades of scholarship on this historical event, Professor Giunta's anthology is a welcome addition to the human dimension of this fire and its generational impact on families. She has also created a General Education capstone course with students examining the fire and its aftermath from interdisciplinary perspectives.

Please browse through the wonderful events held in March, including the launch of the Robotics Club and Girls Who Code, as well as the HSI Battle of the Brains competition in Austin, TX, led by Dr. Jorge Medina. We love seeing this student engagement. Faculty lectures by Dr. Lauren Johnson and Dr. David Blackmore delivered in March are also noted.

The annual LATI Colloquium is scheduled for April 6 and 7 – please note the link to register. This colloquium brings together a rich variety of topics and speakers, and I encourage you to attend some or all the sessions, as your time allows. We thank Drs. Blackmore and Lagos for the work that goes into organizing this annual event.

MDT continues to shine with events and performances. *Pippin* has met with fantastic reviews, with Professor Marc Dalio creating a stellar experience for students, performers, and audience. The Art Department hosted several events in March, including the MFA exhibition titled *Everything\$ is OK* by artist Nedko Bucev. In an impressive range of works, Bucev focused on the contaminants in our water supply with a jarring intensity. The BFA Thesis Exhibition will open April 9 and run through mid-May. Please plan to attend an event in April to support our colleagues and departments!

All best wishes,

Tamara

[Tamara Jhashi, Ph.D.](#)

Provost and Senior Vice President

APRIL EVENTS

Music, Dance and Theatre Department Events:

Pippin

- Friday, April 1st 8:00 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre
- Saturday, April 2nd 8:00 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre
- Sunday, April 3rd 3:00 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre

Beats Per Revolution featuring legendary Beat Boxer Rahzel

- Friday, April 8th 8:00 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre

Symphony of Winds and Percussion: VISIONARIES

- Tuesday, April 19th 7:30 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre

Caroline L. Guarini (MDT) will present *Symphony No. 9 in D minor* by Ludwig van Beethoven

- Friday, April 22nd 7:30 P.M. West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood
- Saturday, April 23th 7:30 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre

NJCU Spring Jazz Fest

- Saturday, April 30th 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Margaret Williams Theatre

For more information, please visit <https://www.njcu.edu/community/center-arts/music>

Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Events:

2022 LATI Colloquium

- Wednesday, April 6th & Thursday, April 7th
- Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3wBby3J>

"NJCU as a Hispanic-Serving Institution"

Town hall moderated by Dr. Angel Gonzalez, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

- Tuesday, April 26th 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. GSUB Multipurpose Room B

Honors Program Events:

Immigration Law: A Career in Social Justice

Speaker: Jason Hernandez, Esq., Director, Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project

- Wednesday, April 6th 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Hepburn Hall, Room 202

Livestream Tour of Tokyo

- Thursday, April 7th 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9468180873>

Livestream Walking Tour of Cusco

- Wednesday, April 20th 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9468180873>

PRESS RELEASE

Hudson County Community College and New Jersey City University Join Forces for Cybersecurity Degree Program

On Thursday, March 17, 2022, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) and New Jersey City University (NJCU) signed an articulation agreement for a Dual Admissions program. Beginning in September 2022, HCCC students can complete an Associate of Science in Computer Science- Cybersecurity at HCCC and move seamlessly onto attaining a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity at NJCU.

For more information, please visit <https://www.njcu.edu/about/news/2022/03/njcu-and-hudson-county-community-college-enter-cybersecurity-degree-transfer-articulation-agreement>



Photo Caption: From Left: (Seated) NJCU President Dr. Sue Henderson, (Seated) HCCC President Dr. Chris Reber, (Standing) NJCU Provost and Senior Vice President Dr. Tamara Jhashi, and (Standing) HCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Darryl Jones

Welcome to NJCU



Ms. Melissa Faulkner is joining NJCU as the Director of the reimagined Career Success Lab. Ms. Faulkner brings to NJCU more than 20 years of experience in career services, focusing on areas such as employer development, career counseling, and experiential education. Melissa's passion is walking students through the process of learning more about themselves in order to make sound decisions regarding their future and where they fit into the world. She seeks to collaborate with critical members of the university community, including faculty, staff, alumni, and others, to create broad and deep connections that lead to relationships with employers.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Edvige Giunta
English Department

Faculty Spotlight: Edvige Giunta and *Talking to the Girls Intimate and Political Essays on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire*, Edited by Edvige Giunta and Mary Anne Trasciatti.

Dr. Giunta's interest in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire began when she was seventeen years old and hosting a feminist radio show in Italy. That was the first time she had heard about the tragedy. It especially resonated for her although she did not yet know that 26 of the 38 Italian workers who died in the fire were women and girls from Sicily, Dr. Giunta's home.

When Dr. Giunta began teaching at NJCU, her area of scholarly specialization was Italian American women. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire came up again in this context. In 2015, then Director of General Education Joshua Fausty urged Dr. Giunta to propose a course on the Triangle fire. It became the first General Education Tier 3 course. As part of the course, students learn the name and age of one of the 146 workers who died in the fire. As the semester continues, students research death certificates, home addresses and other information on their chosen worker, and integrate this material with personal reflections in a "Name Project." Final capstone projects have included an essay by a biology major and aspiring medical examiner who looked closely at all the death certificates from a medical perspective; choreography and performance in Washington Square Park by a Joffrey Ballet student; a soundscape of that tragic day, beginning with a worker's footsteps leaving home to go to work and ending with the fire.

Talking to the Girls: Intimate and Political Essays on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, released on March 22 by New Village Press, a partner of New York University Press, is an anthology of 18 essays written by relatives of victims of the fire, teachers, activists, writers, artists, and scholars, and is edited by Dr. Giunta and Mary Anne Trasciatti, a professor at Hofstra University and President of the Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition. It includes two essays by NJCU faculty: Jacqueline Ellis and Ellen Garvey (retired). The contributors examine their relationships with the tragedy and how it is present in their lives and work. For her next project, Dr. Giunta will write about her own relationship with the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, including reflections on teaching about the fire at NJCU.

In addition to her interest in the Triangle fire, Dr. Giunta teaches memoir writing, immigrant literature, and women writers.

PUBLICATIONS

English Department

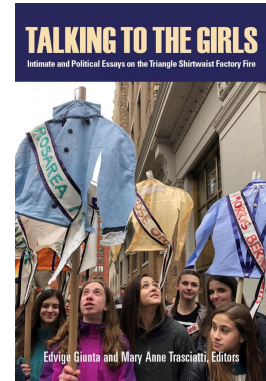
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PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

The NJCU Center for the Arts & The NJCU English Department Student Events and Publications Committee presented:

Talking to the Girls: Intimate and Political Essays on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire edited by Edvige Giunta and Mary Anne Trasciatti

A Conversation with the editors & contributors Tomlin Coggeshall, Jacqueline Ellis, Charles Hoffacker, Annie Lanzillotto, and Annie Schneiderman Valliere. Hosted by Donia Ayoub
Thursday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. EDT



Music, Dance and Theatre Department:

Graduate student Xavi Garcia (MM in Multi-Style Strings) with two of our NJCU music faculty, Martha Mooke and Jeremy Kittel, attended the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) National Convention in Atlanta.



Photo Caption: Graduate Student Xavi Garcia



Photo Caption: From Left: Graduate Student Xavi Garcia with two of our NJCU music faculty, Jeremy Kittel and Martha Mooke

Sports Management Program:

In collaboration with the Office of Global Initiatives, the Sports Management Program expanded internationally through a partnership with Somaiya Vidyavihar University's Graduate Sports Management Program. Assistant professor, Dr. Lauren Johnson, virtually lectured to students in India for a 15-hour Destination and Sports Tourism Management course. Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Business Programs, Dr. Wanda Rutledge, made a special guest appearance during one of the virtual lectures.



Photo Caption: Dr. Lauren Johnson, Assistant Professor

Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies:

David Blackmore presented the paper "*Fazendo Conexões: Teaching Brazilian Immigrant Literature at a U.S. 'Hispanic-Serving Institution'*" at the Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association, hosted by Georgetown University and held virtually.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

RECAP: NJCU ROBOTICS CLUB KICKOFF

On March 14, 2022, the Computer Science (CS) faculty and students kicked off the CS Robotics Club. This club will serve the combined purpose of sharing information, advancing education, and competing against other clubs. For more information, contact: RoboClub@live.njcu.edu.



Photo Captions: CS Robotics Club

RECAP: GIRLS WHO CODE NJCU COLLEGE LOOP

In March 2022, the Department of Computer Science started a [Girls Who Code \(GWC\)](#) College Loop to bridge the gender gap in tech. The Loop is focused on supporting students who identify as female or non-binary with access to career programs including a hiring summit, virtual mentoring, work prep, and leadership academy. Participants will have access to industry professionals including JPMorgan Chase, Accenture, and Disney as well as GWC peers and alumni, for internship and other career boosting events and opportunities. For more information and participation, contact: GWCNJCU College loop leader: Sara Pagan (spagan1@njcu.edu) and faculty advisor: Dr. Moitrayee Chatterjee(mchatterjee@njcu.edu).

RECAP: HSI BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

Over spring break, New Jersey City University participated in the 2022 HSI Battle of the Brains in Austin, TX. Dr. Jorge Medina, Assistant Professor of Economics, accompanied the team.



Photo Caption: HSI Battle of the Brains in Austin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Assistantship Applications and Requests Due April 1st

Graduate Assistantship Applications for the Academic Year 2022-2023 are now being accepted. The deadline for students to apply to become a graduate assistant and for departments/units to request graduate assistants is Friday, April 1. Information for both applications and requests can be found here: <https://www.njcu.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/graduate-aid/graduate-assistantships>

Please send your questions and applications to graduateassistantships@njcu.edu

How to Apply

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<p>► For Students</p>
<p>▼ For Units/Departments</p> <p>2022-23 Department Graduate Assistant Request Form</p> <p>▲ Back to top</p>

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Reopening

NJCU Global Initiatives, study abroad is re-opening and students are excited for these opportunities. The NJCU Honors Program remains very active in faculty-led study abroad, and for Spring 2023 the Honors Program Committee intends to run a 3-credit, 300-level Honors course featuring embedded study abroad. The travel can be in Jan., March, or May 2023, as long as it is woven into the curriculum. To create the best opportunity for students, we are conducting a campus-wide RFP process for the course, launching now with proposals due on April 22nd. Please take a look at our website <https://www.njcu.edu/academics/honors-program/faculty-opportunities> and consider submitting. We need your ideas and expertise. Email twhite@njcu.edu, Honors Program Director, with any questions.

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Next *Academic Connections* will appear on Friday, May 6th. Submission of news deadline is **Friday, April 22nd**.