

ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS

Message from the Provost



Welcome to the March edition of *Academic Connections*. We are almost at the mid-way point of the semester, and the much-needed spring break is close at hand. As our region is breathing a sigh of relief with a reprieve from Covid, our world is now experiencing the agony of watching a tragedy unfold in Ukraine. If you were like me, I was in a state of suspended disbelief that such an invasion could happen. The suffering of a country is a painful thing to witness, regardless of how far or close we might be to the people and the place. The humanitarian crisis of this conflict is real, and I hope that in whatever way you can (donation, prayer), you will consider helping Ukrainian refugees who have fled their homes with little more than the clothes on their back. Our empathy is with all people harmed by this invasion and our hope is that it ends as soon as possible.

I want to thank all those on campus who made Black History month a success at NJCU — those who created the excellent programming throughout February as well as those who attended events and came together as a community. Today, as I write, NJCU held its 5th annual Pedagogy Day organized by faculty and students in the Department of Psychology. March, as you know, is Women's History Month and we look forward to celebrating through art exhibitions, talks, and other events. Please watch for notices of upcoming programs.

I wish everyone a restful spring break. I hope that you can pause, even briefly, to take care of yourselves and your families. We will have much to look forward to as the weather warms in the coming weeks.

My best wishes to all,

Tamara

MARCH EVENTS

Music, Dance and Theatre Department Events:

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| • Friday, March 25th | 8:00 P.M. | Margaret Williams Theater |
| • Saturday, March 26th | 8:00 P.M. | Margaret Williams Theater |
| • Sunday, March 27th | 3:00 P.M. | Margaret Williams Theater |

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



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

15 Consejos: A Guide for Latinx Students to Succeed in College

Book party with author and NJCU alum Alvert Hernandez

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| • Tuesday, March 1st | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | GSUB Room 129 |
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HSI Battle of The Brains

Austin, TX. Sponsored by Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU).

- Tuesday, March 8th - Saturday, March 12th

For more information contact faculty member Dr. Medina at jmedina7@njcu.edu

Honors Program Events:

Livestream Tour of London

Featuring Women's History, su ffrage marches, & Trafalger Square

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| • Friday, March 18th | 10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. | Zoom |
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Communication, Comedy, & Climate Change

Speaker: Dr. Lauren Feldman

Dept. of Journalism and Media Studies

Rutgers University

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| • Tuesday, March 29th | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Hepburn 202 |
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NJCU students, faculty, & staff are cordially invited to join Honors Program students at these events. Please RSVP and obtain Zoom links by emailing Honors@njcu.edu

SAVE THE DATE APRIL EVENTS

Music, Dance and Theatre Department Events:

Beats Per Revolution featuring legendary Beat Boxer Rahzel

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

Symphony of Winds and Percussion: VISIONARIES

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

NJCU Spring Jazz Fest

- Saturday, April 30th & Sunday May 1st TBD Outdoors on Campus

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

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

International Film Festival

All month; sponsored by the World Languages and Cultures Department

- Month of April

2022 LATI Colloquium

- Wednesday, April 6th & Thursday, April 7th

For more information, or to submit your proposal, go to www.njcu.edu/laticolloquium

"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.-1:00 P.M. GSUB Multipurpose Room

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.-4:00 P.M. Hepburn 202

Livestream Tour of Tokyo

Featuring the Senso-Ji Temple and the Asakusa district

- Thursday, April 7th 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Zoom

Livestream Walking Tour of Cusco

Featuring the Qoricancha, Plaza de Armas, and Cathedral

- Wednesday, April 20th 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Zoom

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Mellon Grant is hosting a GIS (mapping and data) workshop in April (1, 8, 22) and invite interested faculty and staff to participate. The workshops will be led by Dr. Bill Montgomery and will take place in person in the GIS Lab (Science 205) from 1 p.m through 2:15 p.m. There is a stipend of \$250 and a certificate for completion of all three workshops. This is a great introduction to GIS for folks who want to enhance their skills for digital projects, course development, or general knowledge.

PUBLICATIONS

Department of Women's and Gender Studies Community Engaged Learning (CEL)

Nir, E., & Musial, J. (2022). Zooming In: Courtrooms and Defendants' Rights during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Social & Legal Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09646639221076099>

RECAP: NJCU CELEBRATED GIS DAY 2021

The GIS (Geographic Information System) Day was celebrated at New Jersey City University in the Gilligan Student Union Building on November 17, 2021. GIS Day celebrations began to take place across the globe in 1999 and this was the first celebration of GIS Day at NJCU.

The event was organized by the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department and the NJCU GIS Day organizing committee consisting of faculty from multiple departments including Dr. Virginia Ochoa-Winemiller, Dr. EunSu Lee, Dr. William Montgomery, Dr. Md Shahinoor Rahman, and Dr. Hun Bok Jung.

The event included oral presentations by a keynote speaker (Dr. Joseph Kerski from Esri), NJCU faculty (Dr. Lee, Dr. Ochoa-Winemiller, and Dr. Montgomery) and Jason Gowers from the American Red Cross as well as poster presentations by NJCU students and faculty. The oral and poster presentations covered multi-disciplinary topics including climate change, crime, health, business, water pollution, transportation, natural disasters, education, and sports. A total of 11 students participated in the student poster competition and 4 students were awarded, including Lorianne Andrades (1st place; Health Sciences), Jonathan Rodriguez (2nd place; Earth & Environmental Sciences), Alex Rodriguez (3rd place; Earth & Environmental Sciences), and Zuleika Coplin (LATI Center Best Poster Award; Health Sciences).

The event had about 70 attendees including 40 attendees in person and 30 attendees on Zoom. This event was supported by the Provost's Office, the CAS Dean's Office, LATI Center, School of Business, and Esri.

Additional information about the NJCU GIS Day event can be found from the following links.

NJCU GIS Day event website: <https://www.njcu.edu/academics/schools-colleges/william-j-maxwell-college-arts-sciences/departments/earth-environmental-sciences/njcu-gis-day-event>

NJCU GIS Day 2021 Proceeding: <https://sites.google.com/view/njcuscm/news/2021-njcu-gis-day>

Video clips of oral presentations: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn7K4QMHIsnpUOz0KiBOd1Q>



Photo Caption: NJCU GIS Day 2021 Presentation



Photo Caption: NJCU GIS Day 2021 Student Map Poster Competition

RECAP: NJCU STEM UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On November 12th, NJCU hosted its 20th Annual STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium, showcasing and rewarding outstanding student scholarship and research across seven disciplines. This annual celebration provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to share their scientific research with the broader university community, promoting scholarly discourse, interdisciplinary collaboration, and student engagement. More than 42 students and 22 faculty members were invited to participate in the event, which featured seven oral and 28 poster presentations. Since 2001, NJCU has supported nearly 400 paid summer research internships for undergraduate STEM students under faculty mentorship.



Photo Caption From left: Juan Miguel Belamide, Biology; Muizzat Alli, Biology; Malika Abakkass, Biology; Joyce Ikedife, Chemistry; Luis Garzon, Chemistry; Jonathan Rodriguez, Earth, and Environmental Science; Topu Saha, Computer Science & Rosalba Soto De Frias, Psychology.

Awards for excellence in undergraduate student research were given for outstanding poster presentations. See photo.

The research presented at the event was supported by U.S. Education Department Title III Hispanic-Serving Institutions —Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics program grant (#P031C160155) and Title V Developing Hispanic Institutions program grant (#P031S200124).

RECAP: THE HONORS PROGRAM TRIP TO ISTANBUL



In January 2022, 16 NJCU Honors students and Professors John Bragg and Peri Yuksel traveled to Istanbul, Turkey as part of Professor Bragg’s Fall 2021 class “City as Text: Istanbul.” During the nine-day trip, the group visited a number of iconic historical sites related to the course, including Ayasofia, the Topkapi Palace, and the Blue Mosque. The group also visited NJCU’s partner school in Turkey, Istanbul Galata University, where they were welcomed with a reception and a presentation on cultural and historical diversity in Turkey.

RECAP: INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL EXCHANGE (IVEP)

The Office of Global Initiatives (OGI) partnered with the Department of Professional Security Studies on the second annual International Virtual Exchange Program series (IVEP) to bring the overarching scene of global security to life. OGI also invited the Departments of Criminal Justice, and Earth and Environmental Sciences to showcase a sampling of a masters-level programming. Topics ranged from human rights to climate change, to weapons of mass destruction, to cyber security. NJCU faculty discussed the intersections of their respective disciplines and the importance of governments and voters making informed, educated decisions that keep our planet secure. NJCU’s international partners including China, Indonesia, India, Georgia, and Peru joined the synchronous presentations. To date, over 300 participants have joined NJCU’s IVEP presentations.

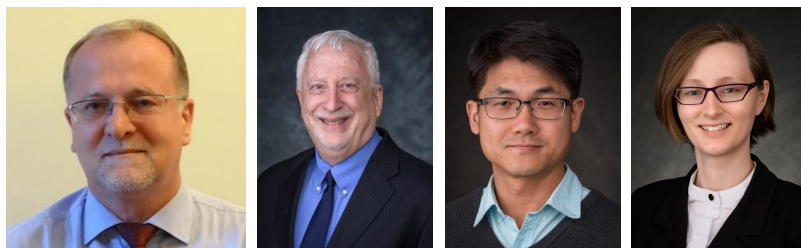


Photo Caption: Dr. Laszlo Molnar, Professional Security Studies; Dr. William Calathes, Criminal Justice; Dr. Hun Bok Jung, Earth and Environmental Science; and Ms. Vaughn C. Rogers, Global Initiatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Online Learning- New Location

The Department of Online Learning has a new “home.” Located at 285 West Side Avenue since the summer of 2019, Online Learning is now housed on the second floor of the Guarini Library. This will allow Online Learning staff to be more accessible for on-campus meetings and deliver face-to-face faculty development sessions in the computer lab (Room 222). The staff looks forward to welcoming you to the new space! Many thanks to Fred Smith, Director of Library Services, for his willingness to work with us as we explored options and for welcoming us to the Library.



Dr. Daniel Ward
Online Learning

Career Services - New Location (Temporary)

Career Services has a temporary new location in Grossnickle Hall, Room 103 effective February 22, 2022.

Reminder About Requisitions

This information is to help faculty completing requisitions and avoid confusion. As a New Jersey State institution, NJCU must adhere to New Jersey State mandated and Board of Trustees approved policies. Laws regarding the use of public funds are very specific, so it is important that University procedures be carefully followed. As a public institution, we are required to follow these regulations in the conduct of our day-to-day business (NJCU– Procurement Services Policies & Procedures, p.3).

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For more information, see NJCU Procurement Services website at: <https://www.njcu.edu/directories/offices-centers/procurement-services/procurement-policies-and-procedures>

Contact Procurement Services for any questions, concerns or special circumstances.

Source: *New Jersey City University- Procurement Services Policies & Procedures*. Retrieved from: <https://www.njcu.edu/sites/default/files/docs/2022-01/Procurement%20Policy%20072021.pdf>

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Next *Academic Connections* will appear on Friday, April 1st. Submission of news deadline is **Friday, March 18th**.