Welcome to Fall 2021

Welcome to the Fall 2021 semester at The Graduate Center and to our first "In the Loop" newsletter! Although we will primarily work remote this semester, we aim to provide opportunities to bring us together to get to know each other and to support one another through your PhD journey. This newsletter will serve as one venue to keep us connected and "in the loop". Have a safe and enjoyable August and see you at the start of the Fall semester!

Fall Academic Calendar

CUNY students attending in-person and hybrid classes for the fall 2021 semester are required to be vaccinated. You must submit your vaccination documentation by September 14, 2021. In order to meet this submission deadline, you must receive the following vaccines by these dates: Moderna: first dose by August 3; Pfizer: first dose by August 10; Johnson & Johnson: single dose by August 31. Read CUNY’s full policy FAQs at:

#VaxUpCUNY

FEATURING:

- Resources for Fall 2021
- Student Achievements
- Important Events & Deadlines
- Meet the new Executive Officer

ACCESSING GC SERVICES REMOTELY THIS FALL:

- Mina Rees Library (Reserve Study Space)
- Student Counseling Center
- The Writing Center
- Student Emergency Grants
- Online Collaboration Tools (e.g., Dropbox; Zoom)
Student Achievements

We are pleased to celebrate the following student achievements from June & July

- **Ariunsanaa Bagaajav** is the recipient of the International Fellowship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW).
- **Juan Diaz** has been appointed as NYC-based Guaranteed Income Research Fellow at The University of Pennsylvania’s School of Social Policy and Practice. Juan will be working on The Bridge Project in NYC.
- **Jamila Hammami** published the following book chapter on the intersection of immigration justice and the prison industrial complex from an organizing perspective: "Bridging immigration justice and prison abolition" in K. Chávez & E. Luibhéid (Eds.), *Queer and trans migrations: Dynamics of illegalization, detention, and deportation*. University of Illinois Press.
- **Tabashshum Islam**'s excerpt from their creative writing project, Rookie and the Djinn, has been published in *DREAMing out loud: Voices of migrant writers, Volume 3*.
- **Brianna Scolaro** presented their policy research on the "Psychological Impact of Forced Migration on LGBTQ+ Folx" at the Network for Social Work Management (NSWM) Annual Conference.
- **Nantasha Williams** is running for election to the New York City Council to represent District 27. Nantasha advanced from the Democratic primary on June 22, 2021 and will be on the ballot in the general election on November 2, 2021. There is no challenger for the November general election.

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**Ashleigh Washington**  
*Recipient of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)*

Ashleigh is a third year social welfare doctoral student studying technology, issues of the carceral state, and systemic violence against Black women-led families and pregnant and parenting substance users. She also serves as Senior Director of Learning & Staff Development at Safe Horizon and as an Adjunct Lecturer for Silberman School of Social Work. Ashleigh is originally from Texas and enjoys spending her free time going to dance classes and live comedy shows.

The MFP is for individuals who are committed to serving underrepresented and underserved persons with or at risk for mental health and/or substance abuse disorders. The MFP provides professional development training, mentorship, and other supports. Interested in applying? See: [CSWE-MFP](#).
**Meet the new Executive Officer of the PhD in Social Welfare**

Dr. Barbra Teater is a Professor of Social Work at the College of Staten Island (CSI) and The Graduate School and University Center, and is a Visiting Scholar at Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland. She began her term as EO of the PhD in Social Welfare on July 1, 2021. She previously served as the MSW Program Director at CSI. Barbra has over 15 years experience in social work academia, including eight years in England at the Universities of Bath and Bristol. Barbra’s research interests include social workers’ use of theories and methods in practice, social work education, and aging and ageism. Barbra is a proud social worker providing telehealth mental health therapy through Valera Health.

**Join a Zoom Townhall on September 1st from 12 - 1pm to meet Barbra**

(Zoom details to be sent via email closer to the date)

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**Upcoming Events & Important Deadlines**

- CUNY transitions from IDEATE to IRB Manager. Sign up for an IRB Manager training in August. Additional dates will be published for the month of September.
- 8/23: CUNY GC [New Student Orientation 2021](#)
- 8/24: PhD in Social Welfare New Student Orientation Refresher
- 8/25: Fall semester starts
- 9/1: Zoom Townhall: Meet the new Executive Officer of the PhD in Social Welfare Program
- 9/14: Deadline for level changes (For Level 1 and 2 students)
- 9/15: Deadline to deposit for the September 30th degree (Level 3 students)
- 9/21: PhD in Social Welfare [Open House](#) for Interested Applicants (6:00 - 7:30pm)
  - Please share with those who may be interested in applying to the program!
  - Future Open House dates: 10/19 (6 - 7:30pm); 11/18 (4 - 5:30pm); 12/9 (4 - 5:30pm)
- 10/1: Distribution of Vol. 1, Issue 2 of "In the Loop"