

Division of Interdisciplinary Studies

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Dear CWE Community,

First of all, Happy New Year, and I hope that you and your family are doing fine.

Here we are again, another year and another semester. Even though the pandemic continues to create devastation in our country and around the world, we are hopeful because our democracy is strong and a new administration took over imposing a sense of normalcy and transparency, and hope in the air. As I said before, the last 12 months have been an extraordinary time that we've had to confront on many levels. It's been difficult for so many of us and calamitous for those of you who have lost a friend and/or a loved one. And we all know someone who has lost a job. All of this has stretched us to our limits, but we have been able to bring out the best in us to deal with these situations.

I have said this to you on numerous occasions during the last twelve months, but it merits repeating: seeing what you, the faculty, staff and students, working together, have been able to accomplish during this devastating year is simply amazing.

Here are some facts that show how well we have done during this tough time:

We have been able to keep a healthy enrollment; we've maintained programs and even created new ones: accelerated programs, a new in house Podcast with amazing conversations and interviews, the Human Rights Forum, and the 2nd International Conference on Human Rights, Lectures, International Academic Conferences, the International Film Festival which is still growing, the International Poetry Festival, and the list goes on.

We are already working on planning academic activities for this year. I would like to emphasize an extraordinary seminar we'll have on "Global Narratives of Crime, War and Justice", by Luis Moreno Ocampo, Founder Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, planned for May 2021. Moreno Ocampo, in conjunction with us, is providing thirty scholarships for CCNY students. Moreover, we are adding a new event in our Division, Black Lives Matter, demonstrating our commitment to this extremely important subject matter; more information on it to come.

During this difficult time, you have been doing exceptional work, and I strongly believe that the future will be better. Each of you as individuals can make a difference, but collectively we can do much more. Empathy is key. Let's remember to be kind, flexible, and to take a moment to consider what our colleagues, students and neighbor might be going through.

Thank you again for all that you continue to do.

Juan Carlos Mercado, PhD

Dean | Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Center for Worker Education



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City College's Early Childhood Education Program, a partnership between the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies and the School of Education, ranks #4 of the most affordable Early Childhood programs in the US.

City College Downtown - Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at CWE, in partnership with CCNY's School of Education, offers a nationally accredited Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, leading to NYS teaching certification (Birth-Grade 2). Through coursework, fieldwork, certification exams, and student teaching, students learn to be effective teachers with an understanding of child development and behavior, the needs of diverse learners, ethical and responsible decision making, and child welfare. Program participants are well prepared to go on to complete a Master's degree.



ACCELERATED MA PROGRAM

The Division of Interdisciplinary Studies has an Accelerated Master's Program! The Accelerated Master's Program will enable talented and motivated undergraduate students in the BA degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences to enroll in courses in the MA in the Study of the Americas, to connect your concentration area to a broader study of the Americas, and to complete this MA degree soon after receiving a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences.

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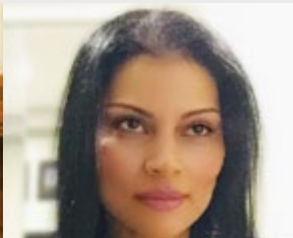




Sandra Serrano



Michelle Caines



Sheila Castillo

2020 CWE RECIPIENTS

Sandra Serrano, Michelle Caine and Sheila Castillo are the latest undergraduate from The City College of New York Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at CWE awarded a \$10,000 Women's Forum Education Fund fellowship.

ELIGIBILITY

The awards of \$10,000 each will be given to women over the age of 35 who have faced and overcome adversity and now, after an interruption in their education, have resumed the pursuit of their first Associate or Bachelor's degree. Eligibility details and application should be accessed [HERE](#).

2021 APPLICATION

Deadline for Submission of all Materials is **March 1, 2021**. Apply [HERE](#)

NEW PUBLICATIONS



The New York City Subway Poems / Poemas del metro de Nueva York

"The New York City Subway Poems (Poemas del metro de Nueva York) is a collection of poetry en face

(English version on one page facing the Spanish translation on the other) from Carlos Aguasaco, a central figure of the New Hispanic Poetry in the U.S. and an Associate Professor of Latin American Cultural Studies at the City College of New York." - [Times- Gazette \(Ashland University\)](#)

Carlos Aguasaco is Associate Professor of Latin American Cultural Studies and Deputy Chair in the Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences of City College of the City University of New York (CUNY). [Read more](#)



CCNY DOWNTOWN PODCAST

The Rights Talk at CCNY Downtown podcast, launched last June with an interview featuring CCNY President Vince Boudreau, has a dozen episodes with hundreds of views. Season 2 will begin on February 1 with Savita Pawnday, Deputy Executive Director of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, on the themes of genocide and crimes against humanity, mass atrocity prevention and intervention, and multilateralism.

[LISTEN TO ALL EPISODES](#)



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VIRTUAL EVENTS



Film Screening of "The Silence of Others"

On October 5th, 2020 the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies and The Frances S. Patai Program streamed "The Silence of the Others" followed by the commentary of Stephanie R. Golob and Fernando Travesí.



The Americas Poetry Festival of New York (TAPFNY) annual conference took place virtually on October 14, 15 & 16, 2020.



HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM
AT THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

The Human Rights Impacts of Covid 19.



On October 15th, 2020 the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies in conjunction with CCNY Office of the President, the Colin Powell School, and the Division of Humanities and Arts held a virtual Conversation with Lou Charbonneau, Rajan Menon, and Linda Villarosa on the Human Rights Impacts of Covid 19.

[Read more here](#)



DEMOCRACY & ELECTIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES

November 17th, 2020. The Division of Interdisciplinary Studies in conjunction with CCNY Office of the President, the Colin Powell School, and The Frances Patai Program held a virtual Conference with CNN Commentator Keith Boykin and NPR's Maria Hinojosa with opening remarks by CCNY President Vincent Boudreau and moderated by Dean Andy Rich.



UPCOMING

EVENTS



APR 28-30

6th International Conference on the Historical Links between Spain and the Americas

The City College of New York – Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Instituto Cervantes of New York, and the Instituto Franklin of the Universidad de Alcalá join for the sixth time in organizing this conference with an emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches to the historical links between Spain and the Americas. Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, in this edition, the conference will use videoconference technologies. Six keynote speakers will present their approaches from April 28th to 30th, 2021. [Click Here to Learn More](#)

MAY 3-7

Global Narratives of Crime, War and Justice Seminar

CCNY-CUNY Virtual Seminar. May 3rd to 7th, 2021, from 12PM to 2PM (EST). *How can we use social media, film, and TikTok to mobilize against injustice? How can we generate collective action to end impunity and transform legal frameworks that enable it?*

Registration deadline: March 15th, 2021

30 Scholarships Available City College of New York / CUNY Students

Cost of attendance: \$300 USD

[Click Here to Apply for Admission](#)





MAY 31

Call For Papers - Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference

This Spring, the Patai program will host an event on the theme of forced migration while the Human Rights Forum is planning a panel centered on the threat to democracy posed by neo-fascist movements at home and abroad.

The Human Rights Forum is also excited to announce the Second Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference on October 6-8, 2021. We encourage faculty and graduate students to apply: [Click Here](#)

JUNE

8th TAFFNY | The Americas Film Festival of New York

Following the success of its first virtual edition (2020), our Division of Interdisciplinary Studies joins forces once again with the Smithsonian National Museum of The American Indian (SNMAI) and Instituto Cervantes New York, to celebrate the 8th edition of The Americas Film Festival New York. Once again, the plan is a virtual edition to offer thousands of spectators

the opportunity to watch this program curated by Diana Vargas. Next June, TAFFNY 2021 will showcase feature films from well-known directors and a selection of shorts from independent filmmakers and top film schools on the continent to compete in its Americas Film Festival Short Films Competition. [Click Here to Learn More](#)

Stay tuned for more events to come!

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