

## Dean's Remarks • February 10, 2023

Dear SPS Community,

I hope your semester is off to a great start and that you are happily immersed in the diverse range of educational, professional, and social activities offered by the NYU School of Professional Studies.

As you know, February is designated as Black History Month, commemorating the history and legacy of African-American culture in the United States. In keeping with that tradition, for 18 years, the NYU community has observed a week of special events named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, to mark the accomplishments of people of color. This year, **MLK Week at NYU** takes place February 13-18 with the theme of "Our Collective Liberation."

Given the incidents of racial and gender injustice that we witness almost daily in the news it behooves us to pay attention to and understand what Dr. King and other activists stood for. I encourage our SPS community to attend some of these MLK Week events to learn about what each of us can do to create a more equal and inclusive society. As a community, let us also lend support to the people of Turkey and Syria who have suffered devastating losses in the recent earthquake.

In this week's Dean's Remarks, we share exciting news of the activities involving our faculty and staff. NYU SPS Human Capital Management's **Anna Tavis** recently spoke about how 2023 will be the year of AI at The POWER of Professional Women Future of Work Summit. **Wanda Bryce** of DAUS was awarded the Social Impact Grant from the NYU Changemaker Center for a DEI project focusing on the practices of the film industry. Congratulations, Wanda!

Please read on for more highlights about our community.

Warmly,

Angie

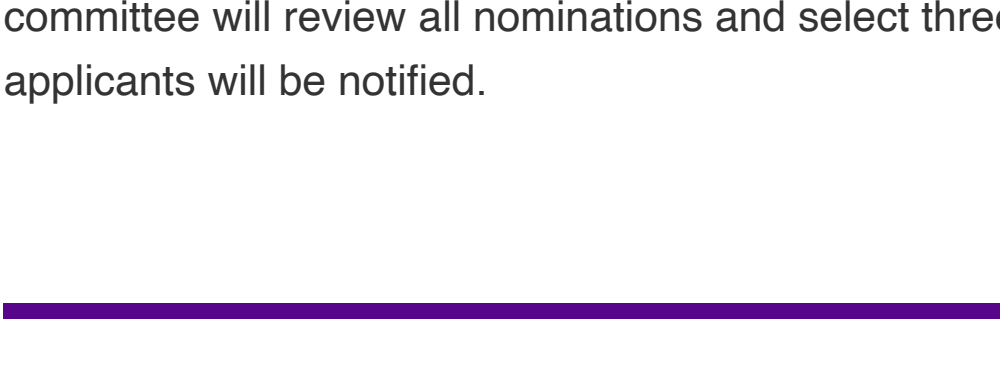
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## NYU SPS HIGHLIGHTS

### In Case You Missed it...

NYU SPS united! Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport professor **David Hollander** was a recent guest on NYU SPS Integrated Marketing & Communications adjunct assistant professor **Joanne Tombrakos's** "Marketing, Mindfulness & Martinis" podcast to talk about his new book, "How Basketball Can Save the World." [Listen here.](#)



NYU SPS Human Capital Management director **Anna Tavis** spoke at The POWER of Professional Women Future of Work Summit on Wednesday, February 8. She spoke about hybrid work, workplace design, and

how 2023 will be the year of AI - and its possible impacts on the workplace and leadership.

Dean **Angie Kamath** was the keynote speaker for the H.R. College Of Commerce & Economics conference "India@100: Vision 40 Trillion Dollar Economy." She discussed in her keynote three areas that she believes are important as India moves more fully into the service and knowledge economy and it deals with demographic shifts to a younger, more urban and middle class population: education policy, workforce development strategies, and diversifying industry sectors.

NYU SPS Tisch Sport clinical assistant professor **Brandon Brown** joined the podcast Front Office Sports Today to talk with Owen Poindexter about the upcoming Pro Bowl and the new changes the National Football League (NFL) is implementing. [You can listen to the episode. "A Brand New Pro Bowl" here.](#)

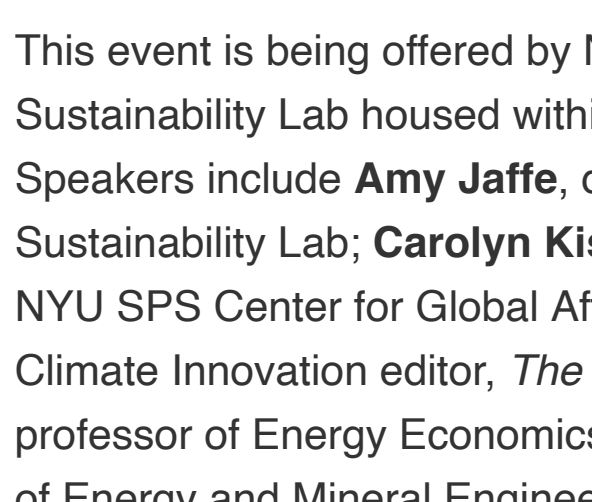
## NEW INITIATIVES

The SPS Inclusion, Diversity, Belonging, Equity, and Accessibility (IDBEA) Standing Committee is seeking voluntary self-nominations for those who have a clear interest in promoting IDBEA principles and practices at SPS.

The SPS IDBEA Standing Committee was launched in 2020 and since that time, members have supported the Dean's commitment to integrating IDBEA principles and work into all aspects of the school. Specific areas of focus for this critical work have included: the articulation of a final SPS IDBEA value statement with community feedback; offering SPS students IDBEA dialogue workshops; collaborating with the Faculty Council on the inclusion of a diversity and inclusion syllabus statement; and recommending best practices for inclusive hiring at SPS, among other initiatives.

Please use this [Google Form](#) to submit your nomination by **March 10th**. The committee will review all nominations and select three new members. All applicants will be notified.

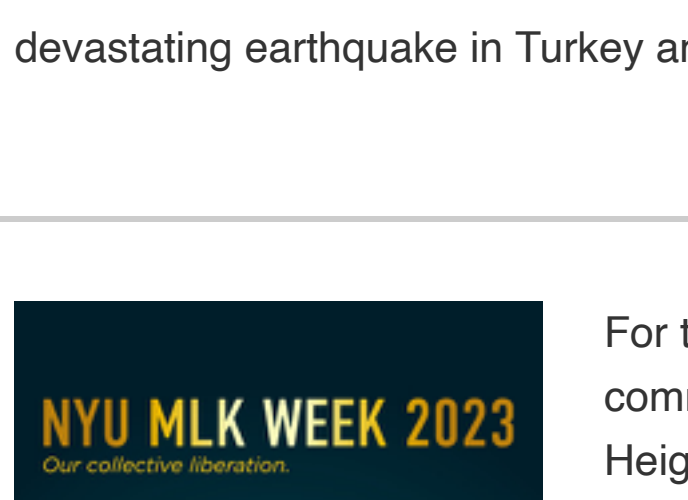
## STAFF/FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



I'm **Wanda Bryce**, and my current title at SPS is Administrative Aide to the Dean of DAUS. My title is misleading since though my primary role is to support the DAUS Dean; I have positioned myself to support the entire division. So, I do a multitude of tasks, from securing room reservations to managing calendars, responding to student inquiries, and planning events. My role is exhaustive, which is a blessing because I am developing in myriad ways through serving in varying capacities.

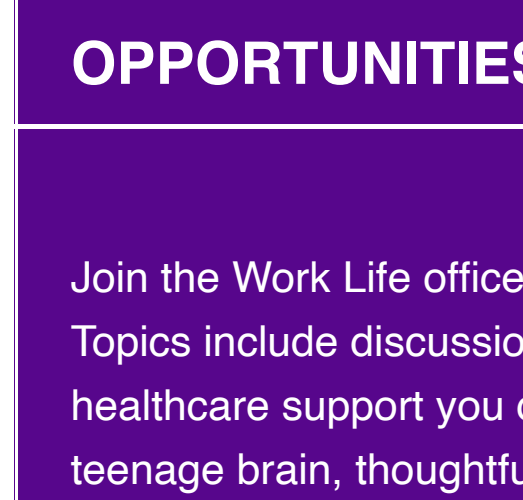
In the Fall of 2022, I was awarded the Social Impact Grant from the NYU Changemaker Center for a project I developed that focuses on critiquing the film industry's practices from an inclusivity, diversity, belonging, accessibility, and equity perspective. The project aims to identify areas of misrepresentation of racial minorities and how best to change the proliferation of 'single stories' produced by the 'white gaze.'

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



**Demystifying Inclusion, Diversity, Belonging, Equity, and Accessibility at NYU SPS**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm**  
**7:00 pm (Panel from 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm - Followed by Networking from 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm)**  
**7 East 12th Street, Room 321 (3rd Floor Conference Room)**

Session Parameters: During this session, the leadership of the NYU SPS IDBEA Committee (**Dr. Daniel Kelly II**) and NYU SPS I-Lab (**Dr. Sylvia Maier**) will lead a discussion with faculty panelist professor **Gina Antonello** and professor **Nicole Smart** on the best practices for creating healthy IDBEA classroom experiences for students at NYU SPS. During this discussion, we will explain the resources and initiatives for both the IDBEA Committee and I-Lab under the premise of providing students with successful tips for navigating career exploration and maximizing their experiences in the changing world. To register, [click here.](#)



**Colorgrading Hollywood: The Filmmaking Industry from an IDBEA Lens.**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 3:00 pm (free food and mixer at 3 pm and the discussion starts at 3:30 pm)**  
**The Changemaker Center - 12 Washington Place**

The event will define and explore the concepts of "the white gaze," "the single-story," and "colorblind racism" and how they impact storytelling, particularly the proliferation of negative stereotypes and the misrepresentation of racial minorities in the film and television industry. The conversation seeks to inspire more film and television shows that contribute to a more inclusive, diverse, accessible, and equitable society where racial minorities and all their stories (not just the negative ones) belong. To register for the event, [click here.](#)

**The Crisis in Ukraine: Geopolitics of Energy in Year One and Beyond Thursday, February 23, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**NYU Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South, 9th Floor (Virtual Option Available)**

February will mark the one-year point since Russia invaded Ukraine, with reverberations across geopolitics, business, and trade. The circumstances surrounding the war, including broad Western sanctions against Russia as well as Moscow's unsheathing of the weaponization of its energy exports, have convinced many governments to shift their focus squarely back to energy security. As a result, new energy policies have been forthcoming in multiple geographies, including those distant from the conflict.

Panelists will discuss potential structural changes to global energy markets and explore what the conflict bodes for the future geopolitics of climate and electricity grids, renewable energy investment trends, and the oil price cycle.

This event is being offered by NYU's Energy, Climate Justice, and Sustainability Lab housed within the NYU SPS Center for Global Affairs. Speakers include **Amy Jaffe**, director, NYU SPS Energy, Climate Justice, and Sustainability Lab; **Carolyn Kissane**, associate dean and clinical professor, NYU SPS Center for Global Affairs; **Vijay Vaitheeswaren**, Global Energy & Climate Innovation editor, *The Economist*; and **Chiara Lo Prete**, associate professor of Energy Economics, the John and Willie Leone Family Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering, Penn State University

To register for this event, [click here.](#)

**Decolonization in Action: Walking the Walk with PREP's Partners February 28, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, with a celebratory reception from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm to follow**  
**7 East 12th Street, Room 321 (3rd Floor Conference Room)**

Please join the Peace Research and Education Program (PREP) in celebrating its fifth anniversary with a discussion led by deputy director **Katerina Siira** with PREP partners from Colombia and Libya. They will share insights that have emerged from PREP's largest and longest-running project to date: *Municipal Leaders Building Peace: Understanding Locally-Led Impact in Conflict-Affected Countries*. As PREP enters the third year of this iterative—and sometimes messy—participatory research in Colombia and Libya, participants will reflect on what they have learned about impact, success, and how to operationalize shifts in power in peacebuilding, human rights and development work. To register for both the in-person and virtual options, [click here.](#)

## NYU NEWS

**President Hamilton** has made a statement about this week's devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. You can read his statement [here.](#)



For the 18th consecutive year, NYU will commemorate Dr. King's visit to the University Heights Campus in 1961 and honor his legacy by hosting a week-long (Feb 13-18) [schedule of special events.](#)

The highlight of the week will be the [University-Wide Event](#) on Thursday, February 16, which will feature a conversation with playwright and composer-lyricist **Michael R. Jackson** (Tisch '03, '05) and other special guests, as well as the presentation of this year's Humanitarian Award to Professor **Michael D. Dinwiddie** (Gallatin '80, Tisch '83)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

Join the Work Life office at one or more of their events this semester! Topics include discussions on the menopause transition and getting the healthcare support you deserve, the not-so-terrible twos, vaping and the teenage brain, thoughtful conversations about aging and retirement, and more. View the [Work Life Events Calendar](#) to see all upcoming events.

Are you following NYU SPS on social media? Find us at [@NYUSPS on Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

### NYU SPS Replay Podcast:

Presenting to the world the stories of the community here at the NYU School of Professional Studies. Join us every week for new inspirations and exciting journeys through stories from our faculty, administration, alumni, and students. [#WeAreSPS](#)

The NYU SPS Replay Podcast is produced by the students of the NYU SPS Undergraduate and Graduate Student Council, with the support of the NYU SPS Office of Student Life. You can listen on [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#).



Have you read our NYU Metaverse blog? Check out the newest entry [here.](#)

### KPIs

In an effort to increase transparency, we will be including our monthly **KPIs** in our Dean's Remarks moving forward. A big thank you to Alexandra Cazangiu and her team for creating this dashboard.

If you would like to submit an event to be featured in the SPS Dean's Office Weekly Newsletter please fill out this [form.](#)

Stay up-to-date and connected with all of the important work and programming the NYU Office of Global Inclusion, Diversity, and Strategic Innovation is doing by [signing up for their newsletter.](#)

### Vision 2025

**VISION 2025** is our roadmap for how we will educate the workforce of today and tomorrow. Undergirded by a commitment to innovation, inclusion, diversity, belonging, equity, and access, **VISION 2025** outlines our dynamic approach to shaping the future of applied professional education and lifelong learning.

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