NYU SPS Graduate Programs in Applied Psychology, Organizational Studies

Dean's Remarks - May 12, 2023

Dear SPS Community,

April came to a close without any let up in the number of exciting activities and events at NYU SPS.

On April 27-28, 2023, we hosted the inaugural Metaverse and Cities Summit in conjunction with the Sharing Cities Alliance and Cornell Tech, with more than 100 attendees in person and hundreds more joining virtually from all over the world to participate in the metaverse.

There, they met by **Elizabeth Haas** for leading the efforts to bring together leading industry innovators and thinkers, and city representatives, including Matt Wiseman, who delivered a keynote and head of the Metaverse Strategy for New York City. The event featured high-level discussions on the economic and social opportunity in Web3 and metaverse technologies, and how cities can work with real-world examples of the use of the technology by municipalities.

Then, this week we held our Capstone Day Celebration, where we saw our students from every division here at NYU SPS. This year's Capstone featured a competition to determine the projects that most exemplify NYU SPS's innovative spirit. A preliminary list with three finalists from each division will yield eight winning projects, one from each academic unit and three at-large.

Now, it is onto graduation season, and the NYU convocation and commencement ceremonies are just getting started.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending this season's first events - NYU Polytech Education Program Convocation at the Wagner Conservatory Facility. This inspiring ceremony is focused on research to reform and bring light to issues that impact and their families lives, and some have attended NYU SPS upon leaving the system.

Next week, our Class of 2023 will be taking the stage for their own commencement. On Monday, May 15 our NYU SPS **Undergraduate Convocation** at the Beacon Theatre will be taking place, while our **NYU SPS Graduate Commencement** will be on the 17th at the Beacon Theatre. Graduation fast in addition, this year it graduates are invited to participate in the **Ad2 University Commencement for the Class of 2023** at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, May 17.

Warmly,

Angie

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NYU SPS Highlights

In Case You Missed It...

Congratulations to **Demetrio Dattilo**, clinical professor Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies, who is a recipient of the NYU Distinguished Teaching Award for the 2022-2023 academic year. Established in 1967, the University's commitment to teaching excellence and is given annually to outstanding teaching members of the faculty. Recipients are presented with a research stipend.

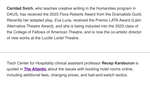
Matthew Kaufman, clinical assistant professor in the Schack Institute of Real Estate, is quoted in an article by **Commercial Observer** about New Jersey state government interests and the impact their hybrid work schedules have on Trenton's businesses.

A team of SPS veteran coaches and students attended the Wayfinder Foundation's Reimagining Racial Justice conference in Chicago where they participated a Solving Racial Problems with Design Thinking workshop, which created especially for youth leaders working for social justice. Attendees were free to use the design thinking process to identify problems and needs in their communities and collaborate on prototyping new possible solutions. Wayfinder is a non-profit that uses the power of storytelling to build a community sharing creative education and funding for all who participated in this very special event.

Dean **Kenneth Lambert** of the **Professional Studies Division** and **Tiffany Jones** of the **Office of Student Affairs** are pleased to announce that the following staffed team is evaluator- and intervene—the economic outcomes of their students, particularly Black, Latine, and Indigenous students who have been underserved by the higher education system. It's time to address a new question: How can we better serve students?

Tech Center for Hospitality clinical assistant professor **Rocco Kanahuron** is quoted in **The Atlantic** about the issues with booking hotel rooms online, including additional fees, charging prices, and bait-and-switch tactics.

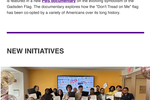
Annelise Finegan, academic director of Transitions & Integrating, also serves as co-chair of the NYU Faculty Senate Transition Committee. SPS Academy has published a new report, the **Transition Manifesto**, a collectively authored document that will greatly impactful in the specialization of literary translation and translation more broadly.



Center for Publishing and Digital Literat Arts clinical assistant professor **Rauf M. Sakarya** and Division of Programs in Business adjunct instructor & head of the United Nations English Language Programme **Don Bulock** were invited to participate in a Fulbright Scholars Roundtable discussion on "Presentations across Cultures: Global Communication Considerations for the 21st Century"—to more than 250+ UN staff/colleagues. Alongside key intercultural communications strategies, the session reminded how to develop an "presential presentation style" in the globalized era, and how to implement the presential presentation techniques of today's most successful global leaders.

Mary Beth Altier, a clinical associate professor in the Center for Global Affairs, participated in a new **PBS documentary** on the evolving scrutinization of the Gadsden Flag. The documentary explores how the "Don't Tread on Me" flag has been co-opted by a variety of Americans over its long history.

NEW INITIATIVES



The last cohort of NYU SPS Aspire Program students celebrated their program graduation on Saturday, May 6th. This marks the end of their 2-year participation and also celebrates their high school graduation from New York City Public Schools next month. This marks started the program as rising juniors in Spring 2021 and, in the 2-year program, participated in over 100 hours of work, as well as currently serve as an active peer mentor to the current University's Critical Editions of American Music on Place, Religion, and Culture, Advocacy, Activism, Comedy, and presents on academic integrity, authentic teaching and learning, assessment security, and faculty performance evaluation in tenure and promotion. His scholarly work has been recognized with the National Education Association's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Dr. Douglas Harrison is a native of the Bronx and Queens, NY and, Doug lives in Ice and listen to authentic blues, rock, and, was spy fiction (Nick Nemo's Slough House novels are a current fixation). He and his husband, Matt, live in New York with Jenna the dog - 7 pounds of domestic terrorist.

STAFF/FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Douglas Harrison is the new associate dean of the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies, effective June 1, 2023. Doug is a native of the Czech Republic of Missouri and completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and master's and doctoral degrees at Washington- Washington University. Doug's early work was a scholar focused on the legacies of puritan thought and theology in American life, and he has published and presented widely on the culture of gospel music, including a book on gospel music and the civil rights movement. Doug's current research focuses on the spiritual life and ecumenical dimensions of the American Revolution. Doug is an Associate Professor of Religion and Director of the University's Critical Editions of American Music on Place, Religion, and Culture, Advocacy, Activism, Comedy, and presents on academic integrity, authentic teaching and learning, assessment security, and faculty performance evaluation in tenure and promotion. His scholarly work has been recognized with the National Education Association's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Dr. Douglas Harrison is a native of the Bronx and Queens, NY and, Doug lives in Ice and listen to authentic blues, rock, and, was spy fiction (Nick Nemo's Slough House novels are a current fixation). He and his husband, Matt, live in New York with Jenna the dog - 7 pounds of domestic terrorist.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

45th Annual NYU International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference

Sunday, June 1, Tuesday, June 3
New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway

We sincerely hope you will join us in person at the **45th Annual NYU International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference**, hosted by the Jonathan M. Tisch Center of Hospitality, the Conference features general sessions, and networking events that provide data, analysis, perspectives, insights, and opportunities. Meet, mingle, and network with the professionals who drive this stimulating, evolving, and fascinating industry.

NYU Coaching and Technology Summit

Friday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lemmy, 117 West 46th Street

We are excited to announce the second annual **NYU Coaching & Technology Summit** to take place in-person in the heart of Manhattan on June 16th, 2023! This transformative conference will bring together NYU faculty, students, and staff to explore and discuss developments and trends in engage with technologies, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders at the forefront of providing coaching analytics human transformation.

NYU NEWS

New York University is a member of a new consortium of academic institutions, businesses, environmental and social groups, government agencies and community organizations known as **The New York Climate Exchange**. and Wagner Gray Environmental Research has the ground lead by Gary Bloch, Director, newly elected to create a STRAM campus on Governors Island to develop innovative and equitable research-based solutions to combat the global climate crisis.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

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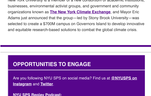

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