

# SPRING 2022 FACULTY & STAFF VIRTUAL MEETING

Commemorating our Community:  
Beginnings and Milestones

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9  
1:30 PM

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## **PROGRAM**

### **WELCOMING REMARKS**

Karol V. Mason  
*President*

### **REMARKS**

Yi Li  
*Provost*

Mark Flower  
*Interim Vice President & COO*

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Karol V. Mason  
*President*

## NEW FACULTY

### MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Meryem Abouali**, a Lecturer, at Mathematics and Computer Science Department, holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from City University of New York and Master of Arts at Mathematics and Education from Hunter College and is currently in a Ph.D. program in Electrical Engineering with concentration on Cyber Security. She comes to John Jay after having served as an adjunct lecturer for twelve years at LaGuardia Community College for the MEC Department.

### SCIENCES

**Ana Pego**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sciences, obtained her undergraduate degree in Forensic Investigation from Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) after which she has decided to specialize and obtain a masters in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Glasgow (UoG). Following a short period of working for 2 scientific companies, she started her Ph.D. studies at the University of Sao Paulo (USP) where she worked with the analysis of cocaine and its metabolites in both hair and blood. After 4 years, Ana went on to do her post-doc at Avans University of Applied Sciences developing both targeted and untargeted approaches in order to investigate individual profiles based on hair strands found on crime scenes. Ana is currently an Assistant Professor in Toxicology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice where she is looking to develop new forensic toxicology methods for the determination of drugs of abuse in different biological matrices.

### SEEK

**Robert P. Robinson**, Assistant Professor & Academic Counselor for the SEEK Department, holds an MA in Curriculum & Instruction from San Diego State University and a Ph.D. in Urban Education from The Graduate Center, CUNY. After serving as a K-12 teacher for 12 years, he was also a coordinator and mentor through the CUNY Pipeline Program. He recently returned to CUNY after a visiting professorship at Grinnell College.

## NEW STAFF

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Gustavo Aguilar**, Senior Academic Advisor, Academic Advisement Center, holds a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from Bentley University. He comes to John Jay after serving as Success Team Manager at Goddard Riverside Community Center after spending a few years managing the Success Team at the Options Center and working alongside other community-based organizations to support college students throughout NYC.

**Gin Allcock**, Administrative Coordinator, Office of Undergraduate Studies, holds a Bachelors of Arts in English and Interactive Multimedia from The College of New Jersey. He comes to John Jay after having served for three years at Pace University as an Operations Specialist working in the Graduate Admission Office.

**Ingrid R. Camacho**, Field Education Specialist in the Department of Counseling and Human Services, holds two Masters of Arts Degrees in Forensic Mental Health Counseling and Forensic Psychology, respectively. In addition to supporting students in finding internships for the Human Services and Community Justice Major at John Jay, Mrs. Camacho also serves as an Adjunct Lecturer at John Jay College and offers mental health services at a private therapy practice in NYC.

**Mark Carpenay**, IT Academic Applications Manager, Department of Online Education and Support, holds a Master's of Science in Computer Science from Lehman College of the City University of New York. He comes to John Jay after having served as IT Academic Applications Coordinator at Queensborough Community College for several years.

**Rosemarie (Rosey) Chan**, STEM Retention Specialist-PRISM, Office for the Advancement of Research, holds a Master's of Arts in Counseling from the Alliance Graduate School of Counseling (AGSC is under Nyack College) and a Bachelor of Science in Biology & Psychology from SUNY Stony Brook. She comes to John Jay after serving as a Career Strategist at Guttman Community College and as a graduate adjunct instructor for Research Methods & Design at AGSC.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Darren Cummings**, Supplemental Instruction Coordinator and Tutoring Specialist in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, is a dedicated advocate for students—firmly believing all students can reach success with the proper support and access to resources. Previously, Darren served as Program Director at Alfred E. Smith High School YABC, working closely with the Department of Education and various non-profit organizations, after earning an M.S. Ed from the Marx School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College. He is excited to continue supporting students in reaching their academic and professional goals.

**Thomas Hale**, Broadcast Associate in the Department of Online Education and Support, holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree from Ryerson University (Toronto). He comes to John Jay after having worked in film and TV for many years. He has numerous broadcast credits as a writer, director, cinematographer and editor. His work has taken him all over North America, Europe and Asia.

**Anna Huger**, Academic Momentum Specialist, Student Academic Success Programs, holds a Bachelors of Arts in English from Wheaton College and recently completed her Masters of Art in Higher and Postsecondary Education at Columbia University Teachers College. She joins John Jay after spending the past five years as a college counselor at the nonprofit, Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ). At HCZ, she worked one on one with first and second year CUNY students transitioning from two-year to four-year college programs.

**Kseniya Kosmina**, Transfer Momentum Specialist in Student Academic Success Programs, holds Master's in Higher Education Administration from Baruch College. She joined John Jay in January 2022, after developing high-impact student programming and advising undergraduate Honors Program students at Baruch College. Kseniya is excited to teach at John Jay as an adjunct in fall 2022.

**Jodi Liss**, Instructional Designer in the Department of Online Education and Support, holds a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University. Before coming to John Jay, she worked as an Instructional Designer for Curriculum Concepts International, Fordham University, and The Center for Resource Stakeholders.

**Vicky Qiu**, Senior Academic Advisor, Academic Advisement Center, holds a Masters of in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She is currently pursuing an Advanced Certificate in Victimology. She worked in as a part time advisor for Veteran and International students for five years. She has served in the Army since 2010.

**Michael Rempel**, Director of the Data Collaborative for Justice in the Office of Grant & Research Administration, previously served as Director of Jail Reform at the Center for Court Innovation and, before that, spent 16 years as its Research Director. Recent publications concern bail reform; racial disparities in misdemeanor prosecution; felony case delay; jail trends during the pandemic; and strategies for reducing NYC's jail population. He previously served as staff to the Lippman Commission and coauthor of its 2017 report calling for the closure of the Rikers Island jails.

**Shaune Robinson**, Senior Academic Advisor for Academic Recovery, Academic Advisement Center (AAC), is a John Jay alumnus with a B.A degree in Law & Society and recently completed a M.A. degree in Urban Studies from the CUNY School of Labor & Urban Studies. He is excited to help and serve John Jay students reach the finish line to their degree and support sustaining their academic momentum.

**Bryce E. Tolbert**, Director of Academic Support and Learning Technologies, Office of Undergraduate Studies, holds a Master of Arts in Humanities and Social Thought from New York University and is currently in an EdD program in Administration and Instructional Leadership at St. John's University. He comes to John Jay after having served as Academic Support Specialist in the College Discovery Program at the Borough of Manhattan Community College after spending many years in both academic and student affairs at BMCC.

**Tannan Wilson**, Administrative Coordinator, Office for the Advancement of Research, holds a Bachelors of Business Administration in Management from The State University of New York Canton. She comes to John Jay College after having served as a Dean's Assistant at City College bringing fifteen years of experience as an Administrative Assistant supporting the administrative needs of high-level executives, students, faculty, and colleagues. She has nine years of service with the State of New York Civil Service at the State University of New York Maritime College. Prior to City College Tannan worked at Rutgers University's Graduate School of Education as the department chairperson's assistant and managing the operational, administrative, and financial functions of the Learning and Teaching Department.

## ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT & STUDENT AFFAIRS

**Kayla Maryles Bassknight**, Associate Director of the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, earned a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from SUNY Buffalo State College, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education degree from CUNY Hunter College. With over 10 years of experience working in higher education, Kayla has spent many of those years as part of the CUNY family—from Queens, Baruch, BMCC, and now, John Jay! As part of the John Jay community, Kayla hopes to provide a brave space where students, faculty, and staff feel seen, heard, and valued.

**Emily N. December**, CUNY Office Assistant (Administrative Coordinator), Office of Accessibility Services, obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and Africana Studies from CUNY Queens College in 2019. She comes to John Jay after serving three years as a CUNY College Assistant in the Graphic Arts department in the CUNY Graduate Center. She looks forward to her career in higher education as well as learning more skills to be an efficient and helpful team member.

**Maria Zaloni**, CUNY Office Assistant, Office of the Registrar, holds a Bachelor's & Master's Degree in Economics from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. Before joining John Jay, she was the Special Events Coordinator in a nonprofit organization with a community center in Queens, NY, and a bilingual Legal Documents Reviewer for a major law firm. She has years of experience with effective office administration, methodic records-keeping, CRM software, budgets and actual expenses per project reports, memberships & fundraisings management. Maria still volunteers for three not-for-profit organizations offering animated presentations and special graphics for promoting events.

## FINANCE & AMINISTRATION

**Silvia Belmonte**, Finance Accounting Coordinator at the Office of Finance and Business Services, holds a Master's of Science in Accounting from Queens College, CUNY. Prior to coming to John Jay, Silvia served the communities of two school districts in Brooklyn, NY, as Administrative Assistant at the Department of Education.

**Mircea Alex Comanescu**, Environmental Health and Safety Director, Department of Public Safety, holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice with a focus on Forensic Science from the CUNY Graduate Center. He comes to John Jay after having been a Criminalist in the NYPD Police Laboratory for three years, as well as an adjunct assistant professor in the John Jay College Department of Sciences for approximately nine years.

**Naomi Donaldson**, Travel & Expense Coordinator in the Office of Business Services, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Lehman College. She comes to John Jay after having served as Third Party Payment Coordinator at Hunter College for 15 years.

## LEGAL COUNSEL

**Jordana Shenkman**, Deputy Director of Compliance and Diversity, Office of Compliance and Diversity, holds a Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Law from Binghamton University (SUNY). She comes to John Jay after having served as Senior Employee Relations Attorney and Administrative Trials Unit Counsel at the New York City Department of Education. Prior to that, she served as an Assistant District Attorney at the Bronx District Attorney's Office.

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**Kira Poplowski**, Chief Communications Officer, has a Ph.D. in international political economics from the University of California. Previous to John Jay, Kira held leadership positions at Columbia University, Harvard University and the University of Southern California, among others, and served as a consultant for Harvard Law School. She also completed intensive training at the Harvard Business School and the Harvard School of Education, and led teams to win more than 30 awards for web design and development, graphic design, newsletters and alumni magazines, among other categories.

## YEARS OF SERVICE

### 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Samuel Graff,**  
Mathematics & Computer Science

**Peter Shenkin,**  
Mathematics & Computer Science

**Joseph Suarez,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

### 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Mary Colon,** Graduate Studies

**Isabelle L. Curro,** Public Safety

**Sandra E. Lanzone,**  
Communication & Theater Arts

**Premwati Sukhan,** Career Advisement

**Fay D. Williams,** SEEK

**Paul A. Wyatt,** Human Resources

### 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Jaime Aguilar,** Information Technology (DOIT)

**Christina Czechowicz,** Provost's Office

**David Eng,** Instructional Technical  
Support Services (ITSS)

**Keith Markus,** Psychology

**Maribel Perez,** Provost's Office

**Judy Lynne Peters,** Public Management

**Juana Polanco,** SEEK

**Anastasia Raptis,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Debra Spivey,** Library

**Antoinette Trembinska,**  
Mathematics & Computer Science

### 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Janice Bockmeyer,** Political Science

**Helen Cedeno,** Business Services

**Nitza Escalera,**  
Latin American & Latina/O Studies

**Frank Gimpaya,** Art & Music

**Yvonne W. Purdie,** Public Management

**Suzette Sancho,** Instructional Technical  
Support Services (ITSS)

**Marina Shturmina,** Institutional Research

**Arthur Storch,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

**George J. Andreopoulos,** Political Science

**Anthony Carpi,**  
Grant & Research Administration

**Janice Carrington,** Graduate Studies

**James N. G. Cauthen,** Political Science

**Enrique Chavez-Arviso,** Philosophy

**Carla Ann Marie Duffy,** Public Management

**Margaret Mary Duffy,** Interdisciplinary Studies

**Bruce Eng,** Sciences

**Mabel M. Gomes,** Public Management

**Maria Haberkamp,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Matthew Johnson,** Psychology

**Maria V. Kiriakova,** Library

**Thurai Kugan,**  
Mathematics & Computer Science

**Eva Nereida Lopez,**  
Latin American & Latina/O Studies

**John Matteson,** English

**Andrei Petrovitch,** Writing Center

**Erica Plass,** Philosophy

**Ronny Prip,** Sciences

**Betty Taylor,** Counseling & Human Services

**Tomas Vallejo,** Mail & Messenger Services

## YEARS OF SERVICE

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Frederick Allen,** Facilities Management

**Patrick Alvarez,**  
Information Technology (DOIT)

**Erika Michele Arnone,** Psychology

**Elton A. Beckett,**  
Communication And Theater Arts

**Narollineg Brazoban,** Financial Aid

**Gloria J. Browne-Marshall,** Law, Police  
Science & Criminal Justice Administration

**Corey Burke,** Sociology

**Sophie Charles,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**David Joseph Csuha,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Joseph T. Darr,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Christian Delgado,**  
Information Technology (DOIT)

**Anthony Diana,** Facilities Management

**Virginia Diaz-Mendoza,** SEEK

**James Digiovanna,** Philosophy

**John G. Donaldson,**  
Communication And Theater Arts

**Michele Galiotta,** Psychology

**Gail Garfield,** Sociology

**Richard M. Haw,** Interdisciplinary Studies

**David J. Humen,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Barbara Josiah,** History

**Helen Kapstein,** English

**Ann Marie J. Kavanagh,** Psychology

**Daniel Kessler,** Sociology

**Benjamin L. Lapidus,** Art & Music

**Dawn Layne,** Registrar

**Sherman Ernest Lee Jr.,**  
Political Science/Africana Studies

**Maat Erica Lyris Lewis,**  
Counseling & Human Services

**Edith Linn,** Sociology

**Daniel Martinez,**  
Mathematics & Computer Science

**Howard M. Matthews,** Art & Music

**Mark Neal McBeth,** English

**William Patrick McElrath,** Law, Police  
Science & Criminal Justice Administration

**Michelle D. Miranda,** Sciences

**Gilbert Morales,** English

**Bettina Muenster,**  
Grant & Research Administration

**Yolanda Ortiz-Rodriguez,** Sociology

**Carolyn Lee Paden,** Library

**Mark A. Panzavecchia,** Law, Police  
Science & Criminal Justice Administration

**Edward R. Paulino,** History

**Steven D. Penrod,** Psychology

**Chitra Raghavan,** Psychology

**Raul Romero,**  
Modern Languages & Literatures

**Fred Rotgers,** Psychology

**Victor R. Rubin,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Danielle S. Sapse,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

**Michael S. Scaduto,** Financial Aid

**Roxanne R. Sejarito,** Writing Center

**Andrew J. Selsberg,** English

**Belki Serrano,**  
Information Technology (DOIT)

**David M. Shapiro,** Public Management

**Andrew Adam Shiva Ph.D.,**  
Forensic Psychology

**Itai Sneh,** History

**Monika L. Son,** SEEK

**Ayeley Sowah,** College Now

**Barbara Wala,** Public Safety

**Michael Walker,** Law, Police Science  
& Criminal Justice Administration

## RETIREES

**Delores Aikens**, Library

**Richard Brunetto**, Facilities Management

**Bernard Cenac**, Facilities Management

**Lyell Davies**, English

**Robert Delucia**,  
Counseling & Human Services

**Ana Gloria Escobar**, Facilities Management

**Victor Fantauzzi**, Facilities Management

**John Farrell**, Facilities Management

**Mark Francis**, Athletics

**Win Maw**, Facilities Management

**Mary McClure**, Philosophy

**Lorraine Moller**,  
Communication & Theater Arts

**Charles Nemeth**,  
Dsecurity, Fire & Emergency

**John Reffner**, Sciences

**Candelaria Rivera**, Facilities Management

**Rama Sudhakar**,  
Marketing & Communications

**Jessica Usera**, Health Services

**Ilia Vazquez**, Facilities Management

## 13.3B CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUOUS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

**Kyeanna Bailey**, Provost's Office

**Douglas Boettner**,  
Enrollment Management

**Ritu Boswell**, Distance Learning

**Gerard Bryant**, Counseling

**Meghan Butler**, Academic Advisement

**Ingrid Cabanilla**, Student Affairs

**Hung De Chan**, Institutional Effectiveness

**Luis Cortes**, Financial Aid

**Brian Cortijo**, Registrar

**Jonathan Escher**, Financial Aid

**Adrienne Fitzgerald**, Honors Program

**Michelle Garcia**, Student Life

**Quanessa Johnson**, Public Safety

**Junia Leoutsakos**, One-Stop Services

**Samuel Lopez**, One-Stop Services

**Joanna Madon**, Academic Advisement

**Terencia Martin**, Human Resources

**Meghan Massimiano**,  
Academic Advisement

**Michael McKinnon**, Admissions

**Inga Mezale**, Admissions

**Erica Pabon**, Bursar

**Caroline Peppers**, Distance Learning

**Caroline Ramos**, Financial Aid

**Tiesha Rembert**, Professional Studies

**Edgardo Sanabria-Valentin**,  
Undergraduate Studies

**Claire Sternberg**, First Year Experience

**Elaine Thompson**, Admissions

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