

Report to the Baruch College General Faculty
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William and Anita Newman Library

New Digital Collections – The Library has added the digital *Loeb Classical Library*, which includes the full text of 520 classic works translated from Latin and Greek. We now have a subscription to Artstor, a collection of more than 1.8 million images in arts, architecture, humanities, and sciences with a suite of tools for teaching and research. The digital holdings of *Forbes* and (*Bloomberg*) *Businessweek* now extend back to the first issues of both publications in 1917 and 1929 respectively.

Open Educational Resources – Recruitment is underway for an Open Collections Librarian, whose primary responsibilities will include assisting faculty with the adoption of open educational resources (OER) in courses by locating OER materials, creating finding aids, collaborating with instructional technologists to integrate OER in course design, serving as a resource in understanding open licensing and copyright, and participating in open textbook projects. The position will also have a key role in the management of the College's institutional repository.

Staff Searches – The library is recruiting for two positions to manage its loan service desks. The Circulation Desk Coordinator will be responsible for the efficient operation of the loan desk on the main floor while achieving excellent customer service. The Technology Loan Specialist will manage the technology loan desk and the self-service laptop loan kiosk with the same expectations for efficiency and service.

Institute of Public Administration Collection – Several members of the library faculty presented on the IPA Collection and Luther Gulick Papers at the George Washington University's Marvin Center on October 17. The invitation was arranged by Brian J. Cook of Virginia Tech. The Library is finishing its work on the digitization of a portion of the IPA collection that was funded by the Metropolitan New York Library Council, a local library consortium. The large-scale digitization of the IPA Collection funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York also continues.

Institutional Repository – The launch of Baruch College's space in CUNY Academic Works has begun (<http://academicworks.cuny.edu/bb/>). The site already holds copies of the publications of some faculty, undergraduate honors theses, and an archive of issues of *The Ticker*. Faculty who want to deposit copies of their publications in this repository should follow the instructions on the site and direct questions to academic.works@baruch.cuny.edu. The Library is working with the Office of Alumni Relations to make the full text of the Baruch College master's theses available in Academic Works.

New Media Artspace – The current exhibition in the Library is "Elise Rasmussen: Unbecoming", which, as the press release states, "presents four video works that engage a range of sources: Surrealism, Sophocles' *Antigone*, Modern Art, and the legacy of the heroic Earthworks artist Robert Smithson. In

each, Rasmussen exposes how works that are typically regarded as politically utopic (Modernism, Earthworks) or moral (Surrealism, Antigone) nevertheless reiterate a patriarchal framing of history. Often unearthing feminine strength and resistance, she plays against conventions of so-called ‘unbecoming conduct’ that decree what is socially permissible behavior.” The exhibition is curated by Katherine Behar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

Baruch Computing and Technology Center

Searches in Progress – Michael Richichi, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology, is leading searches for three key staff positions: Director of Technology Support Services, College Web Administrator, and Director of Enterprise Systems and Applications.

Manager of Telecommunications – After many years of dedicated service to the College, Michele Epstein has retired. The search for a new manager, who will help introduce the next generation of telecommunication services will begin shortly.

Statistical Software – The CUNY Virtual desktop that Baruch piloted last year is now live at all CUNY campuses. CUNY has added Matlab to the suite of statistical software that already included SPSS, SAS, Mathematica, and Maplesoft. Faculty, staff and students can access the software from this landing page: <http://www2.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/virtual-desktop/>. In September 2016, Baruch alone accounted for one-third of all the users university-wide.

Microsoft Office for Faculty – CUNY is providing Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus to all active faculty and staff at no cost via the Microsoft Office in Education program. Each active employee of the University may install this suite of productivity software on their personal devices, including desktops and laptops, tablets, and smart phones. This free version includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. For details go to: <http://www2.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/technology-services/office-pro-plus/>

Office of Institutional Research and Program Assessment

The following significant projects are in process:

- Compiling comprehensive student demographic, course and outcomes data by School
- Generating Ad-Hoc Reports requested by individual departments
- Reporting on the Changing Rankings Landscape
- Generating ongoing enrollment and retention analytics
- Generating ongoing daily CBIL Reports
- Outreach and Fact-gathering for Employee Engagement Committee
- Providing data for grant applications
- Assisting diversity office with workforce analysis
- Providing relevant data to the Underrepresented Minority Committee.