

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

Institute of Public Administration Collection – In the February 7, 2016 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*, Ralph Gardner, Jr. devoted his Urban Gardner column to the Library's IPA Archives. The column, "A Glimpse at an Organizational Genius: Luther Gulick was a seminal figure in public administration whose papers form a rare historical collection at Baruch College" is available at:
<http://remote.baruch.cuny.edu/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/1762912187?accountid=8500>

Institutional Repository – On April 1, the Library is starting a soft launch of Baruch College's space in CUNY Academic Works, which is a public site for collecting and providing access to the research, scholarship and creative work of the CUNY community. Faculty and staff who are interested in contributing content should get in touch with members of the library faculty. During the soft launch phase, library faculty will be testing workflows for the contribution of materials and refining the system's interface. It is expected that the service will formally launch in mid-August. A lot of content has already been added and can be viewed now at http://academicworks.cuny.edu/bb_pubs/.

New Media Artspace – The current exhibition in the Library is *Nicholas O'Brien: The Four Tools*, which will run through May 2. As the press release stated, this video exhibition consists of "a new series of 3D animations addressing labor, technology, and personal history. Narrated in the artist's own voice, the animations reflect and playfully speculate on moments when these tools have intersected with his life. His biographical reminiscences of personal encounters with each tool gradually evolve into musings on the nature of tools and their larger meanings."

GIS Lab - The geospatial services team operates out of the GIS Lab, located on the 9th floor of the Library and Information Technology Building in rooms 951 & 952. Baruch students, faculty, and staff can meet with the Geospatial Data Librarian to discuss projects and get assistance, and can work independently on GIS or data-related projects in the lab with help nearby. The team specializes in Census and demographic data, geographic and place-based datasets, GIS and mapping. Appointments are required. For inquiries or to make an appointment, contact Frank Donnelly, Geospatial Data Librarian, at francis.donnelly@baruch.cuny.edu or extension 1657.

Moyee Huei-Lambert – Since the last General Faculty Meeting the Library mourned the passing of Moyee Huei-Lambert a member of the Access Services staff who worked at Baruch for over 35 years. She was dedicated to her job and respected by her co-workers. She is greatly missed.

Baruch Computing and Technology Center

New AVP for IT – On April 11th Michael Richichi will join the College as Assistant Vice President for Information Technology (Deputy CIO). Mr. Richichi has over 20 years of professional experience and currently holds the position of Chief Technology Strategist for University Technology at Drew University, where he was previously Director of Technology Infrastructure Services, Director of Computing and Network Services, Assistant Director of Academic Technology, and Systems Manager for Academic Technology. Mr. Richichi is active in EDUCAUSE, has presented at national and international meetings, and has authored articles in IT professional publications. He is currently teaching a course in Computer Networks & Security at Drew. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Educational Technology Leadership and a BA in Physics.

Statistical Software – Baruch College is one of the first four CUNY colleges that is able to use the new CUNY Virtual Desktop to access SAS, SPSS, Mathematica and Maplesoft from any device at any location. The CUNY Virtual Desktop is available at www.cuny.edu/virtualdesktop. Login requires the CUNYfirst username followed by @login.cuny.edu and the CUNYfirst password. Sessions can last up to 8 hours, but users must save their data to their local device or flash drive frequently during each session and before logging off. After the initial rollout, the CUNY Virtual Desktop will expand to include additional software and will be available for students and faculty attending other CUNY colleges. As this is a new service, CUNY welcomes feedback via the survey form on The CUNY Virtual Desktop. This service is for academic use only and users are expected to comply with CUNY's Computer Use Policy.

Teaching and Technology Conference – The College's next Teaching and Technology Conference will be held in spring 2017. We are using the hiatus to redefine the scope of the conference and establish a process for external financial support.

Office of Institutional Research and Program Assessment

The following significant projects are in process:

- Assisting the Office of Enrollment Management with tracking the fall 2016 entering class
- Participating in the Middle States Monitoring Report Committee
- Advising on student retention initiatives
- Accepted invitation to participate on the Employee Engagement Taskforce
- Preparing the Middle States Institutional Profile
- Updating the Institutional Fact Book
- Continuing work on compiling data for Business Intelligence Dashboards