

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

Atrium Ceiling Repair (Update) – The replacement of the ceiling glass in the atrium was completed. Library users now have natural light and a clear view of the sky above. Later this semester a new set of scaffolding will be installed for a separate project to refinish the wood paneling on the atrium walls.

SAGE Business Cases – The Library has licensed SAGE Business Cases, which includes 1,987 cases from 20 institutions such as the Yale School of Management, UC Berkeley, Notre Dame, SHRM, Northwestern, Georgetown, Erasmus (Rotterdam), Tsinghua, and Zurich. Faculty are encouraged to incorporate the use of this resource in their courses and as part of a strategy to achieve Zero Textbook Cost.

IPA Archives – The Archives of the Institute of Public Administration continues to generate interest outside the University and serves as the basis for partnerships with other institutions around programming. On the 90th anniversary of the Stock Market Crash of 1929, Ralph Blumenthal, our Distinguished Lecturer will deliver a talk at the Museum of American Finance about how cash-starved municipalities issued their own bills and coins using examples from the IPA Archives. On April 28, 2019, the Roosevelt Library and the Newman Library co-sponsored a symposium (“Making Democracy Work: FDR’s Bitter Struggle to Modernize the Presidency”) that was moderated by Mr. Blumenthal and included panelists Susan Dunn (Williams College) and David B. Woolner (Roosevelt Institute). In June CUNY-TV aired a segment on the IPA Archives as part of its program “Urban U”. The blog for the IPA Archives and Luther Gulick Papers, “An Adventure in Democracy” provides ongoing news about the collection and details about its holdings (<https://blogs.baruch.cuny.edu/ipaprocessing/>).

New Sculpture – “Soaring”, a sculpture made of Bianco Puro Carrara marble has been installed permanently on the second floor of the Newman Library where it is visible to library users as they enter. In September 2018, the sculptor, Charlie Kaplan had his first New York institutional solo exhibition at the Mishkin Gallery. Soaring was part of that exhibition. Mr. Kaplan will be present for the installation ceremony, which is scheduled for October 15.

Instruction – This semester the Library faculty are teaching 8 sections of 6 courses: Information Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (LIB 1015), Information Research in Business (LIB 1016), Topics in Information Studies (LIB 3010), 3 sections of Information and Society (LIB 3040), Electronic Resources and Research Methods for Writers (LIB 3065), and the capstone course for our Minor in Information Studies, Advanced Topics in Information Studies (LIB 4900).

Books by Baruch Faculty – The Library maintains a public web page that highlights books authored or edited by Baruch College faculty. <https://guides.newman.baruch.cuny.edu/facultybooks>

Baruch Computing and Technology Center

Dropbox – The University has made Dropbox accounts available to all faculty, staff, and students at no cost to users. BCTC is partnering with the Center for Teaching & Learning to arrange training sessions for faculty. Announcements will be made soon.

College's Web Site – BCTC has set a date of December 31, 2020 to fully sunset the College's use of Contribute for web content management. By that date we must have all of the College's content moved to our WordPress environment. The sites of the Zicklin School of Business, the Newman Library, and the Provost's Office have already been migrated to WordPress. A timetable is being developed in consultation with the schools and administrative departments. In related news, BCTC has established a Web Content Editors Forum that will share best practices, compliance information, news and announcements related to the website environment, including the migration to WordPress. A search is in progress for an additional full-time web assistant in BCTC.

Center for Teaching & Learning – The Center has moved into space adjacent to the BCTC on the 6th floor of the Information & Technology Building. This is an opportunity for the 2 departments to expand their partnership in support of the faculty. Users of the Center are now in close proximity to the Help desk, Blackboard support, media services and other instructional technology staff located on that floor.

Projects – BCTC is working with other departments on a variety of projects. Some examples are: the AdvisorTrac implementation (Office of Undergraduate Advisement and Orientation), the first end-of-year close in the time and leave system (Human Resources), and the use of Mongoose, a system for texting to students (Enrollment Management).

Phishing Scams – According to CUNY Central there have been recent attempts targeting CUNY employees to change their payroll direct deposit information. So far, these have not been successful. Faculty should not respond via email to any request for personal information that appears to be coming from a College staff member.

Office of Institutional Research

The following significant projects are in process or recently completed:

- Designing new fact book using R software (<https://irdata.baruch.cuny.edu/Factbook/>)
- Reporting on the COACHE Survey
- Generating data for Enrollment Management Key Performance Indicators
- College Board and Princeton Review rankings data update
- Generating data for History Department Program Review
- Developing dashboard style indicators using Tableau
- Preparing student data for 2020 NSSE Administration
- Preparing data for Graduate Student Survey (GSS) 2020
- Assisting Schools with Graduate Enrollment data reporting