

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

New Collection – Through our membership in the Center for Research Libraries we now have access to Independent Voices, “a digital collection of alternative press newspapers, magazines and journals, drawn from the special collections of participating libraries. These periodicals were produced by feminists, dissident GIs, campus radicals, Native Americans, anti-war activists, Black Power advocates, Hispanics, LGBT activists, the extreme right-wing press and alternative literary magazines during the latter half of the 20th century.” Members of the Baruch community can access the collection via the Databases search option on the Library’s web site.

Technology Loan Specialist – The Library has recruited a full-time manager for its technology loan service, which provides students with laptops, cameras, iPads, calculators and other portable equipment. Jeffrey Lynch came to Baruch from Columbia University where, as Evening/Weekend Access Supervisor for the Science Division Libraries he managed circulation activity for three libraries.

Institutional Repository – The Library has officially launched the Baruch instance of CUNY Academic Works, a service that expands the reach of the scholarly and creative output of our faculty and students. This provides members of the Baruch community with an online platform where they can make their works of scholarship freely available online for the world to view and download. Not only will each work be given a stable, permanent location on the web, each work will also be indexed automatically by Google Scholar and by CUNY’s OneSearch system, thereby multiplying the likelihood of those works being readily discovered by searchers around the world. Visit CUNY Academic Works at <http://academicworks.cuny.edu/bb/>. To learn how to contribute, see <http://guides.newman.baruch.cuny.edu/cunyaw>.

New Media Artspace – The current exhibition in the Library is “Carla Gannis: Augmented Gardens and Other Earthly Delights”, curated by Professor Katherine Behar. It will run through May 5, 2017. As noted in the curatorial statement, “[the exhibition] recreates Hieronymus Bosch’s The Garden of Earthly Delights, through detailed constellations of animated emoji. Combining animations and 3D augmented reality imagery, the exhibition transcribes Bosch’s late 15th century triptych into contemporary mobile phone pictograms.” The Library also participated in Dean Romero’s Art-a-Thon on March 7th by hosting the exhibition “Obsessions”, which was described as, “a selfie friendly, pop-up exhibition that explores common obsessions through exaggerated metaphors.”

Accessibility Award – A. Downing will receive the Accessibility Award at the 8th Annual CUNY Accessibility Conference on April 11th at John Jay.

Baruch Computing and Technology Center

Searches in Progress – Two important recruitments were completed since the last General Faculty meeting. John Chandler is Director of Technology Support Services with responsibility for support of labs, classrooms, help desk, desktop hardware and software, instructional technology, and media services. He came to Baruch from the retailer J. Crew, where he was responsible for the helpdesk and desktop management worldwide. He has a Bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University and an MIS degree from Pace University. In addition, Susan Rodriguez is the College Web Administrator. She has 14 years of experience at General Electric as an executive IT leader within two global divisions and GE headquarters. She has a BS in Management Information Systems from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Recruitments are in progress for 2 media services technicians, a desktop support assistant, telecommunications manager, and Director of Enterprise Systems and Services, the position formerly held by Patrick Ackerman.

Main Computer Lab – The renovation of the main lab on the 6th floor of the Library & Technology Building lab is proceeding on schedule with a grand opening in August 2017. The construction work on the south side of the lab is due to conclude one week before spring break. At that time BCTC staff will have access to the space to begin the installation of new furniture and equipment. During the week of spring break, the lab will be closed to allow for work on the corridor outside the lab. During that week students will be directed to the labs on the 6th floor of the Vertical Campus. In the week after spring break construction will begin on the north side of the lab. BCTC is developing plans for relocating its staff and providing alternate lab space, which will primarily involve placing additional computers temporarily in the Library.

Domain Reorganization – BCTC is working on a project to achieve one consolidated network domain for the entire campus. By the end of summer when the rollout is scheduled there will no longer be separate domains (e.g., ACAD and BCTC) to keep in mind at the point of login.

WiFi Consolidation – Also by the end of summer BCTC plans to consolidate all student, faculty, and staff WiFi access into the single SSID "Baruch". This will replace the current separate logins for the SSIDs Baruch-WiFi, Baruch-FacStaff, and Baruch-Students.

Office of Institutional Research

The following significant projects are in process:

- Preparing a report on courses and credits offered in-class, hybrid and online
- Participation on the Middle States Monitoring Report Committee
- Analysis of enrollment in large classes in Arts and Sciences
- Analysis of women enrolled in and majoring in CIS
- Conducting focus groups for the Employee Engagement Taskforce
- Preparing the Middle States Institutional Profile
- Updating the Institutional Fact Book and the Publishing House Common Data Set survey
- Continuing work on compiling data for Business Intelligence Dashboards