

Report of the Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs to the Baruch College General Faculty March 25, 2021

ENROLLMENT

The Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs began the Spring 2021 semester with a total of 815 graduate students enrolled. This includes 537 MPA students (combining our traditional and Executive programs), 128 MIA (Master of International Affairs) students and 157 MEd students (Higher Education Administration). Makeup of our Spring enrolled students is as follows: Newly enrolled students, 16% out-of-state students, 2% international students, 75% female students, 25% male students, 60% part-time students, 40% full-time students.

Continuing enrolled students: 8% out-of state students, 4% international students, 66% female students, 33% male students, 63% part-time students, 37% full-time students. We are proud to announce that over 50 scholarships were granted to new incoming and continuing students in the form of Marxe Excellence Awards, Marxe Scholarship Awards, Hagedorn Scholar Awards, Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program, Mary and Abraham D. Beame Awards, Hearst Fellowship in Nonprofit Management Awards and Marxe Student Ambassador Scholarships.

SCHOOL NEWS and UPDATES

Associate Dean Patria de Lancer Julnes has been named Vice President-Elect of the American Society of Public Administration following a vote of the membership this winter. She will begin a two-year term of service in that role at the annual conference in April, whereupon she will become ASPA's President in April of 2023. As the organization explains on its website, "ASPA is the largest and most prominent broadly based professional association in American public administration. It has a diverse membership of approximately 8,000 practitioners, academicians and students. ASPA serves as the principal arena for linking theory and practice within the field of public administration." Please join us in congratulating Patria on this signal honor and wishing her well with the important work to come.

Dean David Birdsell assumed the Chair role in the WC2 Network of universities this fall; he also serves as CUNY's representative to the network. WC2 was founded to link public universities in large cities together with one another for purposes of fostering collaborative research, student and faculty exchange, and shared best practices in campus-city collaboration. In addition to New York, there are now WC2 member institutions in London, Berlin, St. Petersburg, São Paulo, Mexico City, Toronto, Shanghai, and Melbourne. Under David's leadership, WC2 has expanded its work to include new online collaboration platforms for undergraduate and graduate students alike. For further information about WC2, please contact farryl.last@cuny.edu.

STUDENT NEWS and ACHIEVEMENTS

The Presidential Management Fellows Program serves as a gateway for professional success in the field of public service at the federal level, and two Baruch College alumni were recently

selected Class of 2021 finalists for this prestigious opportunity. Elora Tocci and **Megan Gavin**, who received their [Master of Public Administration degrees](#) at the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, have been provided with a chance to start their careers in government service. Both are among the 551 finalists chosen from a pool of nearly 7,000 applicants representing 153 academic institutions worldwide.

MPA alumna, **Jeanette Gisbert** was named executive director of Volunteer New York!

Alumna and Advisory Board Member, **Janet Dewart Bell** was elected Chair of the Women's Media Center Board

Alumnus and Executive Director of the Maryland Center on Economic Policy, **Benjamin Orr** co-wrote an article on Maryland's budget process for the *Washington Post*

Alumna **Maryam Mohammed** was recognized by *City & State New York* in 2020 'NYC 40 Under 40 Rising Stars' list

FACULTY NEWS and ACHIEVEMENTS

Baruch College **Professors Sanders D. Korenman, PhD, and Dahlia Remler, PhD**, along with research scientist **Rosemary Hyson**, all from Baruch College's Marxe School of Public and International Affairs and the CUNY Institute for Demographic Research, are recipients of the 2020 Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize for their research paper on health care and poverty index.

Professor Deborah Balk, PhD, is among five scholars, researchers, and practitioners appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to be a member of the leadership team for the fourth New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC).

The NPCC analyzes climate risks to New York City and advises on resiliency to help ensure the city is prepared to withstand and emerge stronger from the multiple impacts of climate change. Past NPCC work has produced important information about climate change including recurring "sunny day" flooding events, the effect of heat waves on public health, and ways to combat social vulnerability by incorporating equity into adaptation planning.

EVENTS

Campaign 2020 at Baruch College

Campaign 2020 was in full swing with the Marxe School hosting a bevy of insightful and exciting events with Marxe Dean Birdsell moderating, including: 'Election Management and Counting the Vote: How Are Our Election Systems Holding Up Under Pandemic, Political Attacks and Lawsuits?'; 'Who's Winning the Battle for Congress?'; Campaign 2020 Debate Watch for the first, second and fourth debates (the third Presidential Debate did not take place); and finally 'Campaign 2020 Biden First 100 Days.' This was a cross school collaboration and faculty and

students from all three schools worked toward the success of the event series and were in attendance.

Global Insights

Professor and Marxe Chair in Western Hemisphere Affairs, Enrique Desmond Arias moderated recent Marxe Global Insights panels, 'COVID-19 in the Caribbean' and 'The MS-13: The Making of America's Most Notorious Gang'.

Ackerman Lecture

The Fall 2020 Ackerman Lecture, 'Voting Rights and Vote Suppression, Race, and Perceptual Divides in the 2020 Election', brought in award-winning *New York Times* journalist, Thomas B. Edsall for a fascinating discussion on the current state of voting rights in America.

CAREER PLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Kudos go to the Career Services team @Marxe. Since the pandemic started, staff have been hard at work at finding virtual internships for Marxe students to maintain continuity of program completion and an avenue for **experiential learning**. Students **secured** virtual internship placements allowing students to work remotely while working in organizations here in NYC and beyond. Highlighted below are examples of **internship sites**. Thanks to the Career Services team for striving for student success and bringing the access to students.

- Jacob Ertel, MPA '22, Fall 2020 Research and Analysis Intern, Office of Policy Development and Special Initiatives, NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development
- Giselle Brown, MIA '20, Fall 2020 Communications Intern, CDP (Environmental Impact Organization)
- Shahnoza Kurbonshoeva, MPA '21, Fall 2020 Intern, NYS Department of Financial Services
- Ashley Rosello, MIA '21, Fall 2020 Communications Intern, UN-Habitat
- Michael Cala, MIA '22, 2020-2021, Virtual Student Federal Service, Intern related to U.S. Embassy in Beijing, U.S. Department of State
- Michael Cala, MIA, Summer 2020 Intern, NGO Sustainability
- Joel Desouve, MPA '21, Fall 2020 Public Policy Intern, Office of the NYC Public Advocate
- Lady Mosopeh, MPA '21, Fall 2020 Intern, UN Global Compact Committee
- Amanda Copkov, MIA '22, Spring 2021 Research, Analysis and Learning Intern, International Rescue Committee
- Sylvana Levine, MPA '22, Spring 2021 Career Services Counseling/Operations Intern, Pace University
- Casey Cady, MPA '22, Spring 2021 Nonprofit Development Intern, Good360