

Faculty Development Committee Annual Report, 2023-2024

Members:

Pushkala Prasad, Chair, Management & Business/International Affairs
Flagg Taylor, Political Science
Tim Wientzen, English
David Vella, Mathematics
Janet Casey, Associate Dean of Faculty (non-voting)
Mary Hoehn, Sponsored Research Director (non-voting)

The year in summary:

The FDC met 12 times during the academic year. The Committee completed its regular business, which included:

- Review of nominations for and designating recipients of the three major faculty awards: The Phyllis Roth Distinguished Faculty Service Award, The Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Lectureship, and the Ralph Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Review and award of Faculty Development Grants (fall and spring rounds), Emeritus Faculty Development Grants (fall and spring rounds), Faculty Initiative Research Grants, and Kress Family Creative Pedagogy Grant.
- Review and recommendation to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty awards for Full Year Sabbatical Leaves for 2023-24, Full Year Sabbatical Enhancement Awards for 2023-24, Semester Sabbatical Leaves for fall 2023, Semester Sabbatical Leaves for spring 2024.
- Review and award of Faculty-Student Summer Collaborative Research Grants and Schupf Scholar Research Grants
- Consultation (through Associate Dean of the Faculty) with the SGA regarding the selection of the faculty speaker for the 2023 Commencement ceremony.

At the request of some faculty, the Committee also considered the possibility of moving some grant and award deadlines to make meeting them less stressful.

The Committee wishes to thank Janet Casey for her consultations and institutional perspective, Mary Hoehn for her management of the complexities of grant applications and budget details, and Debbie Peterson for her invaluable administrative support.

Incoming membership:

Tim Wientzen, English, Chair
Pushkala Prasad, Management & Business/International Relations
Monica Das, Economics
Joshua Ness, Biology
Janet Casey, Associate Dean of Faculty (non-voting)
Mary Hoehn, Sponsored Research Director (non-voting)

Awards and Grants

Distinguished Faculty Service Award

Bastress-Dukehart, Erica
Associate Professor, History

Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Lectureship

Breslin, Beau
Professor, Political Science

The Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching

Nechtman, Tillman
Professor, History

Faculty Development Grants – Fall Round

DiResta, John Michael
Assistant Professor, Theater
Rehearsal Space Rental for Queer Theater Reading Series

Gleit, Rebecca
Assistant Professor, Sociology
The Effects of Detroit's Project Green Light

Haight, Russell
Associate Professor, Music
Recording of a Jazz Album of 11 Original Compositions and Arrangements

Hulsether, Lucia
Assistant Professor, Religious Studies
Bordered of Citizenship: The Cultural Politics of Texas Bluebonnet Girls' State

Li, Yueqi
Assistant Professor, Management & Business
Will Auditors Become Obsolete? Large Language Models and Future Role of External Auditors

Prince, Alexandra
Assistant Professor, Religious Studies
Mad Queer Literary Asylums

Sargeant, Kieron
Assistant Professor, Dance
ORI

Benzon, Paul

Associate Professor, English

Unbound Things: Noah Purifoy and Rammelzee

Berheide, Catherine

Professor, Sociology

A Routine Activities Theory Approach to Analyzing On-Campus Rape at Colleges and Universities

Bozio, Andrew

Associate Professor, English

Speculative Drama: Staging Racial Capitalism in Early Modern England

Bresliin, Beau

Professor, Political Science

Biography of John Lansing, Jr.

Breves, Jason

Associate Professor, Biology

Transcriptome analysis of killifish ionocytes

Cermatori, Joseph

Associate Professor, English

New York Theater and Drama 2023 - performance research into the contemporary scene

Day, Jenny

Associate Professor, History

Indexing for monograph, "Transborder Fugitives, Extradiction, and Political Crimes in Modern China"

Ennis-McMillan, Michael

Associate Professor, Anthropology

Ethnographic Research on Humanitarian Volunteers and Asylum Seekers in Paris

Hockenos, Matthew

Professor, History

The New England Holocaust Memorial and the Famous Quotation Attributed to Martin Niemöller

Kennelly, James

Professor, Management & Business

The Pioneers of the Irish Cooperative Movement

Kent, Eliza

Professor, Religious Studies

Pandita Ramabai and the Mukti Mission: Gender and Globalization in early Pentecostalism

Lee, Sang Wook

Professor, Art

Harmony of Threads: Bridging Korean and Japanese Textile Traditions

Mueller, Jennifer

Associate Professor, Sociology

Embodied Social Justice as Social Movement

Nathan, Daniel

Professor, American Studies

Capturing the Moment: Sport, Photography and History

Possidente, Bernard

Professor, Biology

Effects of Zinc and Alzheimer's Pathology on Gene Expression in a Mouse Model for Alzheimer's Disease

Sweeney, Sarah

Associate Professor, Art

Conversations with my Deepfake Dad - Conversation Four: Medium

Bettigole, Charlie

Director of the GIS Center, Library

500 Dams: Towards a Return of Anaya Springs

Buchman, Lindsay

Visiting Artist-in-Residence, Art

Fleeting Under Light

Swellander, Michael

Visiting Assistant Professor, World Languages and Literatures

The Poetics of Censorship in Nineteenth-Century German

Willis, Charmaine

Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science

Variations in Anti-US-Military Protests in the Philippines

Faculty Development Grants – Spring Round

Arora, Neha

Instructor, Biology

Chemical Modulation: Unraveling Phenotypic and Metabolic Dynamics for Advancing Algal Biofuels and Bioproducts

Baustian, Kathryn

Assistant Professor, Anthropology

Mimbres Mortuary Treatments Database Project: Organization Workshop

Buchman, Lindsay

Visiting Artist-in-Residence, Art

Archives Reimagined

Chase, Tory

Visiting Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies and Sciences
Investigating Caribbean Reef Sediment Dynamics

Day-O'Connell, Sarah

Professor, Music
Reopening the Hunterian Museum: Anne Hunter and Musical Connections

Day-O'Connell, Jeremy

Associate Professor, Music
Textbook writing project

Donovan, Mary Kate

Associate Professor, World Languages and Literatures
Book Chapter Review: Chinese Spaniards at the Triennial Meeting of ALCESXXI

Ennis-McMillan, Michael

Associate Professor, Anthropology
Ethnographic research on humanitarian volunteers and asylum seekers in Paris

Hrbek, Greg

Distinguished Writer-in-Residence, English
New novel

Hussaini, Hajar

Visiting Assistant Professor, English
Translation, Afghan Literature, and Migration

Krefting, Beck

Professor, American Studies
When Comedy Kills: Racialized and Gendered Violence in the Wake of Laughter

Lopez, Fabian

Associate Professor, Art
Research abroad

McDevitt, Sylvia

Associate Professor, Biology
Metabolic changes in macrophages after pathogen ingestion

Nechtman, Tillman

Professor, History
Captain Cook Voyage Journals

ParkeHarrison, Robert

Professor, Art

One-Hundred Day Paintings

Sattler, Paul

Professor, Art

Creation of a new series of paintings

Sperry, Eileen

Visiting Assistant Professor, English

Archive research at the British Library to support final book revisions

Sweeney, Sarah

Associate Professor, Art

Arte Laguna Exhibition

Talley, Cate

Assistant Professor, World Languages and Literatures

Dickens in France

Tinkle, Adam

Associate Professor, Media and Film Studies

Screenbathing (Redux) - A Solo Exhibition at Saratoga Arts

Faculty Research Initiative Grants

Breves, Jason

Associate Professor, Biology

*Growth physiology of the Almanco jack (*Seriola rivoliana*)*

D'Evelyn, Charlotte

Assistant Professor, Music

National Canons and Hegemonies: A Study of the World Morin Khuur Music Festival in Mongolia

Lewis, William

Professor, Philosophy

Documentary Short-film Project: "A Social Palace and the Equivalents of Wealth"

Park, Joowon

Associate Professor, Anthropology

Translation Project for Belonging in a House Divided

Willis, Charmaine

Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science

The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend: Threat Perception and Public Support for the US Military in Asia

Emeritus Faculty Development Grants – Fall Round

Bond, Will

Theater

Ongoing Yoga Facilitator Certification

O'Brien, Mary Elizabeth

World Languages and Literatures

Jewish Avengers of the Holocaust in East German Films 1962-1972

Emeritus Faculty Development Grants – Spring Round

Anzalone, John

World Languages and Literatures

Travel to Represent - purchase of scholarly works on The Great War

Jolly, Penny

Art History

Curating "Growing Up in a Renaissance Palazzo"

Simon, Linda

English

Biography of Isadora Duncan

Faculty Student Summer Research Program

Arora, Neha

Instructor, Biology

Strategizing Algal Growth: A Dive into Phenotypic and Metabolic Impacts of Propyl Gallate

Ball, K. Aurelia

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Determining effects of phosphorylation on conformation of the disordered RNA Polymerase II CTD by molecular dynamics simulations

Ball, K. Aurelia

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Determining the role of ArkA segments in binding to an SH3 domain by molecular dynamics simulations

Ball, K. Aurelia

Raththagala, Madushi

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Comparing dynamics and glucan binding of SEX4 and LSF1 using biophysical techniques and molecular dynamics simulations

Biberman-Ocakli, Yelena

Associate Professor, Political Science

Genetic Biowarfare: Policy and Philosophical Debates

Breslin, Beau

Professor, Political Science

John Lansing, Jr.: The Rise, Rebellion, and (curious) Retreat of a Constitutional Framer

Covey, Kris

Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies and Sciences

Measuring soil organic carbon sequestration using TSIP collection methods in the Hudson Valley region

DeBlauw, Justin

Visiting Assistant Professor, Health and Human Physiological Sciences

Evaluating the Effects of a Synbiotic versus Probiotic or placebo on gut Microbiota and Cardiometabolic Health: A Randomized Double-Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

Frappier, Amy

Associate Professor, Geosciences

Expanding Museum Visitor Engagement by Developing Materials for Envisioning the Invisible Exhibit for Fall 2024

Frederick, Kimberley

Professor, Chemistry

Development of Microfluidic Testing Devices for Animal and Human Food Supplements

Frey, Steven

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Synthesis and Characterization of a Manganese(II) Compound with a Capped Crown Ether Ligand as a Superoxide Dismutase Enzyme Mimetic

Frey, Steven

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Aqueous Stability and Reactivity of a Manganese(II) Compound with an N4O2 hexadentate ligand as a Superoxide Dismutase Enzyme Mimetic

Gleit, Rebecca

Assistant Professor, Sociology

Surveillance in the City: Exploring the Contours and Consequences of Detroit's Project Green Light

Hart, Siobhan

Associate Professor, Anthropology

Smallpox Hospitals and Battle Lines: Ground Penetrating Radar and Historical Archaeology at Lake George Battlefield State Park

Hou, Xiaoshuo

Professor, Sociology and Asian Studies

"Digital Nomads:" Gig Economy and China's Changing Work and Labor

Johnson, Rebecca

Professor, Professor

First Things First: Serial Letter Processing Effects in Children and Adults

Kendall, Beatrice

Senior Instructor, Chemistry

Tecovirimat: A Research Synthetic Project for the Organic Chemistry Teaching Laboratories

Kendall, Beatrice

Senior Instructor, Chemistry

Investigations of the Williamson Ether Synthesis: Transformation of Acetaminophen into Phenacetin

LeSage, Emily

Assistant Professor, Biology

Antimicrobial peptide responses to Bd exposure in susceptible and resistant species

LeSage, Emily

Assistant Professor, Biology

The effect of road salt runoff on amphibian fungal disease prevalence and intensity

LeSage, Emily

Assistant Professor, Biology

Exploring the production of immunomodulatory compounds produced by the amphibian fungal pathogen

Li, Yueqi

Assistant Professor, Management and Business

Can Large Language Models Be Skeptical? Application of Large Language Models in Financial Statement Auditing

Mahatthananchai, Jessada

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Practical Isotopic Labeling via H-D Exchange

Mahatthananchai, Jessada

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Practical Isotopic Labeling of Activated Olefins

Navea, Juan

Professor, Chemistry

Photolytic formation of HONO in the marine atmosphere

Navea, Juan

Professor, Chemistry

Oxidation mechanisms of aerosol coatings

Navea, Juan

Professor, Chemistry

Daytime chemistry in the marine atmosphere

Park, Joowon

Associate Professor, Anthropology

Analysis of Propaganda Leaflets During the Korean War

Possidente, Bernard

Professor, Biology

Does Lithium Have Chronotherapeutic Effects in a Mouse Alzheimer's Model?

Possidente, Bernard

Professor, Biology

Do Microplastics Alter Circadian Clock Function?

Raththagala, Madushi

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Investigating Protein-Protein Interactions in Starch Dephosphorylation

Reilly, Christine

Associate Professor, Computer Science

Designing a Useful and Accessible Web Page for the Skidmore Linux Lab

Roca, Maryrui

Senior Teaching Professor, Chemistry

Immunodetection of Lysozyme Using Antibody-Conjugated Silver Nanoparticles

Schmitt, Harrison

Assistant Professor, Psychology

Dying in Debt: Exploring the Existential Implications of Financial Debt

Sheppard, Kelly

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Resurrection of Ancestral Aspartyl-tRNA Synthetases

Sheppard, Kelly

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Dual Pathways for Bacterial Asparaginyl-tRNA Formation

Smemo, Kurt

Associate Professor, Environmental Studies and Sciences

Developing and evaluating low-cost soil bulk density collection methods in diversified farms in the Northeast

Somerville-Braun, Jessica

Assistant Professor, Education Studies

Analyzing ELA Teacher Planning and Interactional Moves

Taylor, Flagg

Associate Professor, Associate Professor

A Beautiful Defiance

Tinkle, Adam

Associate Professor, Media and Film Studies

Film Production based in Skidmore's archives of linkages with indigenous peoples

Vecsey, Christopher

Associate Professor, Neuroscience

How Light Color Affects Sleep and Rhythms in Drosophila melanogaster

Vecsey, Christopher

Associate Professor, Neuroscience

How Population Density Affects Adult Sleep and Rhythms in Drosophila melanogaster

Wientzen, Tim

Associate Professor, English

Critical Edition of Brave New World