

Faculty Development Committee  
Annual Report, 2020-2021

**Members:**

- Silvia Carli, Philosophy (Chair, 2020-2021)
- Jennifer Delton, History (Faculty Representative, 2020-2021)
- Sylvia McDevitt, Biology (Faculty Representative, 2020-2021)
- Matt Wilt, Art (Faculty Representative, 2020-2021)
- Janet Casey, Associate Dean of Faculty (non-voting)
- Mary Hoehn, Sponsored Research Director (non-voting)

**The year in summary**

The FDC met formally 12 times during the academic year. Minutes are available at [https://www.skidmore.edu/fdc/meeting\\_dates\\_and\\_minutes/index.php](https://www.skidmore.edu/fdc/meeting_dates_and_minutes/index.php)

Due to the Covid-19 emergency and the subsequent requisitioning of funds by the College, FDC was unable to award the Faculty Development Grants in the Fall semester. In solidarity with the current Faculty, moreover, the Emeriti Faculty elected to forego the Emeriti Faculty Grants in Fall 2020.

FDC completed its remaining regular business, which included:

- Review of nominations and faculty files, and designation of the recipients of the three major faculty awards: the Phyllis A. Roth Distinguished Faculty Service Award, the Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Lectureship, and the Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Review and award of Faculty Development Grants spring round, Emeritus Faculty Development Grants spring round, Faculty Research Initiative Grants, and the Kress Family Creative Pedagogy Grant.
- Review and recommendation to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty awards for Full Year Sabbatical Leaves for 2021-2022, Full Year Sabbatical Enhancement for 2021-2022, Semester Sabbatical Leaves for Fall 2021, Semester Sabbatical Leaves for Spring 2022.
- Review and award of Faculty/Student Summer Collaborative Research Grants and Schupf Scholar Research Grants.
- Consultation (through the Associate Dean of the Faculty) with the SGA regarding the selection of the faculty speaker for the 2021 Commencement.

Please see the attached list of awards and grants given during the 2020-2021 academic year.

- In addition, the committee submitted proposed revisions to the Faculty Development Handbook language—concerning the selection process of the three major Faculty Awards and criteria for the evaluation of Faculty Development Grants proposals—to the Dean, which will be considered over the summer.

The Committee wishes to thank Janet Casey for her contribution and institutional perspective, Mary Hoehn for her work managing grant applications and budgetary details, and Debbie Peterson and Sue Blair for their invaluable administrative support.

**Incoming Committee membership**

- Silvia Carli, Philosophy (Chair)
- Sylvia McDevitt, Biology
- Flagg Taylor, Political Science
- Matt Wilt, Studio Arts
- Janet Casey, Associate Dean of Faculty (non-voting)
- Mary Hoehn, Sponsored Research Director (non-voting)

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Carli, Chair 2020-2021

## **2020-21 Faculty Development Grants and Awards**

### **Distinguished Faculty Service Award**

**Hofmann, Mark**

Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

### **Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Lectureship**

**Nathan, Daniel**

Professor, American Studies

### **The Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching**

**Lopez, Hassan**

Professor, Psychology

### **Faculty Development Grants**

**Benzon, Paul**

Assistant Professor, English

*Unbound Things: Fragments of Print at the End of the World*

**Bogin, Benjamin**

Associate Professor, Asian Studies

*Seeing the Buddha in Contemporary Art*

**Buchman, Lindsay**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Art

*Stratagems*

**Cermatori, Joseph**

Assistant Professor, English

*Finalizing Book Manuscript: Baroque Modernity*

**Day-O'Connell, Jeremy**

Associate Professor, Music

*Language and Music*

**Day-O'Connell, Jeremy**

Associate Professor, Music

*Retooling: Jazz Piano*

**Lee, Sang Wook**

Professor, Art  
*Hwahyejang*

**ParkeHarrison, Robert**

Professor, Art  
*Eco Actions*

**Possidente, Bernard**

Professor, Biology  
*Does Circadian Disruption Alter the Incidence of Dental Caries in Mice on an Iron-Deficient Diet?*

**Skubi, Kazimer**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Chemistry  
*Aromatic Functionalization using Visible Light*

**Smemo, Kurt**

Assistant Professor, ESS  
*Plant-microbe feedback controls community composition and ecosystem processes in temperate forests*

**Sweeney, Sarah**

Associate Professor, Art  
*The Reanimation Project (Phase One-Prototype)*

**Thebaut, Nancy**

Assistant Professor, Art History  
*Research and image acquisition for book project*

**Faculty Research Initiative Grants**

**Donovan, Mary Kate**

Assistant Professor, WLL  
*Chinese Spaniards: Race, Migration, and Representation in Contemporary Spain*

**Ives, Stephen**

Associate Professor, HHPS  
*Exploring the Impact of Dietary Capsaicin on the Neuroimmune Response to Exercise*

**Sattler, Paul**

Professor, Art  
*The Neighborhood: A Suite of New Paintings*

**Scarce, Rik**

Professor, Sociology

*Rensselaer: Environmental Injustice on the Hudson*

**Schofield, Casey**

Associate Professor, Psychology

*Refining a measure of knowledge about therapy that works*

**Emeritus Faculty Development Grants**

**Anzalone, John**

World Languages and Literatures

*Fashion Plates: The French Fashion Illustrators of the Great War/Visit to the National WWI Museum on Kansas City*

**Kress Family Creative Pedagogy Grant**

**Thebaut, Nancy**

Assistant Professor, Art History

*A Materials-Based Approach to Art History*

**Faculty Student Summer Research Program**

**Atalan-Helilcke, Nurcan**

Associate Professor, Environmental Studies and Sciences

*Sustainable Halal: Food Choices of Muslim Women in the Capital District Region*

**Ball, K. Aurelia**

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

*HIV Vif interactions with human proteins*

**Bettigole, Charlie**

Assistant Librarian, Director, GIS Center, Scribner Library

*High Resolution 3D Mapping of Forest Structure on Dome Island*

**Biberman-Ocakli, Yelena**

Associate Professor, Political Science

*Anti-Empire Imperialism? Comparing the Ideas Fueling US and USSR Global Hegemonies*

**Brezny, Anna**

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

*New Methods for the Oxidative Cleavage of Alkenes*

**Brezny, Anna**

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

*Development of Methods for Electrochemical Aerobic Alkene Epoxidation*

**Curley, Dan**

Associate Professor, Classics

*Carmen at Error: Role-Playing in the Latin Classroom*

**Frederick, Kimberley**

Professor, Chemistry

*Development of Low Cost Method for Analyzing Iodide in Hydrofracking Flowback Water*

**Frederick, Kimberley**

Professor, Chemistry

*Determination of soil nutrients with 3D printed microfluidic chips*

**Frey, Steven**

Associate Professor, Chemistry

*Assessing the Stability of Biomimetic Manganese(II) Compounds*

**Frey, Steven**

Associate Professor, Chemistry

*Synthesis and Characterization of Manganese(II) Compounds with Macrocyclic Ligands as Superoxide Dismutase Enzyme Mimics*

**Goff, Sandra**

Assistant Professor, Economics

*Addressing Sucker Aversion in Prosocial Behavior*

**Goff, Sandra**

Assistant Professor, Economics

*Framing Externalities*

**Hart, Siobhan**

Associate Professor, Anthropology

*Historical Archaeology at the Denton Home Site, Greenfield, NY: Metal Detection and Ground Penetrating Radar*

**Hernandez, Ruth**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology

*Locating the Experiences of Transnational Fathers in Sending Communities*

**Hurst, Heather**

Associate Professor, Anthropology

*Recreating an agricultural land use map from three dimensional models of a Maya city site in Guatemala*

**Ives, Stephen**

Associate Professor, HHPS

*Potential Racial Differences in Sitting-Induced Vascular Dysfunction: Is Intermittent Passive Leg Movement an Effective Countermeasure?*

**Kellogg, Karen**

Associate Professor, ESS

*An Analysis of Energy, Equity, Wind, and the Accelerated Transition to Renewable Energies*

**Kennerly, William**

Senior Teaching Professor, Chemistry

*Quantum mechanics of tryptophan fluorescence*

**Lagalwar, Sara**

Associate Professor, Neuroscience

*Targeting the MICOS Complex in SCA1 Cell Lines*

**Lepkowska-White, Ela**

Professor, M&B

*Millennial Strong: Blavity Addressing the Needs of Black Communities*

**Melekis, Kelly**

Associate Professor, Social Work

*Bringing Death to Life*

**Paul, June**

Assistant Professor, Social Work

*Ecomapping as a Practice Framework for Working with LGBTQ Youth*

**Prasad, Aarathi**

Assistant Professor, Computer Science

*Design, implementation and pilot testing of ScreenSnooze v1.0*

**Prasad, Aarathi**

Assistant Professor, Computer Science

*Secure sharing of COVID-19 health data*

**Reilly, Christine**

Assistant Professor, Computer Science

*Implementing a Business Item Order Process on a Native Graph Database*

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Assistant Professor, Computer Science

*Implementing the GraphMore Model on a Native Graph Database*

**Roca, Maryuri**

Senior Teaching Professor, Chemistry

*Effect of the Silica Shell of Silver Nanoparticles in the Optical Properties of Polymeric Films*

**Vecsey, Chris**

Assistant Professor, Neuroscience

*The Evening Blues: How Light Color Late in the Day Affects Sleep and Rhythms in Drosophila melanogaster*

**Vecsey, Chris**

Assistant Professor, Neuroscience

*Optogenetic assessment of the roles of neuropeptide neurons in regulating sleep*