Reflection Time: A friend of Oprah's once asked her what she knew for sure. Her response? "I know for sure that I need more time to think about that." She proceeded to write an entire book of all the things she knows for sure that she argues should not change over time.
What do you know for sure?

Fordham University Updates:

Virtual Recruitment Update

- Please continue to tell your undergraduate friends and family members who may be interested in the PMMA program that our first virtual information session for the 2021-22 cohort will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 4pm. Please direct them to our website here for more information.

GSA Fall Student Support Grant Deadline Nov. 5th

- Don’t forget to send your applications in by midnight on Thursday, November 5th
- Click here for more information on how to apply
Check your email for the schedule of PMMA classes for spring. Registration dates are these:
Registrations will begin at 9:45am EST

**Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020:** M.A., M.S. students who have earned **21 credits and above**
**Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020:** M.A., M.S. students who have earned **6-20 credits**
**Friday, Nov. 20, 2020:** M.A., M.S. students who have earned **0-5 credits**

Please be sure to contact Dr. Knobel before registration to go over your Spring schedule. A list of suggested courses outside the PMMA is coming, but you will be able to find them easily in the course search by looking for attribute PMMA.

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**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

**FRANK LO BUONO**

Frank Lo Buono has been teaching at Fordham for six years, but has spent the last three teaching in the PMMA program. Lo Buono said he has really enjoyed being a part of the PMMA program and is looking forward to the capstone projects at the end of the year. “I love the mentoring,” he said. “You really get to work so closely with individual students and get to know them on a personal level and watch them grow.” Lo Buono has been in the TV business for over 35 years and started as a Sportscaster/Producer. When it comes to news, his camera work has covered some of the most important 21st Century events including the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the launch and landing of the Space Shuttle, the election of Pope Francis I in Rome, and many more.
Currently, in addition to teaching at Fordham, he also works at CBS News as a camera person and technician.

Lo Buono said he believes it is his job to give his students the tools to build whatever it is they want to build and discover their voices. “Media is really just a reflection of life,” he said, “and the more honesty you put into life, the better off it’s going to be.” Lo Buono emphasizes understanding technology in his production classes because it is through these technical platforms that students are able to serve their art. His students have edited photos, created blogs and podcasts, and are in the midst of creating video content as well.

Lo Buono said he feels that he and his students have adjusted to the remote production process well. He has found alternatives to his in-person tutorials with online video tutorials so that his students can still feel as though they’re learning the proper techniques. As for being at Fordham, Lo Buono said he was pleasantly surprised with the accessibility of Fordham and has greatly enjoyed the variety of students he has taught at the University over the years. "I’m just absolutely amazed at Fordham’s accessibility," he said. "I believe all are given a good opportunity to get a great education."

*Faculty spotlights will be a regular feature of this newsletter. We’d like to shine the spotlight on as many people as possible, so if you’re interested in sharing your story, please send us an email here!*
CHRISTIAN PEREZ

Christian Perez is a 2020 graduate of Florida State University where he double majored in Psychology and Communication and Media Studies. At Florida State, Christian wrote for a food blog where he recommended the best spots for specific foods in Tallahassee.

Before joining the PMMA program, Christian interned with MOWI Salmon where he wrote the copy and tagline for the official food packaging that was sold in stores. Christian is currently studying in the Strategic Communications track and said he hopes to one day work in a job that allows him to be his creative, authentic self. "I went into the program because I knew I would be dipping my toes in a bunch of different areas and get to have a taste of everything," he said. So far Christian said he is really enjoying the PMMA program and that being in his classes has inspired him to create his own podcast and other content.

Christian has recently taken on the role as the CMS student social media coordinator and said he is hoping to increase engagement and promote all of the cool things the PMMA program does so that it can be a place where all the creative students can shine. "My goal is to make it a place where students in our cohort can share their work and we
can share important resources from what we're editing in our classes to what's going on in Nigeria," he said.

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**FORDHAM & NYC EVENTS**

**PMMA Virtual Mental Health Event**  
*Thursday, October 29, 8PM*

Please join us for a mental health event that focuses on imposter syndrome with Sarika Persaud from the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services. We will discuss the different examples of imposter syndrome and how to combat it. All are welcome to join the zoom!

Zoom link [here](#) (Meeting ID: 899 1122 5966 // Passcode: 890741)

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**PMMA In-Person Brunch**  
*Sunday, November 1, 12PM*

Enjoy the remains of warm weather before winter sets in with a nice brunch outing and fun bonding with your cohort peers!

RSVP with [Morgan](#) for more details!

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**MLL Vocab Diversity Initiative:**  
**Representations of Anti Blackness in Languages**  
*Wednesday, October 28, 2:30PM*

In response to the death of George Floyd and a call for action around the world, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, with generous support from Rafael Zapata, Chief Diversity Officer and the Office of The Chief Diversity Officer, proposed a collaborative overhaul of our
language syllabi over the summer and a series of roundtables this fall to address the systemic racism, classism, and sexism that arise from vocabulary and its representation.

Register [here](#) for the zoom link!

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**Ralph Vacca "Inclusive Design: Designing for the Overlooked"**

*Wednesday, October 28, 2PM*

In this seminar Dr. Vacca will explore the subfield of inclusive design – designing for the needs of people with permanent, temporary, situational, or changing disabilities. Dr. Vacca is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication and Media Studies. His research sits at the intersection of media studies and human-computer interaction. Dr. Vacca specializes in the use of design methodologies to explore how digital media can be developed and used to support emotional wellbeing, with a particular focus on the role of culture and data.

Zoom link [here](#) (Meeting ID: 852 6036 3008, Passcode: 420464)

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**Criminalization, Inequality, and the Stakes of 2020**

*Thursday, October 29, 1PM*

Elizabeth Hinton of Yale Law School will deliver our final lecture for the Fordham American Studies Election 2020 Lecture Series. Professor Hinton is an expert on the U.S. prison system, surveillance, and confinement, and the author of *From the*
War on Poverty to the War on Crime. It is difficult to think of a more pressing topic for our times.

You must register in advance here!

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Lecture with Eduardo Porter
Thursday, October 29, 11:30AM


Clink here to register

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Cultural Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Virtual Happy Hour
Thursday, October 29, 4PM-6PM

You’re not going to want to miss this one! The Graduate Body for Cultural Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, GSA Charter Group, will be hosting their first event of the semester this Thursday, October 29th. They welcome all GSAS students for a relaxing happy hour with diverse graduate students
Peer-to-peer Mentoring Session for Master’s Students: An Interdisciplinary Discussion about Professional Development and Networking

Friday, November 6, 12:30PM

In this session we will discuss experiences with / strategies for professional development amidst the circumstances of COVID-19. What professional development opportunities have you pursued recently? Are you having any difficulty finding such opportunities right now? How are you expanding your professional networks in the virtual world? We encourage all GSAS master’s students to join us for a discussion about professional development and networking.

RSVP for the event here!

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**JOB / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Laura Bassi Scholarship**

*DEADLINE: Nov. 25*

The Laura Bassi Scholarship, which awards a total of $8,000 thrice per annum, was established by Editing Press in 2018 with the aim of providing editorial assistance to postgraduates and junior academics whose research focuses on neglected topics of study, broadly construed.
The scholarships are open to every discipline and the next round of funding will be awarded in December 2020. All currently enrolled master’s and doctoral candidates are eligible to apply, as are academics in the first five years of their employment. Applicants are required to submit a completed application form along with their CV through the application portal by the relevant deadline.

For more information and to apply click here

Here and Now Intern (REMOTE) - Winter/Spring 2021

DEADLINE: Nov. 2 5PM

We’re looking for a smart, fast-thinking intern well versed in current events and eager to learn the ways of NPR. You’ll be reporting to NPR’s deputy managing editors, who shepherd the network’s daily news gathering operation. Most of your time will be spent assisting the Washington producer for Here & Now, our daily midday news program from WBUR in Boston. This is not a fetch-coffee-and-bagels internship. You’ll be expected to perform at a high level under deadline pressure – and love it!

Click here for more information and how to apply

Open Mic Recap
Our first PMMA open mic was a huge success. There are so many talented writers and incredible minds in this cohort. Stay tuned for the next open mic coming soon!

Don’t forget to check out Handshake for job & internship opportunities throughout the semester!

If you're looking for more personalized career guidance, please contact Megan McDonald with Fordham Career Services at mmcdonald21@fordham.edu.

SIGN UP HERE

That's it for now. Thank you for reading!

Morgan Williams & Julia Werner
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