Reflection Time: The fight for justice has a place for anger and for love. Instead of just thinking of what you are fighting against, ask yourself, "what are you fighting for?"
QUN WANG

Qun Wang, who joined the Fordham faculty this year, says she is very excited to be at Fordham and a part of the PMMA program. “Our programs have a focus on public interest and how to better serve our communities and I share that commitment,” she says.

With a background in news and journalism, Wang’s research focuses on the journalism and media studies fields. Her past writings focus on the intersection of journalism, tech and society along with a specific interest in the ever-changing media landscape. As for her accolades, Wang received two prestigious awards for her dissertation, “Normalization and Differentiation in Google News: A Multi-method Analysis of the World’s Largest News Aggregator.” She won the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication’s Nafziger-White-Salwen Dissertation Award, given for the best dissertation in the field of journalism or mass communication. Additionally, the International Communication Association’s Journalism Studies Division also awarded Wang an honorable mention in the 2020 Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award for her work on Google News. Wang, who received her Masters from the University of Southern California and her PhD from Rutgers, spent the past few years teaching news, digital media and society, and international media classes at Rutgers.

While teaching remotely isn’t exactly ideal, Wang says she feels like she is adjusting to this new way of working as she continues to test out different remote learning techniques with her students. Wang says she aims to put herself in the shoes of her students and prepares for the
class as if she is the one taking it. “I feel teaching and learning is always about communication. It’s an interactive and dynamic process,” she says. Ultimately, Wang says she hopes her students can walk away from her class understanding the changing media environment and the changing world as well as learning to be more open minded, creative, and good problem solvers.

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 me an email here!

COHORT SPOTLIGHT

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JULIA WERNER
Julia Werner is a 2020 graduate of Fordham College at Rose Hill and one of the PMMA Graduate Assistants. After leaving the Marine Corps in 2016, Julia came to Fordham to receive her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. While at Fordham, Julia interned at veteran's PTSD clinics at both the Bronx VA Medical Center and the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Julia also worked communications for the Student Veterans of America at Fordham. In May 2019, she was elected president of the organization.

While working for the SVAF, Julia learned how to plan events and encourage attendance through design. "As a designer, you hold the responsibility of creating potential. One event can change the course of a person's life - your job is to entice," she says. Continuing on with cultivating her promotional skills, Julia is now a part of the Strategic Communications track of the PMMA. Through this program, she says she hopes to learn more about public relations, organizational growth, and even production. With these skills, she aims to work for a socially conscious organization. “I am interested in producing content that facilitates empathy,” she says.

In addition to being one of the PMMA Graduate Assistants, Julia contrives social media content for the organization YES! to Consent. YES! is a nonprofit organization committed to providing intersectional, consent-based sexuality education and workshops for all ages. When Julia is not in college or volunteering, she enjoys photography, illustration, talking to strangers, and being a plant mom.

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**FORDHAM & NYC EVENTS**

**PMMA In-Person Happy Hour**

*Monday, October 5, 9:30PM*

End your Monday on a high note by attending a post class happy hour with your PMMA classmates and Dr. Knobel at Empire Rooftop! Buy your own drinks and snacks (though Professor Knobel might be talked into buying the first round). Students from both cohorts are welcome!

Meet at McNally Auditorium to walk over to Empire Rooftop (63rd & Columbus) after class.
PMMA Remote Student’s Virtual Happy Hour  
*Thursday, October 8, 7:30PM-8:30PM*

Bring the beverage of your choice to your Zoom screen to catch up and get to know your classmates and Dr. Knobel better. Students from both cohorts are welcome!

Email and zoom link to follow.

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**Q&A with the GSA**  
*Wednesday, September 30, 1:30PM-2:30PM*

Have questions about how to apply for the 2020 Fall [student support grant (SSG)](https://example.com) cycle? Want to know how the selection process works? Curious to see how you can make your application stand out? Come to the Q&A and get all those questions answered!

[Zoom link](https://example.com) and Meeting ID: 989 050 1502 & password: gsa2020

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**Third Annual Diversity + Media Career Summit**  
*September 30-October 2, 12PM-3PM*

Join us for three days of inspiration, motivation, and connection at our 3rd Annual Diversity + Media Career Summit. Presented virtually this year, the Summit is designed to help students and recent graduates break into the business and be successful in their early careers.

For more information and how to register [click here](https://example.com)
GSA Virtual Writing Bootcamp

*Thursday, October 1, 9AM-5PM*

The GSA Bootcamps are for students who want to dedicate a whole day to schoolwork and would like some accountability and company while they do research, write their research papers or dissertations, study for midterms, work on a project etc. This bootcamp will be hosted by Helene Purcell, a PhD candidate in the Econ department.

Sign up [here](#) to receive the zoom link!

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Introduction to OIS and Information Session

*Thursday, October 1, 1PM-2PM*

Please join us for an upcoming session featuring two staff members from the Office of International Services, Sal Longarino, Director, and Ethan Edholm, International Student Adviser.

OIS staff members’ remarks will be followed by ample time for Q&A with attendees. This session provides an opportunity to converse with OIS staff members about topics of interest among members of the international student community.

RSVP [here](#)!

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Election 2020 Lecture Series: *The Rise and Fall of Presidential Liberalism*

*Monday, October 5, 1PM*

Fordham American Studies invites you to this semester’s Election 2020 Lecture Series. The series is designed to bring in speakers on topics that are most important to our students during this unprecedented political
moment.

Join us as Cornell University Law professor Aziz Rana discusses the politics and ideology of the American presidency.

Register for the event in advance at this link.

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**All-Day Virtual Women’s Summit**

*Wednesday, October 21, 10AM-4PM*

Join us at Fordham’s fourth annual Women’s Summit | Philanthropy, Empowerment, Change, where we will cultivate resilience in ourselves, help empower others, and harness our collective power to give back and effect positive change.

For more information click here. To register, click here.
Here's a sneak peek into what our in person classes have been looking like.

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.

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