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SUNDAY, March 15, 2026  
PACE UNIVERSITY  
ONE PACE PLAZA  
NEW YORK, NY

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SUNDAY, March 15, 2026  
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FULL-DAY SCHEDULE

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast—Student Center
- 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting Welcome—Student Center
- 10:15 a.m. Plenary Presentations—Student Center
- 11:45 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Poster Session—Main Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon—Student Center
- 2:00 p.m. First Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 1 through 8—Fifth Floor
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Second Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 9 through 16—Fifth Floor
- 4:30 p.m. Break
- 4:45 p.m. Awards Reception—Student Center

**Transportation:** Bus departs from Goldstein Fitness Center on Pleasantville campus at 8:30 a.m. and returns from Frankfort Street Lot on New York campus at 5:30 p.m.

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9:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**—Student Center

10:00 a.m. **Annual Meeting Welcome**—Student Center

Judith Pajo, PhD  
Chair, Society of Fellows of Dyson College

Maria-Iacullo-Bird, PhD  
Assistant Provost, Pace University

Ali Carr-Chellman, PhD  
Provost, Pace University

10:15 a.m. **Plenary Presentations**—Student Center

*The Nail Salon as a Sacred Space: How Gender, Race, Class, and Other Dynamics Shape the Nail Industry*

Aja Ammeen; Faculty Sponsor: Garrett FitzGerald, PhD

*Answering the Call: Addressing Heavy Metal Concerns of NYCHA Residents*

Ryan Kai Kinningham; Faculty Sponsor: Perl Egendorf, PhD

*The Effect of Immigration on Labor Productivity Growth*  
Brooklyn Bynum; Faculty Sponsor: Gregory Colman, PhD

*Nondenominational Christianity in The Big Apple*  
Hana Toguchi; Faculty Sponsor: Judith Pajo, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Judith Pajo, PhD

11:45 a.m. **Break**

12:00 p.m. **Poster Session**—Main Lobby

Presiding, Judith Pajo, PhD  
Chair, Society of Fellows of Dyson College

*Co-targeting Metabolism and the EGFR in Pancreatic Cancer*  
Bryce Aierstok; Faculty Sponsor: Nancy Krucher, PhD

*Infrared Spectroscopic Analysis of Sauces with Varying Levels of Spiciness*

Daniel Alcabes; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Impacts of Climate Change on Sponge Microbiome Symbioses and the Pharmaceutical Potential of Marine Bioactive Compounds*

Angelina Alvarenga; Faculty Sponsor: Wei Fang, PhD

*Phenolic Content and Antioxidant Capacity of Celestial Seasoning Tea Varieties*

Vazira Ashrabova; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*The Relationship Between Perfectionism and Social Media Use*

Lily Callaghan; Faculty Sponsor: Angela Legg, PhD

*Sex Differences in Vascular Biology Markers*

Nicolas Carbone; Faculty Sponsor: Rita Upmacis, PhD

*The Mathematics of Human Behavior*

Leah Carman; Faculty Sponsor: Shamita Dutta Gupta, PhD

*Antioxidant Activity of Green, Black, Rooibos, and Honeybush Tea*

Gianna Catalic; Faculty Sponsor: Irina Gazaryan, PhD

*Characterizing Post-Emergence Inflorescence Circumnutation and Dark-Growth Rhythms in Arabidopsis Thaliana: Exploring Potential Associations between Dark Growth and Starch Reserve Concentrations*

Amanda Connors; Faculty Sponsor: Eric Brenner, PhD

*The Butterfly Curve*

Xheni Danglli; Faculty Sponsor: Shamita Dutta Gupta, PhD

*Applications of Period 3 Implies Chaos*

Michael Del Vecchio; Faculty Sponsor: Sue Huang, PhD

*Assessing Synaptic Integration of Regenerated Hair Cells in Zebrafish*

Lea Dresch; Faculty Sponsor: Aaron Steiner, PhD

*Inhibiting Dickkopf Protein Function Enhances Hair Cell Development and Regeneration in Zebrafish*

Stefani Frank; Faculty Sponsor: Aaron Steiner, PhD

*Infrared Spectroscopic Evaluation of Pediatric Medications Before and After Expiration*

Angela Gould; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Comparative Analysis of Antioxidant Properties in Tea House Green Tea Collection*

Nataly Helmy; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Comparative Evaluation of Antioxidant Activity in Thurson Gourmet Black Tea Samples*

Kaylee Hoover; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Political Misalignment and Psychological Wellbeing Across the U.S.*

Tyler McShane; Faculty Sponsor: Anthony Mancini, PhD

*Assessment of Antioxidant Capacity in Basilur Vintage Blossoms Tea Products*

Emmanuel Medina Nevárez; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Evaluation of Honey Quality Through Electrical Conductivity, pH, and Chemometric Techniques*

Tamara Meneses; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*The Math of Interstellar Life*

Daniel Millevoi; Faculty Sponsor: Shamita Dutta Gupta, PhD

*Analytical Determination of Zinc in Dietary Supplements: A Comparative Study of Titration and X-Ray Fluorescence*

Jennifer Molina Salazar; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Targeting the cell cycle and metabolism in Breast Cancer*

Megan Murphy; Faculty Sponsor: Nancy Krucher, PhD

*Evaluating Phenolic Content and Antioxidant Capacity of Impra Tea Samples*

Isaac Nasimov; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Fluoride Determination in Toothpastes Using an Ion-Selective Electrode*

Madison Negron; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Investigation of Antioxidant Properties in Fruit Farm Tea Varieties*

Fizza Raza; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Identifying Degradation Hotspots in Western Kazakhstan: Vegetation Trends and Biophysical Drivers from MODIS and GeoSHAP*

Emmanuel Reyes; Faculty Sponsor: Wei Fang, PhD

*Comparative Study of Phenolic Compounds and Antioxidant Activity in Basilur Botanical Breeze Tea Products*

Zoe Riley; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*The Good, the Sweet, and the Elemental: Characterizing Commercial Honey Using Chemical Fingerprints*

Natalie Rodrigues; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Chemical Profiling of Coffee Using FTIR Spectroscopy and Principal Component Analysis*

Emely Rodriguez; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*UV-Visible Spectroscopic Discrimination of Propolis Extracts from the United States and Europe Using Multivariate Techniques*  
Anne Roy; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Study of NYC Local Law 97*  
Brooklyn Staab; Faculty Sponsor: Micheal Finewood, PhD

*Combination Strategy Targeting Proliferation and Metabolism in Pancreatic Cancer Using MEK and ACLY Inhibition*  
Morgan Strecker; Faculty Sponsor: Nancy Krucher, PhD

*Infrared Spectroscopic Analysis of Citral, Citronella, Citronellol, and Geraniol and Their Binary Mixtures*  
Amiya Swink; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Executor & Savior: Do Apoptosis and Anastasis Promote Tau Aggregation in Alzheimer's Disease?*  
Katherine Vazquez; Faculty Sponsor: Wei Fang, PhD

*X-Ray Fluorescence Analysis of Commercial Tea Samples Before and After Steeping*  
Kyra Weiss; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*Evaluation of Phenolic Content and Antioxidant Activity in Thurson Gourmet Green Tea Samples*  
Raelin Whitlow; Faculty Sponsor: Elmer Mojica, PhD

*The Role of the Cxcl12a-Cxcr4b Signaling Axis in Interneuromast Cell Regrowth*  
Genevieve Zorilo; Faculty Sponsor: Aaron Steiner, PhD

Faculty Judges: Eric Brenner, PhD; Zafir Buraei, PhD (coordinator); Eduardo Chan, PhD; Qian Chen, PhD; Ross Christofferson, PhD; Shamita Dutta Gupta, PhD; Brian Evans, EdD; Lisa Fastenberg, PhD; Irina Gazaryan, PhD; Paul Griffin, PhD (coordinator); Sue Huang, PhD; Sergey Kazakov, PhD; Nancy Krucher, PhD; Erik Lascaris, PhD; Angela Legg, PhD; Anthony Mancini, PhD; Matthew Marcello, PhD; Elmer Mojica, PhD; Aaron Steiner, PhD; Daniel Strahs, PhD; Rita Upmacis; PhD; Alfred Ward; PhD.

1:00 p.m. **Luncheon**—Student Center

Roundtable 1: Building Research Communities through Student Organizations (PURLS)

Roundtable 2: Alumni Fellows Reunion

Roundtable 3: Weekend Seminar Reunion

2:00 p.m. **First Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 1 to 8**—Fifth Floor

**Session A1** **Inner Worlds and Outer Spaces: New Works of Fiction**

English Language and Literature *The Rat Race*  
Marcus Grimes; Faculty Sponsor: Helane Levine-Keating, PhD

CIVIC W518 *The Writer's Block*  
2:00 p.m.– Nyx Krisberg; Faculty Sponsor: Helane Levine-Keating, PhD

3:00 p.m. *The Pink Palace*  
Sara Lepis; Faculty Sponsor: Helane Levine-Keating, PhD

*Mr. Dandy in: Attack of the Robot Doppelganger!*  
Aaron Glass; Faculty Sponsor: Helane Levine-Keating, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Helane Levine-Keating, PhD

**Negotiating Private and Public: Shakespeare and Austen**

**Session A2** *"Passing through the garden door": Subversive Spaces in Jane Austen's Novels*

English Language and Literature Molly Dunne; Faculty Sponsor: Sid Ray, PhD

CIVIC W510 *"The tempters of the night": Iachimo and the Violation of Private Space in William Shakespeare's Cymbeline*  
2:00 p.m.– Molly Dunne; Faculty Sponsor: Sid Ray, PhD

3:00 p.m. *Visual Art and the Broader Popularization of Shakespeare*  
Camilla Abruzzo; Faculty Sponsor: Sid Ray, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Sid Ray, PhD

**Deconstruction of Certainty: Descartes, Kant, Nietzsche, Sartre, Beauvoir, Althusser**

**Session A3** *A Moral Framework of Art*  
Lucia Rosen; Faculty Sponsor: Brandyn Heppard, PhD

Philosophy and Religious Studies *The Failure of the Absolute and the Promise of Ambiguity*  
Carolyn Hendricks; Faculty Sponsor: Brandyn Heppard, PhD

Mathematics *A Renunciation of Religion*  
CIVIC W512 Bodie Ko; Faculty Sponsor: Eddis Miller, PhD

2:00 p.m.– *Cartesian Philosophy and Social Formations: An Althusserian Reading of Descartes' Meditations*

3:00 p.m. Asher Schain; Faculty Sponsor: R. Emilio Fernández, PhD

Faculty Moderator: R. Emilio Fernández, PhD

**Session A4**

Economics  
Global Asia  
History

Peace and Justice  
Studies

CIVIC W511

2:00 p.m.–

3:00 p.m.

**States of Negotiation: New Case Studies from Asia**

*On the Japanese Female Labor Force Participation Rate and Its Response to the 2016 Act on Promotion of Women’s Participation and Advancement in the Workplace*  
Kristina Nasteva; Faculty Sponsor: Kier Hanratty, PhD

*Operation Yellow Bird and the Impact of Nonviolent Rescue Missions*

Jayna Moskovitz; Faculty Sponsor: Joseph Lee, PhD

*Danmei and Chinese Censorship: The Obstacles of Loving the Obscene*

Jason Capeci; Faculty Sponsor: Joseph Lee, PhD

*The Beauty of Our Bakla: The Queer Experience in the Philippines*

Luzelle Theresa Isip; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Welty, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Joseph Lee, PhD

**Session A5**

Communication  
and Media Studies

Women’s and  
Gender Studies

CIVIC W514

2:00 p.m.–

3:00 p.m.

**Knots and Networks: From Patriarchy to Queer Kin**

*The Knots in Our Yarn: Crafting, Maternal Relationships and Transmissional Knowledge*

McKenna Crenshaw; Faculty Sponsor: Cy Delgado, PhD

*Technologies as an Extension of Reproductive Envy: Deconstructing the Normative Myth of the Male Techno-Capitalist Binary*

Keneisha Sanap; Faculty Sponsor: Marcella Szablewicz, PhD

*The Impacts of Trans Representation in Media*

Sam Yungmann; Faculty Sponsor: Jay Muir, MA

*From Matinee Girls to Bieber Fever: The History of Policing Women’s Parasocial Attachments*

Gwyneth Goodfellow; Faculty Sponsor: Marcella Szablewicz, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Marcella Szablewicz, PhD

**Session A6**

History  
Peace and Justice  
Studies

**Performance and Film for Mourning and Transformation**

*"Meet Me Under the Mirrorball": On the Relationship Between Queer Failure, Queer Temporality, and Queer Mourning in RENT*

Mel Zago; Faculty Sponsor: Cy Delgado, PhD

Women's and  
Gender Studies  
CIVIC W515

2:00 p.m.–

3:00 p.m.

*Grief Staged: Theatre as an Alternative Grief Practice for  
Queer Communities*

Andy (Amanda) Hook; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Welty, PhD

*Beyond the Button Eyes: Using Coraline as a Pedagogical Tool  
in Peace and Justice Studies*

Daniela Goldbaum; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Welty, PhD

*Between Reality and Dream, Japanese Cinema from Kurosawa  
to Satoshi Kon*

Kanykei Nukeeva; Faculty Sponsor: Joseph Lee, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Cy Delgado, PhD

### **Session A7**

Economics

Philosophy and

Religious Studies

CIVIC W509

2:00 p.m.–

3:00 p.m.

### **Gambling on Identity: Impacts of Digital Technology**

*Sports Betting and Financial Deterioration*

Oliver Ng; Faculty Sponsor: Aina Puig, PhD

*How Has the Legalization of Mobile Sports Betting Affected  
Consumer Interest?*

Sonia Christoforides; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

*Self-Advertisement: Curation, Authenticity, and Individuality  
on Social Media*

Vivian McBride; Faculty Sponsor: Brandyn Heppard, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Aina Puig, PhD

### **Session A8**

Economics

CIVIC W513

2:00 p.m.–

3:00 p.m.

### **Money and Markets: Investigating Recent Interventions**

*Detrended Savings on Monetary Policy Stance: Assessing the  
Impacts of Detrended Savings Rate on Monetary Policy Stance  
in Short to Medium Terms*

Tri (Harvey) M. Nguyen; Faculty Sponsor: Aina Puig, PhD

*Impact of the 2023 SEC Regulation Item 1.05*

Hope Brizzi; Faculty Sponsor: Mark Weinstock, CBE

*Job Creation and Its Impact on Property Values*

Danial Ahmed Bhatti; Faculty Sponsor: Mark Weinstock, CBE

*The Impact of Market Expectations of Federal Reserve Policy  
on Credit Conditions*

Suraj Sharma; Faculty Sponsor: Sam Baruch, MA

Faculty Moderator: Anna Shostya, PhD

3:00 p.m. **Break**—Water Bubbler in Center Hallway on Fifth Floor

3:15 p.m. **Second Concurrent Afternoon Panel Sessions 9 to 16**—Fifth Floor

**Session B9 Persistence of Power: Slavery, Colonialism, Racism**

English Language and Literature *The Pilkesh Woman: Indigenous Women's Erasure in Manahatta's Archival Record*

History Emily Kangal; Faculty Sponsor: Sid Ray, PhD

Anthropology *Satmar Jewish Community and Their Stereotypes*  
Zoe Justin; Faculty Sponsor: Judith Pajo, PhD

Peace and Justice Studies *How the Page Remembers: Written Monuments of Forgotten Pasts*

CIVIC W512 Emilia Gillen; Faculty Sponsor: Erica Johnson, PhD

3:15 p.m.– *From Margins to Monuments: Rethinking Peace Through Intersectional Inclusion*

4:30 p.m. Reagan Suchevids; Faculty Sponsor: Garrett FitzGerald, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Helane Levine-Keating, PhD

**Spaces of Resistance: Gender, Race, and Class**

**Session B10**  
English *Dead Rabbits: Irish Gang Power and Black Marginalization in Nineteenth-Century New York City*

Language and Literature Marielette Sanchez; Faculty Sponsor: Sid Ray, PhD

*Rhythm of Resistance: Black Queer Nightlife and Cultural Erasure in 1970s New York*

Peace and Justice Studies Soren Schwerner; Faculty Sponsor: Sid Ray, PhD

*The Post-Beauty Pivot: Bourdieu, Post-Luxury, and Ironic Distinction as a Social Currency*

CIVIC W510 Allison Romeo; Faculty Sponsor: Stephanie Hsu, PhD

3:15 p.m.– *Reclaiming Care: Black Queer Feminist Approaches to Health, Autonomy, and Sanctuary*

4:30 p.m. Maddy Everlith; Faculty Sponsor: Brandyn Heppard, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Sid Ray, PhD

**Session B11 Infrastructure and Policies: Building Sustainable Cities**

Environmental Science *Newly Constructed Soils Over Time: Evaluating Different Ratios of NYC Clean Soil Bank Sediments to DSNY Municipal Compost Across Three Growing Seasons (Part 1)*

Economics Vern Chaney; Faculty Sponsor: Perl Egendorf, PhD

CIVIC W518 *Newly Constructed Soils Over Time: Evaluating Different Ratios of NYC Clean Soil Bank Sediments to DSNY Municipal Compost*

3:15 p.m.–

4:30 p.m.

*Across Three Growing Seasons (Part 2)*  
Ella Kadz; Faculty Sponsor: Perl Egendorf, PhD

*The Causal Impact of Bus Lane Coverage on Bus Ridership and Speed in New York*  
Ahmad Alexander; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

*Transportation Inequities and Victimization (U.S. Based)*  
Keyonja Spivey; Faculty Sponsor: Mark Weinstock, CBE

*The Veteran Wage Premium*  
Anthony Jarama; Faculty Sponsor: Kier Hanratty, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Perl Egendorf, PhD

**Session B12 Religious Pluralism: New Dynamics in East and West**

Philosophy and  
Religious Studies

*Infinite Regress Argument: Nāgārjuna vs. the Naiyāyikas*  
Aastha Pujara; Faculty Sponsor: James Reich, PhD

Anthropology

*Looking Inward: Internal Religious Diversity in Interreligious Conversations*

CIVIC W514

Asher Schain; Faculty Sponsor: Judith Pajo, PhD

3:15 p.m.–

*Sacred Spaces and Shared Traditions: Ethnographic Insights into Interreligious Life in Southeast Asia*

4:30 p.m.

Raajasvi Thakker; Faculty Sponsor: Judith Pajo, PhD

*Wicca: Ancient Revival or Inspired Innovation*  
Boston Markey; Faculty Sponsor: Eddis Miller, PhD

Faculty Moderator: James Reich, PhD

**Session B13**

**The Art of Unrest: Activism on Campus and Off**

Anthropology

*"Arm the Children! With Glue Guns and Glitter Bombs: An Interactive Guidebook on Creative, Artistic, and Joyfully Unconventional Active Nonviolence"*

Peace and

Rachel Kohley; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Welty, PhD

Justice Studies

*ACT 101: A Model of Popular Education for High School Activists in Brookline, MA*

CIVIC W513

Lily Lockwood; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Welty, PhD

3:15 p.m.–

*Anti-War, Anti-Apartheid, and Anti-Genocide: Traditions and Evolutions of Historical Student Nonviolent Resistance and the 2024 NYC Encampments for Palestine*

4:30 p.m.

Emma Ohlson; Faculty Sponsor: Emily Welty, PhD

*Taking it to the Pews: Faith, Justice, and Activism Amongst Brooklyn's Progressive Christians*

Percy Hillier; Faculty Sponsor: Judith Pajo, PhD

*Queer Dialogue as Resistance: Intergenerational Knowledge Sharing as an Activist Tool in Queer Communities*  
Toby Parks; Faculty Sponsor: Garrett FitzGerald, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Garrett FitzGerald, PhD

**Session B14**

**Economics on the Family Level: College, Work, Retirement**

Economics

CIVIC W511

3:15 p.m.–

4:30 p.m.

*How Does Household Debt Affect Allocation in Stocks?*

Iakovos Christoforou; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

*How Regional Cost of Living Affects Institutional Financial Aid in U.S. Colleges*

Gianna Beck; Faculty Sponsor: Gregory Colman, PhD

*How Does Performance-Based Funding Impact Graduation Rates? An Analysis of Educational Policy and Its Impact on Institutional Outcomes*

Greer Jones; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

*Examining the Impact of Arrest Rates on Divorce Likelihood Among Law Enforcement Officers*

Giancarlo Raspanti; Faculty Sponsor: Aina Puig, PhD

*How Do the Components of Job Satisfaction Influence Valuing Retirement?*

Riley Campbell; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

**Session B15**

**Economics of Vulnerability: Physical and Mental Health**

Economics

CIVIC W515

3:15 p.m.–

4:30 p.m.

*Market Structure and Pharmaceutical Drug Prices: How Can Competition Impact Price Burdens for Necessity Goods?*

Grace McGrath; Faculty Sponsor: Aina Puig, PhD

*The Effects of Physical Activity on Depression*

Nicolas Greco; Faculty Sponsor: Mark Weinstock, CBE

*The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Gender Wage Gap in the United States*

Samantha Turner; Faculty Sponsor: Mark Weinstock, CBE

*Does Parental Income Affect Childhood Obesity?*

Lailaa Holmes; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Mark Weinstock, CBE

**Session B16**

Economics

Communication  
and

Media Studies

CIVIC W509

3:15 p.m.–

4:30 p.m.

**The Playing Field: Sports Economics and Sports  
Communication**

*The Effect of NHL Expansion on Player Salaries*

Jude Yurcich; Faculty Sponsor: Mary Kaltenberg, PhD

*Effects on Sport Communication and Society after the Aaron  
Hernandez Story*

Luis Padilla; Faculty Sponsor: Melvin Williams, PhD

*The Oakland Athletics' Controversial Relocation: Power, Profit  
and the Marginalization of Oakland Fans*

Nicholas Covone; Faculty Sponsor: Melvin Williams, PhD

*An Analysis of Megan Rapinoe*

Isabelle Allende; Faculty Sponsor: Mevin Williams, PhD

Faculty Moderator: Melvin Williams, PhD

4:30 p.m. **Break**

4:45 p.m. **Awards Ceremony**—Student Center

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Maria Iacullo-Bird, PhD

Assistant Provost, Pace University

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Initiation Ceremony**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026  
6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Bianco Room  
Pace University, New York

### **Weekend Seminar**

Friday–Sunday, October 9–11, 2026  
Stony Point Center  
Stony Point, New York

### **Transactions—Call for Papers**

Full-length research papers and artistic projects submitted to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 2026 are considered for publication in Volume 27 of Transactions. Students interested in having their work published are encouraged to revise their Annual Meeting papers with the help of their faculty sponsors and submit their revised work (or new entries) of 20 pages max length to [sof@pace.edu](mailto:sof@pace.edu) by **Friday, May 29, 2026**.

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The Society of Fellows began in the fall of 1980 with a weekend seminar devoted to questions in applied ethics. The first class of fellows inducted at the formal inauguration of the society in December 1981 was named after distinguished philosopher and Pace faculty member William Barrett. Since then, a new class has been inducted annually and named after a member of our society who has made a significant contribution to the ideals that we hold important. To date, more than 700 students, faculty, and alumni hold the distinction of Fellow of Dyson College.

The Society of Fellows is the premier honors organization in Dyson College. The society fosters dialogue and scholarship across the fields of the arts and sciences through enriching experiences for students with exceptional academic and artistic abilities. The Society of Fellows provides students with opportunities to develop intellectual interests and present their research and creativity to the university community. Membership in the Society of Fellows gives recognition to advanced levels of student participation and achievement. Faculty who participate in Society of Fellows events and sponsor students also receive recognition as fellows.

Each fall the Society of Fellows sponsors the *Weekend Seminar* in which students, faculty, and alumni engage in discussions on a chosen topic in a casual, off-campus setting—usually in upstate New York. At the *Annual Meeting* of the Society of Fellows, which is a one-day student conference held in early spring, students showcase their faculty-mentored scholarly research and artistic projects. *Transactions*, the official publication of the fellows, features outstanding work written by Pace University students under the sponsorship of faculty members, many of whom are fellows. New members are recognized at the *Initiation Ceremony* held at the end of the spring semester. [More information about the Society of Fellows is available at our website.](#)