

SPA DAY 2021



Imagining a Brighter Future
Through Rediscovering
Teaching and Learning

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Main Program

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Speaking Up for AAPI at
Hostos: A Roundtable

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This year's program will be dedicated to Prof. Isabel Li to celebrate her life and the countless contributions she made to the Hostos family for almost 40 years

AGENDA

9:30 am - 9:45 am	Welcoming & Opening Remarks	11:00 am - 11:05 am	What is Kognito and how can faculty use this tool?
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Tribute to Professor Isabel Li	11:05 am - 11:10 am	Hostos Reads
10:00 am - 10:10 am	Creative Cloud Making Part I	11:10 am - 11:40 am	Breakout Sessions
10:10 am - 10:25 am	Reflecting on Growth Mindset	11:40 am - 12:00 pm	Creative Cloud Making Part II
10:25 am - 10:40 am	Burnout	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Speaking Up for AAPI at Hostos: A Roundtable
10:40 am - 11:00 am	COIL (Collaborate Online International Learning)		

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9:30 am - 9:45 am

Welcoming & Opening Remarks

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Asrat Amnie, Assistant Professor, Education

Linda Miles, Assistant Professor, Library

Greeting from the Interim President: Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.

Greeting from Charles Drago, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Tribute to Professor Isabel Li

Carlos Guevara, CTL Co-Director & EdTech Director

Silvia Reyes, Director of SP Projects and Student Engagement & CLIP, OAA

10:00 am - 10:10 am)

Creative Cloud Making Part I

Chanh Van Phan, Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences

Joseph Carvalho, Assistant Professor, Humanities

This exercise is an opportunity to set the tone for our day and identify commonalities and synergies that connect our experiences and perspectives as we tackle a new discovery and reimagining of teaching and learning in the new normal.

10:10 am - 10:25 am

Reflecting on Growth Mindset

Diana Macri, Assistant Professor, Allied Health Sciences

Elizabeth Porter, Assistant Professor, English

Linda Miles, Assistant Professor, Library

Growth mindset is based on the work of Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck, and refers to the belief that talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. In January, CUNY offered a course titled “The Motivating

Learners Course”, which focuses on understanding the mindsets and motivations that promote learning growth and well-being. This Mindful Conversation is hosted by faculty who attended the CUNY course and will introduce basic concepts and best practices regarding growth mindsets.

10:25 am - 10:40 am

Burnout

Alisa Roost, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Humanities

Feeling Burnt Out? Feeling guilty about feeling burnt out? You are not alone. It’s been a year like no other, and even as we know intellectually how lucky we are, many of us are feeling burnt out. Burning out is a stage that can be worked through and hopefully a little comradery, humor, a few strategies and an open conversation can help loosen things just a bit before the summer.

10:40 am - 11:00 am

Collaborate Online International Learning (COIL)

Amy Ramson, Professor, Behavioral and Social Sciences

Karin Lundberg, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Language and Cognition

Kate Lyons, Professor, Library

Dania Espinosa, Student, Liberal Arts

Keturah Owens, Student, Liberal Arts

Professor Amy Ramson will introduce Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), a type of virtual exchange, which links classes in different countries and will discuss how faculty can impart competencies, learner motivation and self-exploration to their students using this innovative pedagogy. Professors Karin Lundberg and Kate Lyons will present along with students from Hostos and Malmö University who will showcase their COIL project “CitySpeak” on diverse urban discourses. In the breakout room, there will be a discussion of other virtual exchange projects undertaken by faculty and staff at Hostos and time for questions and answers.

11:00 am - 11:05 am

What is Kognito and how can faculty use this tool?

Fabian Wander, Student Health Services Director, Student Health Services

Linda Alexander, Director of Counseling, Counseling

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Faculty and Staff will briefly learn about the Kognito health simulation software program. This tool can help faculty and staff in identifying, engaging and in referring students that are experiencing mental health challenges on campus.

11:05 am - 11:10 am

Hostos Reads

Silvia Reyes, Director of SP Projects and Student Engagement & CLIP, OAA

Lisa Tappeiner, Assistant Professor, Library

How do you put together a successful virtual common reading program and with no funding? Our solution was simple: short, free online texts that explore our common humanity. This short talk will discuss the readings, key takeaways from Hostos Reads 2020-21, and get your ideas for next year's program.

11:10 am - 11:40 am

Breakout Themes

Session I:

Reflecting on Growth Mindset

Moderators: *Diana Macri, Elizabeth Porter, Linda Miles*

Session II:

Burnout

Moderator: *Alisa Roost*

Session III:

Collaborate Online International Learning (COIL)

Moderators: *Aimie Ramson, Karin Lundberg, Kate Lyons*

11:40 am - 12:00 pm

Creative Cloud Making Part II

Chanh Van Phan, Assistant Professor, Natural Sciences

Joseph Carvalho, Assistant Professor, Humanities

After spending a day full of important discussions and reflections on the many ways the last year and a half has had in our personal and professional lives, the second take of this exercise is an opportunity to share what you have learned and plan to integrate into teaching and learning as we tackle a new discovery and reimagining of teaching and learning in the new normal.

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Speaking Up for AAPI at Hostos: A Roundtable

[Join Session](#)

Moderator:

Diana Kreymer, Assistant to the President and Director of the President's Office

Panelists:

Joyce Moy, Executive Director, Asian American Research Institute

Grace Pai, Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies

Grace Meng, U.S. Congresswoman, Represents the Sixth Congressional District of New York

John Liu, New York State Senator, Chairman of New York City Education Committee

Kris Burrell, Associate Professor, Behavioral & Social Sciences

Helen Chang, Assistant Professor, Behavioral & Social Sciences

Victor Torres-Velez, Assistant Professor, Humanities

Sadia Zaman, Student

The Hostos family is invited to a roundtable discussion supporting our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. With remarks from Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY's 6th Congressional District), Senator John Liu (11th State Senate District), CUNY's Asian American and Asian Research Institute Executive Director Joyce Moy, Guttman Community College Professor Grace Pai, Hostos Professors Kris Burrell, Helen Chang, and Victor Torres Velez, and Student Sadia Zaman.

We intend to address the violence against AAPI communities, place it within the broader sphere of violence against communities of color, and discuss the history of and opportunities for allyship.

Special Thanks for Supporting this Event Goes to:

Presenters / Facilitators

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D. & Interim President
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**DAISY COCCO
DE FILIPPIS**

Dr. Cocco De Filippis is delighted to return to Hostos Community College, where she previously served as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs from January 2002 to July 2008.

Dr. Cocco De Filippis served as President of Naugatuck Valley Community College from July 2008 to August 2012. The hallmark of her presidency was a shared vision of community, student-centeredness, collaboration, and civic engagement. Under her guidance student retention rose steadily as did the number of associate degrees and certificates awarded. She oversaw the expansion of the Waterbury campus, the renovation of Founders Hall and the campus improvement project, and the establishment of an Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center. To meet the needs of a growing immigrant population, NVCC created a campus in downtown Danbury, accredited by the New England Commission for Higher Education, to offer degree and certificate programs. During her tenure the college hosted four Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence in support of the creation of an International Center for the Arts at NVCC.

Under her leadership, Academic Affairs implemented the Hostos Academic Learning Center, which expanded non-credit offerings and – via a Title V grant – fomented faculty and student development opportunities and assisted in enhancement of the Office of Institutional Research. Four engineering programs, transferable and designed in partnership with The City College Grove School of Engineering, raised the number of degree offerings from 14 to 27. There was also a significant growth of intellectual opportunities outside of the classroom for students, faculty, staff, and community members by means of coffee and conversations with the Provost, college-wide meetings, conferences, poetry readings, and Veladas Hostosianas.

Dr. Cocco De Filippis holds a Ph.D. in Latin American Literature, an M. Phil in Spanish literature from the Graduate School and University Center of The City University of New York, an M.A. in Spanish literature and a B.A. summa cum laude in Spanish and English literatures from Queens College, CUNY. A published author and literary critic, she is recognized internationally as pioneer in the field of Dominican women studies and Dominican authors in the U.S. In 2016, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in the Humanities by the University of Santo Domingo (UASD), the oldest university in the Americas, in recognition of her contributions to Dominican, Caribbean and Dominican Diaspora literatures. In May 2017, President Cocco De Filippis was honored by Hostos Community College as Educator of the Year at their annual Scholarship Benefit. She was inducted as a member of the Connecticut's Immigrant Heritage Hall of Fame in September 2018 and was honored by Malta House of Care as one of their 2019 Wonder Women.

Dr. Cocco De Filippis has served on the board of multiple educational and community organizations, as well as Commissioner for the New England Commission for Higher Education.

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**CHARLES I.
DRAGO**

Charles I. Drago is the Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. He has served as Academic Chairperson of the Allied Health Sciences Department and as Unit Coordinator of the Radiologic Technology Program. Throughout his 20-year tenure at Hostos Community College, Professor Drago has served and led numerous committees. He is the current President of the Association of Educators in Radiologic Technology in the New York State (AERTSNY) and the President Elect of Association of Educators in Radiological Sciences (AEIRS) which represents the United States and parts of Europe. Dr. Drago earned a doctorate in health education from A.T.Still University in Arizona and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State Leadership Academy. Provost Drago is a certified Radiologic Technologist with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Dr. Drago endeavors to advance the mission of our institution for both internal and external stakeholders and is passionate about the success of our diverse faculty and student populations.



ASRAT AMNIE

Dr. Asrat Amnie is an Assistant Professor at Hostos Community College. Dr. Amnie received a Doctor of Education in Health Education (EdD) from Teachers College Columbia University. He also earned a Master's in Public Health (MPH) from Emory University.

Dr. Amnie is an international Medical Graduate. He earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from Jimma University and he is certified and licensed to practice general surgery in Ethiopia—his country of origin.

Dr. Amnie is a member of the American Public Health Association and Society for Public Health Education. His research interests include high-risk health behavior and communicable diseases.



**CARLOS
GUEVARA**

An innate leader and visionary, born in Ecuador, Carlos holds a BS and Master degrees in Computer Science from CUNY & NYU and is currently pursuing his doctorate degree in Instructional Technology at Columbia University. Carlos is currently the Director of Educational Technology and Co-Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at Hostos Community College - CUNY. His research interests are in organizational change and innovative approaches to professional development and technology adoption. Carlos is the founder & President of Juventud Ecuatoriana and proud to be the pioneer in establishing the First Scholarship Fund for Ecuadorians in the US.



**LINDA
MILES**

Linda Miles is Assistant Professor, Head of Library Reference, OER Librarian, and Liaison Librarian to the faculty of Early Childhood Education and the Visual and Performing Arts. Before coming to Hostos, she served for four years as Public Services and User Experience Librarian at Yeshiva University, and began her career in the library of the Lincoln Center Institute, an arts education organization. She has co-authored a book, *How to Thrive as a Library Professional: Achieving Success and Satisfaction*, for Libraries Unlimited (2020). Other recent publications include "But What Do the Students Think: Results of the CUNY Cross-Campus Zero-Textbook Cost Student Survey" (*Open Praxis*, 11(1), 2019) and "Full Impact: Designing research with student collaborators" (*Recasting the narrative: ACRL Conference proceedings*, 2019). Linda holds an MLS from St. John's University and a PhD in theatre history and criticism from the University of Texas at Austin. Linda's current research interests include students' reading and college-readiness, and the research and publication practices of community college librarians.

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JOYCE MOY

Joyce O. Moy is an attorney and has practiced law for more than 20 years, specializing in business transactions and taxation. Joyce is the former executive director of business and community development at LaGuardia Community College and currently is executive director of the Asian American/Asian Research Institute of the City University of New York (CUNY).

Areas of Expertise: Business Management, Entrepreneurship, Immigrant Support



GRACE MENG

U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng represents the Sixth Congressional District of New York including west, central and northeast Queens. She is the first and only Asian American Member of Congress from New York State.

Congresswoman Meng is a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding every federal agency, program, and project within the United States government, and is Vice Chair of its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations. She also serves on the House Ethics Committee. She has passed several pieces of legislation into law, including striking “Oriental” from federal law. In addition, Congresswoman Meng has fought to expand opportunities for communities of color, young people and women, and she secured resources to help local small-businesses.

Born in Elmhurst, Queens, and raised in Bayside and Flushing, Congresswoman Meng attended local schools, and graduated from Stuyvesant High School and the University of Michigan. She then earned a law degree from Yeshiva University’s Benjamin Cardozo School of Law. Prior to serving in Congress, Grace was a member of the New York State Assembly. Before entering public service, she worked as a public-interest lawyer.



JOHN LIU

New York State Senator John C. Liu represents a broad section of northeast Queens. He is chairperson of the Senate’s Committee on New York City Education and also serves on the committees of Budget & Revenue, Education, Finance, Higher Education, Rules, and Transportation.

Senator Liu was a New York City Councilmember from 2002-2009, and New York City Comptroller from 2010-2013. Hailed as a “Trailblazer” and “Pioneer,” Senator Liu’s historic elections – as the first Asian American to win legislative office in New York and then the first to win citywide office – were milestones for Asian Americans in New York and across the nation.

Senator Liu was also a candidate for Mayor in 2013.

Prior to holding office, Senator Liu was a professional actuary. He currently teaches municipal finance and public policy in Masters programs at CUNY and Columbia University.

Senator Liu immigrated from Taiwan at the age of five. He was educated in New York public schools, including Hunter College High School, Bronx High School of Science, and Binghamton University, attaining his degree in Mathematical Physics.



**DIANA
KREYMER**

Diana Kreymer became Assistant to the President and the Director of the President’s Office in August 2020 after serving in various positions at Hostos Community College since 2009. She is an accomplished higher education professional with a strong background in events, relationship building, project management, technology utilization and customer service. Diana has planned and implemented campus-wide special events, such as: Commencement, the College’s 50th Anniversary, The BIG Event, Middle States Team Visits, State of the College Addresses, conferences, retreats, town halls, panels and forums. She is responsible for the supervision of the President’s Office staff and the [Conference Center](#).

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FABIAN WANDER

Mr. Fabián Sergio Wander is the Director of the Health and Wellness Office at Hostos Community College. He received his Master's in Social Work from Fordham University and has been working as a Social Worker for over 15 years. Fabián is licensed by the State of New York as a Clinical Social Worker. In his role as Director of the Health and Wellness office, he oversees Health Services, the Wellness office, One Stop-student support services, and two special programs. One program is focused on supporting student parent's emotional health and academic success. The other program is focused on supporting survivors of intimate partner violence. Fabián also serves as the college campus Domestic Violence Liaison and Immigration Liaison.

Fabián currently serves on several external committees or partnerships including; The Bronx Domestic Violence Roundtable, The Bronx Immigration Partnership, and is the Co-Chair of The Bronx Emotional Wellness steering Committee. Fabián also serves as a volunteer with the NYC Medical Reserve Corps and is a member of District 8 Community Education Council in The Bronx.

Through his tenure at Hostos Community College, Fabián has serviced students by providing counseling to students struggling in intimate partner violence relationships and provides advocacy for those with immigration challenges.

At Hostos Community College, Fabián helps students gain a greater sense of control over their challenges and promotes flexibility in how students respond to obstacles in their lives.



**LINDA
ALEXANDER**



**CHANH VAN
PHAN**

Chanh Van Phan is an Associate Professor in the Physical Sciences Unit of the Natural Science Department of Hostos Community College. His primary teaching responsibility is 1st year chemistry for science and engineering majors. He received his Ph.D. in 2010 from Yale University where he study proteins with solid state NMR. He is currently applying his knowledge of ssNMR on plant materials at City College of New York in collaboration with Prof. Ruth Stark.



ALISA ROOST

Alisa is the chair of the Humanities department and has a PhD from the CUNY Grad Center in Theatre. She directed and produced two off-Broadway musicals, but surviving Covid as a single mother with a 3 year old and no physical help for much of 2020 was actually the hardest thing she's ever done.



**ELIZABETH
PORTER**

Elizabeth Porter began as Assistant Professor in the English department in January 2019. She teaches across the course levels and serves as course manager for Developmental English sections.

Prof. Porter received her Ph.D in English literature from Fordham University in 2017. Her research explores narratives of women's experiences in eighteenth-century London. She is currently working on a book project titled *London Plots: Women and Mobility in the Eighteenth*

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DIANA MACRI

Diana Macri is an Assistant Professor in the Dental Hygiene Unit of the Allied Health Department, serving as Senior Clinic Coordinator. She earned a Master of Education, Higher Education Administration degree from Baruch College in 2012 and joined Hostos shortly thereafter, in 2014. In 2015 she first became a member of the Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council and has continued to serve in various capacities. She became Chair of the POINT Committee in 2017 and now serves as Faculty Liaison for the CTL Advisory Council. An avid writer and reader, she has created a Writing Intensive Course, an Open Educational Resource and is currently working on infusing mindfulness approaches into her courses. She is deeply committed to utilizing evidence based technologies and teaching methodologies which promote student success and is invigorated by working alongside the many faculty and staff at Hostos who are equally dedicated.



AMY RAMSON

Professor Amy Ramson is an attorney licensed to practice in New York and Georgia and she has practiced immigration and international law since 1983. She is a professor in the criminal justice and paralegal programs in the Behavioral & Social Sciences Department since 1990 and is chair of the COIL at Hostos committee. She has recently presented at several international conferences and a law symposia about virtual exchange. Professor Ramson is currently leading a virtual exchange grant, "Global Scholars Achieving Career Success", from the Stevens Initiative/Aspen Institute which awarded \$68,000 to Hostos.



LISA TAPPEINER

Lisa Tappeiner has been the technical services and collection development librarian at Hostos Community College since 2004. She has taught First Year Seminar for several years and hopes to teach a new information literacy Capstone in the spring semester. She has degrees in Library and Information studies and Comparative Literature.



KARIN LUNDBERG

Professor Karin Lundberg is professor in the Department of Language and Cognition. She holds a Ph.D. in Germanic Languages and Literatures from New York University and an M.A. in Linguistics, German, English Studies and Second Language Pedagogy from Karl Ruprecht University, Heidelberg, Germany. Her research focus covers discourse analysis and discourse comprehension, gaming in ESL, intellectual history and relationships between language and knowledge acquisition. Her most recent article, A New Global Space: Rethinking General Education in a Diverse, Urban Learning Environment, explores general education and different knowledge perspectives in the ESL curriculum. She has previously served as co-chair of the CUNY ESL Discipline Council.



JOSEPH CARVALHO

Joseph Carvalho is an Assistant Professor and Program Manager of Digital Music in the Humanities Department. He graduated from Long Island University Brooklyn with a Masters of Fine Arts. In addition to teaching, Joseph works as audio engineer, electronic music producer, and DJ.



SILVIA REYES

Silvia Reyes serves as the Director of Special Project & Student Engagement and CLIP. Her work focuses on designing and implementing a wide array of initiatives to improve students' college experiences and academic achievement. She holds a Master Degree in Social Work from Yeshiva University and, her Bachelors Degree in Psychology is from Hunter College.

BIOGRAPHIES



**KRIS
BURRELL**

Kristopher Bryan Burrell is Associate Professor of History at Hostos Community College—CUNY, in the Bronx. He earned his Ph.D. from the CUNY Graduate Center in 2011. Dr. Burrell researches and writes about the Black American civil rights movement in New York. He contributed a chapter on Ella Baker and Mae Mallory’s efforts to ameliorate racial inequities in the NYC public schools to *The Strange Careers of the Jim Crow North: Segregation and Struggle outside of the South* (New York University Press, 2019) and a chapter on the history of online learning at Hostos to *Educational Technology at an Urban Community College* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2019). He has also published in the *Western Journal of Black Studies*, *Public Seminar*, and the *Gotham Center Blog for New York City History*. Dr. Burrell is currently working on a study of New York City’s civil rights movement titled *Outsmarting Racism: New York’s Black Intellectuals and Theorizing Northern Racism, 1945-1968*. Dr. Burrell is also proud to have been born and raised in Harlem, and now is proud to live in the Bronx.



GRACE PAI

Grace Pai is an Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Guttman Community College where she primarily teaches mathematics and statistics courses. She also serves as the Faculty Coordinator of International Education and co-Advisor of Guttman’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter. In addition to being a former Peace Corps Volunteer and high school math teacher in New York City, she worked as a Senior Research Associate at the New York City Department of Education prior to joining Guttman. She holds a Ph.D. in International Education with a concentration in applied statistics from New York University, an M.Ed. in Secondary School Mathematics from Brooklyn College, an Ed. M. in Prevention Science and Practice from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Her areas of scholarship include global and experiential learning, culturally responsive pedagogy, educational equity, mathematics education, and of late, writing public opinion pieces on [anti-racism](#) and [racial solidarity](#) as it relates to AAPI communities



**VICTOR
TORRES-VELEZ**

Dr. Víctor M. Torres-Vélez is an Assistant Professor in the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Unit of the Humanities Department at Eugenio María de Hostos Community College, City University of New York. He received his B.A. from the University of Puerto Rico (1996) and his M.A. (2003) and Ph.D. (2007) from Michigan State University. He is a critical medical anthropologist by training, who specializes in gender, justice and environmental change. Dr. Torres-Vélez’ interdisciplinary theoretical expertise and interests are diverse. Some of these include: gender, race, environmental justice, and theories of social change. Dr. Torres-Vélez’



HELEN CHANG

Dr. Chang is an Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Behavioral and Social Sciences department at Hostos. She is a political scientist with research interests in election rules and reforms, the intersection of social-technical systems in election administration, migration patterns and generational variations in voting behavior, and teaching and learning on political science.



KATE LYONS

Kate Lyons is a Professor in the Library Department. She holds an MS in Management from NYU and an MS in Library & Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her BA is from Grinnell College. She is currently working with the Middle States team at Hostos as the Self-Study writer. Previously she was a Liaison to the Office of Educational Technology. She is interested in gamifying learning and emerging technology in teaching and libraries.

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**ERNEST
IALONGO**

Ernest Ialongo is Chair of the Behavioral & Social Sciences Department at Hostos Community College, Chair of the Hostos College-Wide Senate, and Co-Director of the Hostos Honors Program. He is the author of the book *Filippo Tommaso Marinetti: The Artist and his Politics* with Fairleigh Dickinson University Press (2015), and co-editor of *New Directions in Italian and Italian American History: Selected Essays from the Conference in Honor of Philip Cannistraro (2013)*. He co-edited three special sections of the *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*—entitled “Reconsidering Futurism” (September 2013), “Multi/Interdisciplinary Investigations into Italy and World War I” (March 2016), and “Italy and the Euro-Mediterranean Migrant Crisis: National Reception, Lived Experiences, E.U. Pressures” (September 2018). He has authored various articles dealing with Futurism, Italian politics and culture, and anti-Semitism in Liberal and Fascist Italy. Most recently, he authored “Nation-Building through Antisemitism: Fascism and the Jew as the Internal Enemy” in *Annali d’Italianistica (2019)*, and “Filippo Tommaso Marinetti and Fascist Italy’s Racial Turn: Accommodating the Regime and Legitimizing Persecution” in *Visual History: Rivista internazionale di storia e critica dell’immagine 4 (2018)*. He co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* entitled “On the 80th Anniversary of the Racial Laws. Essays Reflecting the Current Scholarship on Italian Fascist Anti-Semitism in Honour of Michele Sarfatti.” His most recent work is entitled “Visualizing Italy through a Militant Lens: F.T. Marinetti and Italy’s Military Experience” in *Italy and the Military: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Mattia Roveri (2020).



**DANIA
ESPINOSA**

I am in my last semester at Hostos. My major is Liberal Arts, and plan to study to become a translator and interpreter of English/Spanish. I love to travel and learn about other cultures. My current hobbies are working out, learn Italian and watch investigative shows.



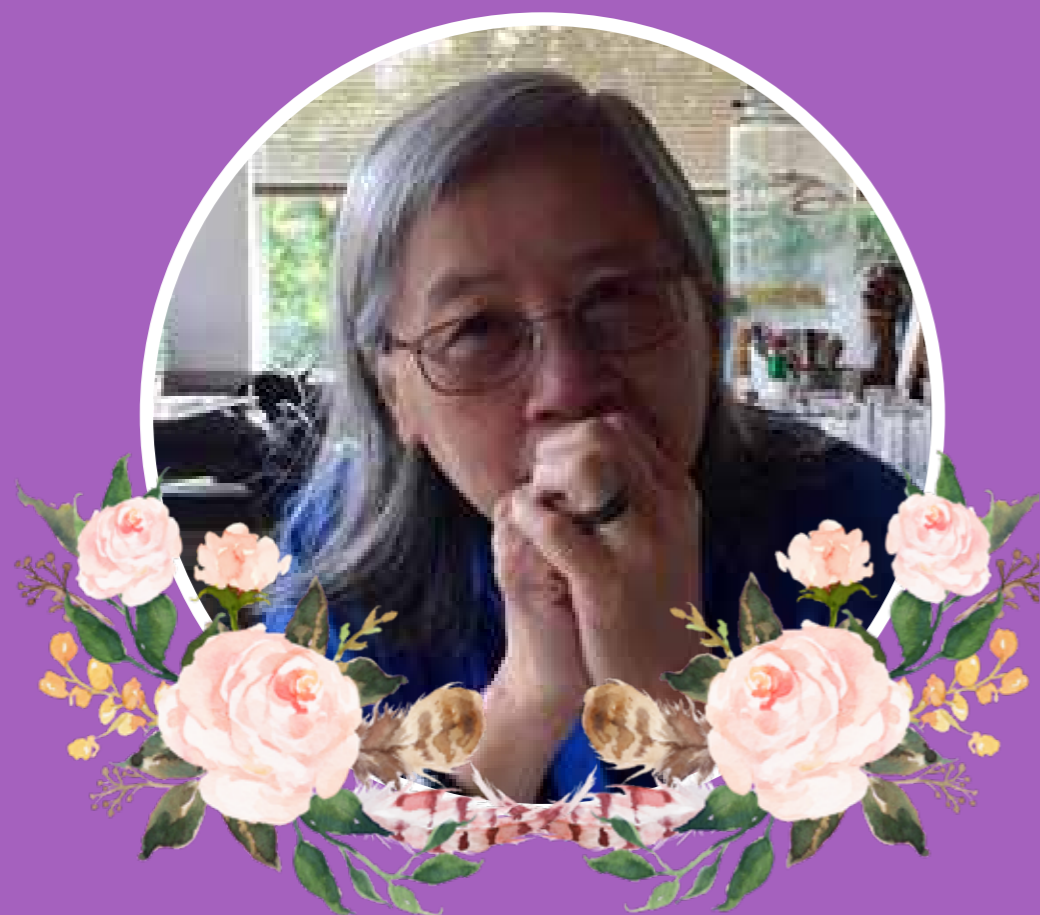
**KETURAH
OWENS**

My name is Keturah Owens I’m 23 years old, a Bronx native, and this is my last semester at hostos community college. My major now is Liberal Arts which I changed from radiologic technology, in order to be able to graduate this semester and pursue a different path in my educational journey.



SADIA ZAMAN

Hello, my name is Sadia Zaman. I am studying Biology at Hostos Community College. I am a Bangladeshi American who grew up in New York. As a South Asian female, I’ve faced undergoing challenges along with enhancement of cultural roles. I strive to make a difference and education other individuals on South Asian communities.



**In memory of Isabel Li, a great mentor,
educator, colleague and friend**

Isabel Li
1953 - 2021

ISABEL LI

Born on July 8 1953 in Lima, Peru, Isabel arrived to the US at a young age. A member of the Hostos family since 1983, Isabel was a faculty member in the Humanities Department and taught Spanish Literature before becoming the Director of the Hostos Academic Learning Center (HALC).

Isabel left us on May 8 2021 in New York City.



We created an online memorial for our dear colleague Isabel Li. We invite everyone who would like to add reflections, pictures, memories, anecdotes, or just words to this board to celebrate her life and many contributions to Hostos for almost 40 years. Feel free to share with other colleagues. <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/fWeo7GL6/isabelli>

Thank you for your help in creating this tribute to our dear friend Isabel.

They were unstoppable, not because they did not have failures or doubts, but because they continued on despite them

Beau Taplin

