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The City University of New York



2021
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CELEBRATION

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VIRTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY

BROADCAST ON JUNE 3, 2021 AT 5PM ON CUNY TV

GRAND MARSHALL

Stephanie Luce
Professor of Labor Studies

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Words by Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)
Melody by John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)

DEAN'S REMARKS

Gregory Mantsios
Founding Dean

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

Words by Ralph Chaplin (1915)
Melody by John Brown's Body and The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Performed by:

Al Hemberger, The Loft Recording Studios

with

Nicole Alifante: Vocals

Karry Faselt Hopwood: Vocals and Guitar

IN MEMORIAM

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Video Message: Congratulations!
Faculty and Staff of the School of Labor and Urban Studies

Félix V. Matos Rodríguez

Chancellor, City University of New York

Henry Garrido

Executive Director, DC37

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Andrea Stewart-Cousins
US Senate Majority Leader

GUEST SPEAKER

Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senator, New York State

MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

Eriam Lopez
2021 Student Speaker

Koffi Bentum
2021 Salutatorian

Justin Sanchez
2021 Valedictorian

2021 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Liam Lynch
Labor Studies Advanced Certificate | MA Labor Studies 2015

2021 DEAN'S SERVICE AWARD

June Cumberbatch
Senior Academic Advisor for the BA in Urban & Community Studies

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES - PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES

Gladys Palma de Schrynemakers
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

CLOSE OF SHOW

**IN MEMORIAM
OF THOSE WE LOST
2020-2021**

ABOUT CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR AND URBAN STUDIES



**CUNY SCHOOL
OF LABOR AND
URBAN STUDIES**
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

The new CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) opened its doors in September 2018. SLU offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Labor Studies and Urban Studies that are designed to meet the needs of working adults as well as traditional-age college students seeking to learn more about the challenges confronting poor and working class populations in the workplace and in the community.

The new School also collaborates with other units of CUNY to offer a range of college-credit programs designed to provide workers with the academic and technical skills they need for professional advancement. Its faculty includes distinguished scholars in the social sciences as well as expert practitioners in government, labor, and public service. In addition to its academic programs, SLU sponsors research, organizes forums and conferences, and publishes a national journal, *New Labor Forum: A journal of ideas, analysis, and debate*.

SLU is an outgrowth of the Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, named in honor of former CUNY Chancellor Joseph Murphy, a tireless advocate for the labor movement and worker education in 2005. The Institute was established in 1984 by CUNY in collaboration with three New York City unions and began with 52 students. Today, the leaders of 26 labor and community organizations serve on the SLU's Advisory Board, and more than 1,200 students are currently enrolled in its degree and certificate programs and in workforce development programs.

The Joseph S. Murphy Institute continues as an integral element of the School, focusing on education for workers and union members and serving as a research and resource center for publications and public programming.

The vision for this new School derives from its core values: access to education, diversity at every level, social justice, and equality for all. Its goals are to expand higher education opportunities for workers; prepare students who aspire to careers in public service and movements for social justice; promote civic engagement; provide leadership development for union and community activists; and help workers achieve greater economic security. Its perspective is unique, addressing the needs of its constituents while helping New York City and State fulfill their needs for a well-educated, highly skilled workforce.

To accomplish its goals, the School has four foundational pillars: Labor Studies, Urban Studies, Workforce Development, and Community Service. Of equal importance, these pillars will support a range of intellectual aspirations and practical needs and serve as a gateway to college for many workers and working-class communities.

DEAN'S REMARKS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

You, the Class of 2021, have worked long and hard—especially this past year and a half—to reach this very auspicious moment in your lives. I extend my warmest congratulations to you and to the families and friends who have supported you along the way.

Behind your efforts stand SLU's magnificent faculty and staff. I want to thank them for their extraordinary dedication to our students and our School—for giving their all through thick and thin. They are the ones who got you to this momentous occasion.

Although for New Yorkers the threat of COVID is finally starting to decline, we are still operating in a pandemic world. Some of us are still coping with illness and personal loss. Our hearts go out to you who are still suffering.

At the same time, some good has come of this terrible scourge. The pandemic has taught us some valuable lessons, and we have reason for hope.

One thing we have learned is that leadership counts! And it counts on every level, from the White House to City government, to our unions and workplaces, to the communities where we live and raise our families.

We have learned how important leadership is from bitter experience—years of failed leadership at the top levels of government resulting in a health crisis like no other in our lifetime; the resurgence of violent racism; rampant and growing economic and social inequality; and ultimately, an assault on democracy itself.

We also learned that advocacy and grassroots activism count as much as leadership! It is my hope that our students—especially you, the Class of 2021—are well-prepared on both counts. Because the challenges ahead are daunting.

We have to fight for a health care system that is available to everyone in our society—rich or poor, immigrant or native-born.

We have to put our whole hearts into the fight against race hatred and discrimination of every kind—against women, the LGBTQ+ community, and immigrants.

We cannot and must not tolerate sexual harassment of any kind.

We have to defend the right to vote—for everyone—and the right to a safe, clean environment—for everyone.

And that's just the short list.

My point is, we—all of us—have to be engaged, in the workplace and in our communities. For some of us that means participating in movements for social justice. For others, it's participation in the political system. For many of us, it's both. The bottom line is that we can help to create and implement humane and equitable public policy ... if we do our part.

And here's where hope comes in. The pandemic, which has torn apart the fabric of daily life, has made it impossible for us to look away from the social and economic injustice that has put people of color, the poor, and the working class across the globe at greatest risk.

What gives me hope more than anything else is that the growing resistance to inequality is coming from young people, people of color, activists from the LGBTQ community—those who have been traditionally disenfranchised in our society. And that is true whether you are looking at the Black Lives Matter movement or the surge of interest in electoral politics.

That's not to say there isn't a role for the older generation. Just look at what's coming out of the White House these days—these are bold new proposals and they are being delivered in response to the upsurge of political activity from the ground level.

I believe our students—especially the Class of 2021—are well prepared to take on the challenges ahead. At the School of Labor and Urban Studies, students learn in a humanistic environment, where knowledge, ideas, and practical skills become tools for social change, and where a moral compass is the guide.

Every day, someone from this School and this University—someone like you—is out there changing the world in ways both big and small. You can be that person. You have the knowledge now, you have the skills and the motivation. You can be a change agent and a change leader.

So if you weren't already committed to public service and passionate about social justice when you first came to SLU, we sure hope you are fired up now!

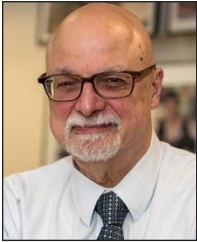
Congratulations to you all, the SLU Class of 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Mantsios".

Gregory Mantsios, Ph.D.
Founding Dean

FOUNDING DEAN

GREGORY MANTSIOS



Dr. Gregory Mantsios was appointed Founding Dean of the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies in January 2018. He previously served for 34 years as founder and director of CUNY's Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education, from which the new School was established and which remains an integral unit within the School.

For the past four decades, Dr. Mantsios has devoted himself to building programs in Labor Studies and establishing college-degree programs for non-traditional students, particularly those from poor and working-class backgrounds. These programs have provided thousands of adult learners and union members with an opportunity to earn college degrees. At the Murphy Institute, he also developed a center for public programming, civic engagement, and leadership training. The lead architect for the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, Dr. Mantsios was also the chief campaigner for establishment of the School.

The School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) was formally launched in 2018 as the 25th entity and 7th professional school within The City University of New York system. The School is the first of its kind created at a major U.S. university in more than forty years—a publicly-funded institution of higher education focused on social change and public service—with a unique mission: to address the needs of working-class and poor constituents and help them achieve greater economic security, while simultaneously helping the City and State by developing an educated, highly skilled workforce. SLU offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Labor Studies and Urban Studies designed to meet the needs of working adults as well as traditional-age college students seeking to learn more about the challenges confronting poor and working class populations in the workplace and in the community. The School also collaborates with other CUNY entities to offer a range of college-credit programs designed to help workers develop the academic and technical skills they need for professional advancement. Its faculty includes distinguished scholars in the social sciences as well as expert practitioners in government, labor, and public service.

Prior to joining CUNY, Dr. Mantsios was a community organizer; an elected officer of AFT Local 1796; a member of the sociology faculty at William Paterson University; and the Director of Labor Studies at Empire State College, SUNY. He holds a B.A. in Sociology and an M.A. in Urban Studies from Queens College, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the Union Institute and University. He writes on poverty, inequality, labor relations, and education, and is the editor of *A New Labor Movement for a New Century*, an anthology on the future of the labor movement. He is also the founder and publisher of *New Labor Forum*, a national journal of ideas, analysis and debate.

2021 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS | SENATE MAJORITY LEADER



In just her first year as Senate Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins led the most productive legislative session in state history. She has been widely recognized as a trailblazer in local and state government and champion for progressive action. In 2012, she became the first woman, and African American woman, to lead a New York State legislative conference. In 2019, she shattered the glass ceiling when her peers elected her as Temporary President and Majority Leader of the State Senate.

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins oversaw the passage of historic and transformative legislation on issues including voting reforms, gun safety, women's rights and health care, immigration and DREAMers, the LGBTQ community, the justice system, and sexual harassment in the workplace. Additionally, the Senate Majority under her leadership passed the most comprehensive and aggressive climate change legislation in the nation, and the strongest tenant protections and affordable housing package in state history.

Andrea Stewart-Cousins was born and raised in New York to parents who encouraged a life grounded in education and service. These values, along with her strong belief in advocating for the underserved and championing the needs of working families, have distinguished her as a public servant and progressive leader.

First elected to the State Senate in 2006, Senator Stewart-Cousins currently represents Greenburgh, Scarsdale, and parts of White Plains, New Rochelle, and Yonkers. She previously served as a Westchester County Legislator, and during her tenure was elected Majority Whip and Vice-Chair. As a County Legislator, she authored and passed landmark legislation, including the first human rights laws in Westchester County. Before elected office, Andrea Stewart-Cousins was the first African American to serve as Director of Community Affairs for the City of Yonkers.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins has been honored with hundreds of recognitions and awards due to her extensive legislative work and community service. She was named a "Trailblazer of Democracy" by Eleanor's Legacy; "Delores Huerta Award" by the New York Communities for Change; "Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women's Club; "Legislator of the Year" by the Community Health Association of New York State; "Leader in Social Justice" by Pace Law School; and "Champion of Choice" by New York State Family Planning Advocates. Andrea Stewart-Cousins has also been inducted into Westchester County's Women's Hall of Fame and the American Women of African Heritage's Spirit of Women Archive.

Andrea Stewart-Cousins earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Pace University and her teaching credentials in Business Education from Lehman College while raising her children as an adult. In 2008, she earned her Masters of Public Administration from Pace University. She is a proud member of Pi Alpha Alpha - a Public Administration Honor Society. Before entering public service, Andrea Stewart-Cousins worked in a variety of professions including customer service, sales, and marketing with New York Telephone/AT&T, journalism, personnel, and as a teacher for Yonkers Public Schools.

Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins resides in Yonkers, was married to the late Thomas Cousins, and has three children and six grandchildren.

2021 VALEDICTORIAN

JUSTIN SANCHEZ

CANDIDATE FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

3.964 GPA / SUMMA CUM LAUDE



Born and raised in the Bronx, Justin attended the Bronx High School of Science and is currently pursuing his BA in Urban and Community Studies. He has been working in government and politics for the last four years. He was the Recruitment Director for the Working Families Party. He was a leading voice in the fight to open the Bronx LGBTQ+ center while serving as the first-ever LGBTQ+ Liaison for a Bronx elected official. Currently, he serves as the Director of External Affairs for the Bronx Borough President. In addition, he is the Co-Chair of the SLU Student Union, the delegate representing SLU at USS, the Vice President of the Stonewall Democrats of NYC, the Vice President of the Bronx Young Democrats, Vice Chair of Political Affairs for the Latinx and Hispanic Caucus of the Young Democrats of America, and the Treasurer of the LGBTQ caucus of the Young Democrats of America – to name a few extracurriculars. He will be attending NYU's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service in the fall.

2021 SALUTATORIAN

KOFFI BENTUM

CANDIDATE FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

3.798 GPA / SUMMA CUM LAUDE



Koffi was born in a small fishing town in Komenda, Ghana. By good fortune, he arrived on the Atlantic coast of Côte d'Ivoire as a young child with his family parents and six siblings. Then, in Liberia, he spent time in a refugee camp until he was able to come to the United States. In the fall of 2017, Koffi was a student in SLU's Community Semester internship program. He did his internship at the Street Vendor Project of the Urban Justice Center, a non-profit organization that provides legal representation and advocacy to marginalized groups in New York. Koffi has been active in electoral politics, volunteering with the election campaigns of Councilman Francisco Moya and Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley. His primary responsibility in these efforts was to increase voter participation. Koffi is the father of two teenage children and lives in Hollis, Queens. He works for Health and Hospital in New York City and is a proud member of DC37.

CLASS OF 2021 STUDENT SPEAKER

ERIAM LOPEZ

CANDIDATE FOR MASTERS OF ARTS IN LABOR STUDIES



Eriam is a public servant working for the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development as a Labor Law Compliance Officer. Prior to this, Eriam worked for various city agencies as a Minority and Woman Business Enterprise (MWBE) Compliance Analyst. Her studies and work career have continuously led to work as an advocate for workers and small businesses. As an essential employee, Eriam is aware of the dangers and sacrifices workers make every day and stands for improving the quality of life, equality, and diversity within our society. She is a proud union member (SEIU Local 300) who believes in manifesting the changes workers seek for a stronger labor movement.

2021 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDEE

LIAM LYNCH

LABOR STUDIES ADVANCED CERTIFICATE / MA LABOR STUDIES 2015



Liam Lynch is a Safety and Health Specialist for the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH). He trains workers in NYC on their safety and health rights and works with the city's unions and workers organizations to fight and advocate for safe and healthy workplaces. Before his tenure at NYCOSH, he worked for DC 37, AFSCME in their safety and health department spearheading their work with 9/11 responders/survivors. His time in the NYC labor movement started at CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies in the Union Semester program in 2013 where he interned in the safety and health department for SSEU Local 371, representing the city's social service employees. He went on to complete a Master of Labor Studies at SLU and graduated in 2015. Before CUNY SLU, Liam graduated from UMASS Amherst in 2013 with a B.A. in Social Thought and Political Economy.

2020-2021 GRADUATE CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

FALL 2020 MASTER OF ARTS IN LABOR STUDIES VIRTUAL CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

- Michelle Akyempong, *Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis on New York Union Members and their Families*
Lauren Antonelli, *The Future of Work: Challenges and Solutions*
Elaine Blair, *How is COVID-19 Affecting the School System?*
- Effie Demopoulos, *Socio-economic Impacts of the EU Austerity Measures Imposed Upon Greece since 2010*
Sean Gazala, *Reactivating Union Members in the Midst of COVID-19*
Bradley Kolb, *Public Sector Labor Unions and the Coronavirus*
Heather Logan, *How Income and Gender Inequities Drive Women to Poverty*
Emmanuel Pareda, *The Role of Labor Unions in the Fight against Gentrification in NYC*
- Katherine Pimentel, *Labor's Response to COVID-19: A Case Study of Local 338 and its Essential Workers*
Anna Rivera, *Women's Experiences in Achieving Leadership Roles in Unions:
How to Promote and Improve Union Participation*
- Rosie Roman, *Increasing Union Engagement for Mature Female Members: Obstacles and Recommendations*
Nicole Sampson, *Homelessness: Politics or People*
- Bianca Vargas, *The Global Immigrant Workforce: Career Landscapes & Recommendations
for Increasing Access to Life-Long Careers*

FALL 2020 MASTER OF ARTS IN URBAN STUDIES VIRTUAL CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

- Chantelle Attarian, *The Effect of Social Capital on Women Entrepreneurs*
Arnaldo Bernabe, *Can A National Policy on the Use of Force by Police & Greater
Police Supervision, Reduce the Excessive Use of Force by the Police?*
- Stephen Calenzani, *Plans for Digital Skilling Training Among Latinx Workforce Programs:
Initial Findings Using a Grounded Theory Approach*
- Melissa Falcon, *Barriers Women Who Use Drugs (WWUD) Face and the
Need for Gender Specific Harm Reduction Services*
- Jake Head, *Fund CUNY to Save New York: How the Professional Staff Congress
Can Make a Civic Republican Case for a Tuition-Free CUNY*
- Amadi Jackman, *Optimizing Citi Bike: How to Make New York City's
Newest Form of Public Transportation Work for All*
- Ann Lo, *Improving Services for Undocumented Students at the City University of NY (CUNY)*
- Tiffany Louie, *Mature Minds Matter: Addressing the Geriatric Mental Health Workforce Shortage*
Antigua Middleton, *The Feasibility of Affordable Housing Development:
Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) in New York City*

FALL 2020 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN STUDIES VIRTUAL CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

- Koffi Bentum, *The Impact of the Cap on Street Vending Permits on Street Food Vendors in New York City*
Dana Canada, *Perceived Justice: The Blurred Lines Between Organization Justice & Employee
Morale in Public & Private Sector Organizations*
- Angelique DeJesus, *Universal Asthma Medication for Children with Asthma Living in the South Bronx*

**SPRING 2021 MASTER OF ARTS IN LABOR STUDIES
VIRTUAL CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS**

- Lawrence Ben, *An Overview of the History & Impact of Australia's 'Right to Work' Laws*
Amica Benjamin, *New York City Housing Authority: Utilizing the Resources
Workplace Enforcement Actions on Workers and Employer Prosecutions*
Frank De Jesus, *The National Labor Relations Board's impact on the Labor Movement*
Anshu Khadka, *Two Decades of Organizing Working Class South Asian and Indo-Caribbean Communities in NYC*
Tsering Lama, *Transnational Organizing: Ending Labor Trafficking in Domestic Workers from Nepal to the U.S.*
Stephanie Lawal, *Effects of Parental Gender Pairings on Work-Life Balance*
Eriam Lopez, *Enforcement Inequality: Analyzing the Impact of New York State E-Verify*
Kangela Moore, *How School Safety Agents Were Impacted by Pay Discrimination*
Thomas Nagle, *China Labor Scholarship: Advancing Internationalism or Imperialism?*
Haley Shaffer, *Dominant Industries Represented in Office of Labor Policy and Standards Complaints*

**SPRING 2021 MASTER OF ARTS IN URBAN STUDIES
VIRTUAL CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS**

- Allison Blanchette, *Buried by Bureaucracy*
Bibi Braide, *Doula Service in the Black & Brown Underserved Communities*
Brian Fleurantin, *Police, Social Work & Managing Mental Health Crisis*
Anecia Foreman, *Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA): Exploring Challenges to Implementation*
Anayeli Gomez-Brittain, *A Tree Grows Roots: Political Engagement of Mexican-Americans in New York City*
Darrell Inniss, *To Explore the Reasons Black People Don't Vote*
Robert Johnson, *Who Moves You? Transit Workers' Perceptions of the Riding Public*
Evelyn Lucero, *The Life of Latinx Immigrants Living in NYC Without Family During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
Christopher Mangiero, *School Choice and Increased Segregation in the New York City Public School System*
Eva-Tshama Mulaja, *From a Feeling of Belonging to Another: The Multi Identities of Biracial Individuals...*
Kyonda President, *Picture This, Sheltering New York City's Homeless by Use of Vacant Properties*
Lisa Ramcharan-Campbell, *Mindfulness in the Classroom*
Roshell Ramsay, *The Pregnancy Experiences of African American Women*
Tracy Rogers, *COVID-19 & Eviction*
Lizette Ruiz, *NYC's Childcare Workforce: The Case for Higher Pay Post-Pandemic & Beyond*
Fitzroy Searles, *A Need for Guidance in Community Health Center Formation*
Kerwin Simon, *Systemic Racism: Addressing Uncontrolled Chronic Conditions in
Black & Brown People Living in Flatbush, Brooklyn*

**SPRING 2021 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN STUDIES
VIRTUAL CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS**

- Tyrone Abney, *A Probing Look at What May be Some Motivating Factors that
Lead Some People Toward Conversion Therapy*
Indeevari Kumarasinghe, *Exploring how Various Noise-Based Environmental
Pollution Affect the Sleep Quality of Urban Residents*
Bryan McTiernan, *Workers' Rights Advocate Organizations in NYC's Restaurant Industry:
Understanding Decision-Making, Strategizing & Organizational Challenges*
Laura Penaranda-Currie, *Untitled*
Justin Sanchez, *Annotated Bibliography: Understand the Potential Impacts of Freeway Deck-Parks and "Capping"
the Cross Bronx Expressway on Asthma & Asthma-Related Respiratory Conditions*
Bryan Wigfall, *Unionism & Economic Inequality in NYC*

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREEES

As final action cannot always be taken by the time this program goes to press, these lists of degree recipients are tentative only. The student's transcript is the official record of the School.

LABOR STUDIES

CERTIFICATE IN LABOR RELATIONS

Fall 2020

Almodovar, Lachon
Blocker, Thomas
Guild, Gabriel
Szostak, Pawel
Usherwood, Chelsea
Walcher, Jillian

Spring 2021

Brown, Annette
Colbert, Elliot
Harris, Barbara
Jeremie, Marie
Jordan, Yendi
Laisey, Juley
Lodescar Francois, Marie
Maragatham, Parameshwari
Rojas, Stephanie
Williams, Steven
Wright, Megan

CERTIFICATE IN LABOR STUDIES

Fall 2020

Carter, Latoya
Perez, Jazmin

Spring 2021

Bienstock, Max
Colbert, Elliot
Smith, Nicole

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN LABOR RELATIONS

Fall 2020

Fitzgibbon, Jessica
Guild, Glen

Spring 2021

Brunner, Matthew
Kumar, Nivedita

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN LABOR STUDIES

Fall 2020

Hazzard, Halsey
Hearn, Jay
Leichenger, Matthew
Mejia, Christopher
Reisman, Jordan
Salwen, Alanna
Steer, Dana
Tomlinson, Sean
Watkins, Christopher

Spring 2021

Garcia Fisher, Maya
Hoti, Blerina
Kapinga, Silpha
King, Frances
Le, Anh
Little, Veronica
Potts, Hallam
Sanderson, Travis
Wasserman, River

MASTER OF ARTS IN LABOR STUDIES

Fall 2020

Akyempong, Michelle
Antonelli, Lauren
Blair, Elaine
Demopoulos, Efigenia
Ghazala, Sean
Kolb, Bradley
Logan, Heather
Pardilla, Emmanuel Pimentel
Tavarez, Katherine
Roman, Rosario
Sampson, Nicole
Sasanow, Alexa
Vargas, Bianca

Spring 2021

Arceyut, Fabio
Ben, Lawrence
Benjamin, Amica
Connet, Samuel
De Jesus, Frank
Hardmond, Robert
Khadka, Anshu
Lawal, Stephanie
Lopez, Eriam
Moore, Kangela
Nagle, Thomas
Rama, Arjeta
Rivera, Anna
Shaffer, Haley
Totten, Toni

Summer 2021

Lama, Tsering

URBAN STUDIES

CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Fall 2020

Chappell, Shemeen
Slomba, Luke

Spring 2021

Bunn, Joseph
Donovan, Rashaun
Hidalgo, Andrea
Johnson, Cynthia
Myers, Nicole
Santos, Tiffany

CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH CARE POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

Spring 2021

Diaz, Cristina
Engracia, Jacqueline
Pounds, Allison
Reynolds, Samantha

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Fall 2020

Bravo, Marisol
Garries, Ashia
Ogletree, Caressa

Spring 2021

Anderson, Bernadette
Cooper, Karl

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Fall 2020

Burnett, Marie-Aimee
Dubin, Emily
Lopez, Kayla
Lyon, Matthew
Wilds, Amber

Spring 2021

Alves, Deborah

Forde-Rhone, Negesti
Head, Kelsey
Huang, Renjia
Lowe, Ivey
McGill, Eva
Parchment, Jaleel
Riggio, Andrew
Salvador Shana'a, Aysha

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH CARE POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

Fall 2020

Molina, Oscar

Spring 2021

Smart, Marcia
Tillman, Jasmine

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Fall 2020

Biles, James
Carter, Emily
Falcon, Melissa
Head, John
Jones, Denise
Kuhr, Antonia
Owens, Katrina
Rodway, Ari

Spring 2021

Baker, Dee
Jones, Lisa
Kong, Jenacy
Madormo, Kayleigh
Paling, Adrian
Reyes-Dandrea, Candace
Rodriguez, Aja
Simon, Margaret
Watson, Sarah

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN & COMMUNITY STUDIES

Fall 2020

Bentum, Koffi
Canada, Dana
Rossi, Gemma

Spring 2021

Abney, Tyrone
Wigfall, Bryan

Summer 2021

Sanchez, Justin

MASTER OF ARTS IN URBAN STUDIES

Fall 2020

Attarian, Chantelle
Calenzani, Stephen
Falcon, Melissa
Head, John
Jackman, Amadi
Lo, Ann
Louie, Tiffany
Middleton, Antiqua
Serrar, Amina
Sorokin, Stan
Suttles, Jeffrey

Spring 2021

Blanchette, Allison
Braide, Bibi
Fleurantin, Brian
Foreman, Anecia
Gomez, Anayeli
Inniss, Darrell
Johnson, Robert
Lucero, Evelyn
Mangiero, Christopher
Mulaja, Eva Tshama
Pena, Hidelise
President, Kyonda
Ramsay, Roshell
Rogers, Tracy
Ruiz, Lizette
Searles, Fitzroy
Simon, Kerwin
Stanback, Jennifer

Summer 2021

Ramcharan-Campbell, Lisa

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SLU provided me with a great opportunity to meet exciting new people and make new friends. I was afforded an opportunity to push myself to a new level.

SLU is an incredibly special place. Any time I needed help I could find someone who was more than happy to offer support, whether it was for my academic work or building my career.
I wouldn't be where I am today without SLU!

The journey to further advance a career may be a primary goal when attending school, but greater desire is achieved by working to grow your community in a more meaningful way.

Never give up no matter what your circumstances, you are worth the wait!

I learned from the best, now I can give my best back to the labor movement.

Never stop educating yourself and share what you have learned with others!

Dreams may be delayed however never denied.

Research is the key to gaining knowledge, clarity, and truth. -Bernadette (Chuike) Anderson

CUNY SLU offers a diverse wealth of ideas and experiences mainly in the form of interactions with other students.

CUNY provides an open door for advancement to anyone who is dedicated and willing to put in the time and effort. CUNY will provide the resources and arena for a progressive education.

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The secret of getting ahead is getting started -Mark Twain. SLU's staff made it possible during the pandemic for me to complete my certificate by going above and beyond to provide academical support.

Stay focused on the end goal, regardless of what happens in the middle.



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