



State of the College Address  
and Faculty and Staff  
Excellence Awards Ceremony

QUEENS COLLEGE

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**  
**LeFrak Concert Hall**

# State of the College Address and Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards Ceremony

## **WELCOME AND STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS**

Frank H. Wu  
*President*

## **REMARKS**

Patricia Price  
*Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Anthony Tamburri  
*Dean and Distinguished Professor, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS**

Patricia Price  
*Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AND EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDS**

Jerima DeWese  
*Chief Diversity Officer and Dean of Diversity*

ASL interpreters: Alana Aloï and Gina Piersanti Gioe

Light refreshments in the Dining Hall, Patio room will follow the program

## President's Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

### **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

James John  
*Aaron Copland School of Music*

### **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Denise Ferrara  
*Educational and Community Programs*

### **SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES**

David Lahti  
*Biology*

### **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Katherine Antonova  
*History*

## President's Excellence in Research and Creativity Award Recipients

### **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Elizabeth Ijalba  
*Linguistics and Communication Disorders*

### **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Sun A Kim  
*Educational and Community Programs*

### **SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES**

Joanna Coleman  
*Biology*

### **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Thomas Plummer  
*Anthropology*

President's Excellence in  
Service Award Recipient

Cyrus Vance Dieudonne  
*Office of Public Safety*

Presidential Faculty Award for  
Diversity and Inclusion Recipient

**SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES**

Concettina Pagano  
*Psychology*

Presidential Staff Award for  
Diversity and Inclusion Recipient

Walter R. Dogan  
*Percy E. Sutton SEEK Program*

Faculty Recognition

**NEW CHAIRS**

**Effective July 2024**

Annmarie Drury  
*English*

JV Fuqua  
*Media Studies*

Amy Hsin  
*Sociology*

Sanjai Pathak  
*Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Caroline Rupprecht  
*Comparative Literature*

**Effective January 2025**

Stephen Pekar  
*School of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

**FALL 2024 HIRES**

Oren Steinberg  
*Computer Science*

**PROMOTIONS**

**Effective August 28, 2024**

Alexander Bauer  
*Anthropology*

Yu Chen  
*Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Annmarie Drury  
*English*

Duncan Faherty  
*English*

Theodore Kesler  
*Elementary and Early Childhood Education*

James Lowry  
*Graduate School of Library and Information Studies*

Joan Nix  
*Economics*

Fang Sun  
*Accounting and Information Systems*

## **TENURE AND PROMOTION**

**Tenure Effective September 1, 2024**

**Promotion Effective August 28, 2024**

Anna Bounds  
*Sociology*

Dustin Grella  
*Art*

Joshua Jessel  
*Psychology*

Kenny Lui  
*School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences*

Oded Nir  
*Classical, Middle Eastern, and  
Asian Languages and Cultures*

Alla Rozovskaya  
*Computer Science*

Shinjoung Yeo  
*Media Studies*

## **TENURE**

**Effective September 1, 2024**

Jun Yong Choi  
*Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Maggie Dickinson  
*Urban Studies*

Nicholas Normal  
*Library*

Adam Michelman  
*Music*

Robin Pirc  
*Animal Facility*

## **CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT (CCE)**

**Effective August 28, 2024**

Muhammad Kabir  
*Political Science*

Victoria Fischer  
*Family, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences*

Marissa Matta  
*Educational and Community Programs*

