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Dear Colleagues—

I am pleased to announce the following new appointments in Academic Affairs:

**Olivia Loksing Moy, Ph.D., Director, Macauley Honors College and Lehman Scholars Program, for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 2021.** Moy served as Director of the English Honors Program (EHP), member of the Macaulay Honors College and Lehman Scholars Program advisory board and was Interim Associate Director of the program during the 2020-2021 academic year.

An Assistant professor of English, specializing in nineteenth-century British literature with a focus on poetry and poetics, Moy has also served as faculty on the (Dis)ability Studies minor and advisor for the Lehman LGBTQ+ Alliance (now Lehman Crystal Queer). She is the founding director of The CUNY Rare Book Scholars and has organized college-wide events such as Frankenreads and The Audre Lorde Great Read.

A Romanticist and Victorianist, Moy has published award-winning essays in journals such as Comparative Literature, Victorian Poetry, Victorian Studies, Women's Writing, Studies in Romanticism, Romantic Circles, The Tennyson Research Bulletin, The Keats Letters Project, V21collective.org, and PUBLICBOOKS. Her book, The Gothic Forms of Victorian Poetry, is forthcoming from Edinburgh University Press in 2022. With Marco Ramírez Rojas, she is translating Julio Cortázar's Imagen de John Keats.

Moy was named a 2019 Nancy Weiss Malkiel Scholar by the Institute for Citizens & Scholars (formerly the Woodrow Wilson Foundation) and is the recipient of a Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr. research grant from the Keats-Shelley Association of America. She currently serves as Vice President of the Northeast Victorian Studies Association (NVSA) and as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Keats-Shelley Association. Along with Dhipinder Walia and Lise Esdaile, she is co-organizer of the Activism in Academia symposia.

Moy replaces David Hyman, who has been elected to serve as Chair, Department of English, effective Fall 2021.

**Evelyn Durán Urrea, Ph.D., Associate Director, Macauley Honors College and Lehman Scholars Program, beginning July 1, 2021.** Durán Urrea is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages and Literatures and serves as adviser for the B.A. program in Spanish as well as the coordinator of Heritage Spanish.

She received her M.A. in Hispanic Linguistics from the University of Arizona and her Ph.D. in Hispanic Linguistics from Penn State University. Her research interests include bilingualism, Spanish-English code-switching, and Spanish as a heritage language. She has been teaching and supervising Heritage Spanish courses at the undergraduate level since 2002. Her most recent research has focused on assessment and placement of heritage and second language learners of Spanish at the college level, practices in the foreign language classroom; specifically, a pedagogical model for the learning of Spanish as a Heritage Language based on the Flipped Classroom approach and Open Educational Resources initiatives.

Leslie Unger, M.A., Coordinator, Institutional Review Board (IRB), beginning June 15, 2021. Unger replaces Lisa Peralta, who has resigned from the position effective June 18, 2021.

Unger served as Interim IRB Coordinator at Lehman College in 2019-2020. Her background in human subjects' research administration includes serving as Research Compliance Assistant at John Jay College, and as a project manager at Harvard University, overseeing all IRB aspects for multiple human subjects' research protocols. She has also been involved in human subjects' research through engagement in various labs at Harvard University and Boston University.

Unger received an M.A. in Forensic Mental Health Counseling from John Jay College and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of North Dakota (UND). Prior to that, she received a B.A. in Spanish with a minor in music from U.C. Berkeley. Her research interests include coercive control, trauma, sexual violence, perpetrator-victim dynamics, and the intersection of these with social justice and equity.

Brandon Begarly, has resumed the role of Director, Research and Sponsored Programs, beginning June 7, 2021, following a temporary stint at Columbia University. We are pleased to have him back, and many thanks to Lisa Peralta who served as interim director during the transition period.

I am convinced that the diverse backgrounds and span of experiences of these five individuals will serve Lehman well as we work together to advance our important mission of educational attainment in the Bronx and meet our 90x30 challenge.

Please join me in congratulating them. I know they will have the support of our entire campus community of teachers, scholars, learners, advocates, and activists.

Be well and stay safe.

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