

# College of Humanities & Social Sciences



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On cover (from left to right): Dr. James Heinzen, professor of history, presents during an event. Students in a forensic anthropology class apply their teachings during a mock excavation. Political science major Erin Moore speaks during a post-conference event after serving on Rowan's Model United Nations delegation.

Above: An accomplished senior from every CHSS major join Dean Nawal Ammar during the 2022 Seniors of Distinction Banquet.





## Dean's message

**A**s we review the last year, I am pleased to share that Rowan University and the College of Humanities & Social Sciences (CHSS) faced the challenges of COVID-19 with resilience and emerged stronger than ever.

Because we teach flexibility and prepare students to manage many types of challenges, we were equipped to transition very quickly to meet student and faculty needs.

Meanwhile, CHSS continued to expand its research areas, productivity and grants, as well as graduate and undergraduate degree programs.

In addition, the College remains committed to serving the University. CHSS faculty and staff hold a range of leadership and support roles on key committees and boards. We also have an important responsibility as Rowan strives to become a Research I institution. This classification indicates very high research activity according to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

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**I look forward to continuing to work with our dynamic faculty who rose above the obstacles of the last two years. I also expect to attain more resources to support and help our students reach their goals.”**

Our students continue to shine despite challenges posed by the pandemic. Many CHSS students received prominent awards and scholarships to travel abroad, landed positions relevant to their degrees or entered prestigious graduate programs.

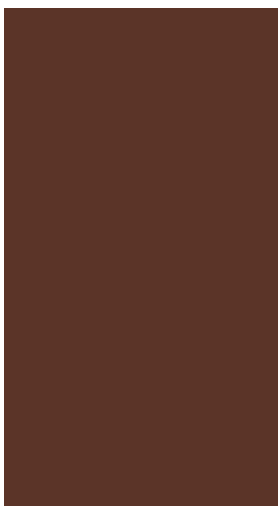
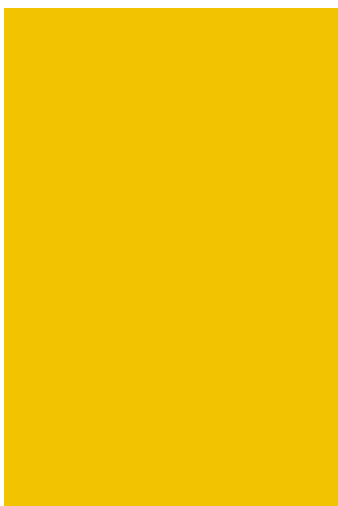
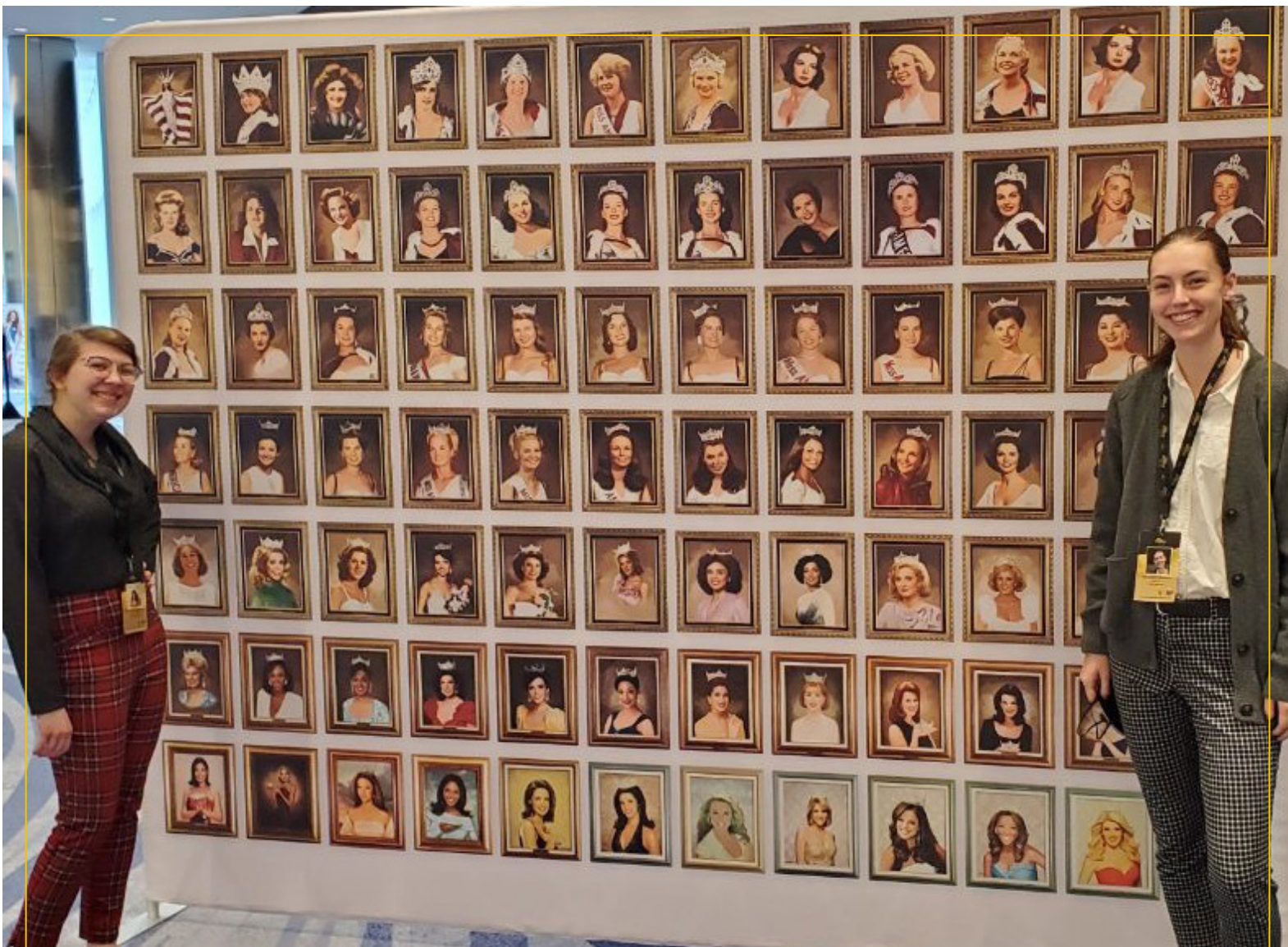
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As society learned during the last two years, without understanding the human condition, we cannot overcome societal problems, including health, economic and environmental challenges.

Therefore, the programs of study that CHSS offers are essential and must be integrated into all disciplines, including technology, medicine and natural science.

Humanities and social sciences are very unique and important components of U.S. higher education institutions.

Dr. Nawal Ammar  
Dean



Top: Abigail Hummell (left), '22, American studies alumna, and Grace Fox, English major, attend Miss America's 100th anniversary competition in Mohegan Sun, Connecticut.

Bottom: Rowan University Miss America centennial event showcases artifacts that are being digitized by Rowan faculty and students.



# Reflecting ideals of American beauty

Through the Miss America Digitization Project, students are digitizing a trove of treasures from the 100-year competition.

Images of the iconic jeweled crowns, velvet capes, program books, oil paintings of winners, office records and much more form an intricate mosaic exhibiting the transformation of America's ideal woman.

"It shows the history of an institution that, like so many other American institutions, struggled with inclusiveness with what it means to be a woman in America," said Dr. Katherine Turner, project manager and lecturer, History and American Studies.

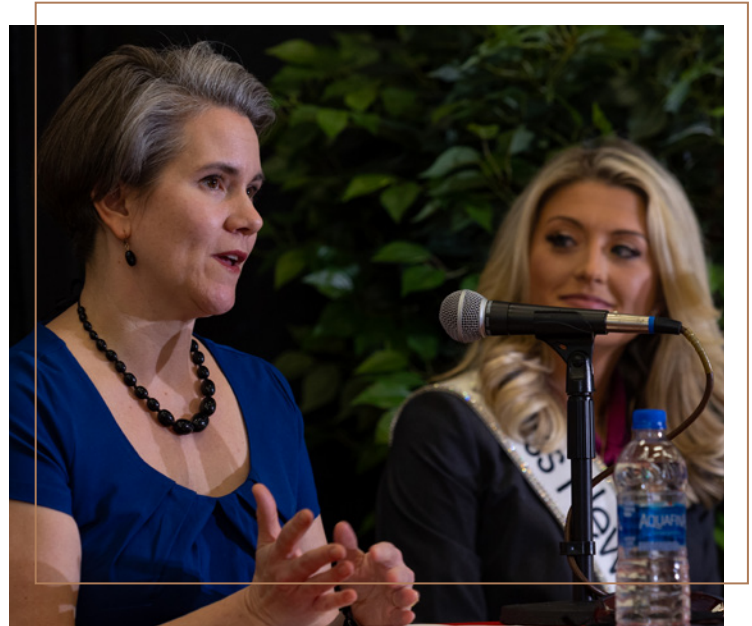
"Miss America was a white woman for most of the history, and that was written into the guidelines. It changed in the 1950s, but they didn't have a lot of Black and non-white contestants until the '70s. This was ahead of Vanessa Williams' win in 1983."

The competition continued to become more diverse. "America has problems, but we don't tolerate that kind of exclusivity for long because there are so many different kinds of Americans who have a stake in this," Turner said.

The collection also shows how women's goals changed. In the 1950s and 1960s, contestants were very domestic, focusing on marriage and family. "I attended the 2021 competition, and the women exactly fit the 2021 ideal of an accomplished young woman. They have MBAs and careers in mind," Turner said.

As student interns examine and digitize the memorabilia in Rowan's Digital Scholarship Center, they are developing archival skills.

Above: Dr. Katie Turner, coordinator of the American Studies program (left), discusses the Miss America Digitization Project, accompanied by Miss New Jersey 2021, Alyssa Sullivan, '20, during a Miss America centennial panel event.



"It's something students don't get to do very often — actually touch historical documents, review them and obtain a sense of what they are all about," said Turner, who is writing grants to create a digital archive.

"I think Rowan has the best resources for making the best use of this collection. The competition is such a central piece of New Jersey history because of its origin in Atlantic City, and it's a tremendous piece of national history." Turner said.

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— Dr. Katherine Turner

# Reengaging with the world

**R**owan students returned to a new normal in a big way in spring and summer. The Rowan National Model United Nations (NMUN) delegation participated in the first in-person conference in three years and brought home a “Distinguished Delegation” award, the second highest honor presented to a team.

Anushree Chauhan, a freshman Political Science major from Mount Royal, was named chair of the International Organization for Migration Committee at the April conference.

“Having the opportunity to meet with others and have all that they have learned come together full force at the conference is an intensive and profound learning experience,” said faculty advisor Maryella Hannum, professor for the spring 2022 Rowan Model UN course. Hannum and Dr. Katrinka Somdahl, associate professor of Political Science, traveled with the delegation to New York for the conference.

“Rowan’s spring 2022 NMUN delegation was engaged and diligent at the conference, and their Distinguished Delegation award was well deserved after a semester of extensive preparation and learning,” Hannum said.

While Model UN students represented Armenia in New York City, for the first time in two years, Rowan students traveled to distant locales to immerse themselves in the culture and history of the countries they visited.

For his course “Nazi Germany and the Holocaust,” Professor Jody Russell Manning, lecturer in History, traveled with students to Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic and Austria to visit concentration camps, museums and other key sites.

“They’re challenged to think about other languages, other currencies. Those sorts of struggles teach you so much about yourself,” Manning said.

Students also absorb the atmosphere. “They are on the ground and learning from sites,” he said.

“For example, there’s no way you could understand a place like Auschwitz without being there and physically seeing how enormous, how vast it is.”

Studying abroad is “mind expanding,” said Dr. Edward Smith, associate professor in World Languages, who led students on a customized

tour to Germany for his course, “Masterpieces of German Literature in English Translation.” “There’s no other way of having such a concentrated educational experience than having a study abroad experience,” he said.

Students visited many sites, including Marburg, where the Brothers Grimm studied; Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther was imprisoned and translated the New Testament into German; and Weimar, the center of German Enlightenment and Weimar Classicism.

“I’ve seen hundreds of students study abroad. They all come back transformed,” Smith said.

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Sarah McClure, 2022 International Studies alumna and member of the 2022 Model UN delegation, speaks during a celebratory event after the conference.





Top: The CHSS Model UN delegation represented Armenia at the annual conference held in New York.

Middle: Students participate in a study abroad trip to Germany (left), Jacob Tiver, 2022 Political Science alumnus, speaks during a post-conference event.

Bottom: Students and faculty visited sites in four European countries as they learned more about the Holocaust and Nazi Germany.

# Student awards

## CHSS students shine on campus and beyond

**R**ecipient of the prestigious James Madison Fellowship, Steven Anderson, M'22, capped off his master's studies this summer with once-in-a-lifetime experiences in Washington, D.C. He will bring back those experiences to his history students at Timber Creek High School in Sicklerville.

Attending the organization's Summer Institute, he engaged in debates, visited historic sites and interacted with federal officials, including a supreme court justice. He completed his master's program in History by taking "The Foundations of American Constitutionalism," taught by constitutional scholars.

"Any experience that deepens my understanding of the Constitution allows me to frame our course content in a meaningful way," said Anderson, a Deptford resident. "Not all students will become experts in history, or even enjoy it. But if I teach the legal foundations of our country well, then they are armed with knowledge and understanding. This can help them to not only understand the past, but also actively engage with the present and the future."

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### Additional student awards

**Bryan Jennings**, majoring in International Studies and Modern Languages & Linguistics, received the prestigious David L. Boren Scholarship from the National Security Education program. He is traveling to Jordan this fall to study Arabic with CET, a high-quality language program.

**Paulie Wenger**, a graduate student studying history, received the Marc Mappen Student Research Scholarship for his project, "Black Summer: Piracy, Commodore Perry and

Sensationalism in the Summer of 1860." It is awarded by the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance (NJSAA). Wenger presented his research at the NJSAA national meeting.

**Jessica Newell, '22, Seth Lowe, '22, and Nicole Wagner**, presented at the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium in March. Wagner received a prize for her paper, "Toxic Masculinity and the Enabling of Rape Culture on College Campuses." Newell discussed her experience as an intern with the Rowan Center for the Advancement of Women in Communications. Lowe presented, "'I'm Me. That's All': Queer Dissonance + Heteronormative Ideology in *The House You Pass on the Way.*"

**Dominique DiGiacomo, '21, M'22, Adam Minichino, '22, and Gonzalo McGuckin, '22**, will teach English in Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching program. DiGiacomo earned a master's degree in Education and a bachelor's degree in Honors English with minors in International Studies and Asian Studies and a certificate of undergraduate study in Japanese. Minichino majored in History and K-12 Education with a minor in International Studies and certificate of graduate study in Japanese. McGuckin majored in Modern Languages & Linguistics, with concentrations in Spanish, French, Italian and European and Russian Studies, as well as a minor in Japanese.

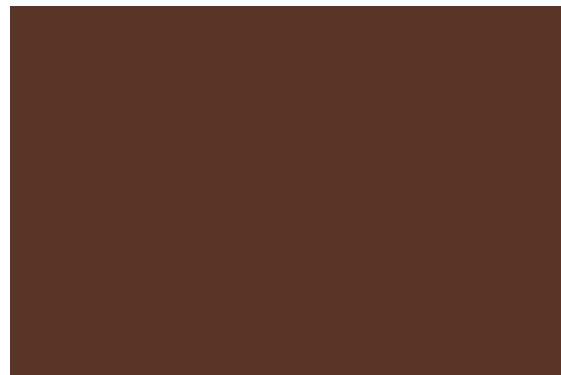
**Catherine Giuliani, '23**, a History major, was selected for the McNeil Center Consortium C. Dallett Hemphill summer internship at History Making Productions in Philadelphia.

**Amanda Brown, '19, Michelle Macauley, '19, James Latimer, '21, and Sarah Bingham, '21**, landed positions in the Teaching Assistant Program in France for 2022-23. For seven months, these alumni will teach English to French students of all ages.

Opposite page (clockwise from top left): Jessica Newell, Adam Minichino, Gonzalo McGuckin, Nicole Wagner, Seth Lowe, Dominique DiGiacomo

Not Pictured: Amanda Brown, Sarah Bingham, Catherine Giuliani, Bryan Jennings, James Latimer, Michelle Macauley, and Paulie Wenger.







Celebrating the establishment of the Sweeney Center are (from left) Dr. Anthony Lowman, provost; Dr. Nawal Ammar, dean; Steve Sweeney; Dr. Ali Houshmand, president; and Mark Magyar, founding center director.

## Expanding the understanding of public policy

**C**HSS now houses a new nonpartisan public policy center that addresses the state's most complex public policy issues. While advancing knowledge of public policy in the state, it also offers unique opportunities for students and faculty.

"We're trying to bring the best minds in the state together to work on the most difficult public policy issues," said Mark Magyar, founding director of the Steve Sweeney Center for Public Policy, named after the former Senate president who chairs the center's advisory board.

Several faculty from CHSS's Economics program are participating in the Multi-Year Budget project: Dr. Stuti Jha, associate professor of Economics; Dr. Yupeng Li, assistant professor of Economics; and Dr. Kul Kapri, assistant professor of Economics. The project includes a workgroup with members with years of expertise from around the state who are developing multiyear spending and revenue projections to forecast fiscal challenges and potential gaps.

"We believe the Multi-Year Budget project has educational value for our citizens as well as for our policymakers because it lays out the fiscal challenges that the state could face going forward," Magyar said.

The center also is working with school districts around the state that are considering creating regional K-12 districts. Faculty members from Rowan's College of Education are participating in this project.

Meanwhile, CHSS's Department of Political Science & Economics launched its new Master of Public Policy program in September. In collaboration with the Sweeney Center, the program will offer experiential learning opportunities for students both in research and applied learning.

The College has been building its capacity toward public policy during the last several years, and already offers Public Policy certificates of graduate and undergraduate studies, said Dr. Lawrence Markowitz, professor and chair, Department of Political Science & Economics.

Rowan Political Science undergraduates increasingly have been landing positions in county- and state-level government and public affairs, Markowitz said. "It was clear there was a need not only for people to fill these positions, but for people to have public policy training."

Magyar is teaching an undergraduate course in state and local government this fall and the graduate course in public finance next spring. He also will collaborate with CHSS professors on several research projects.

"He will be bringing to bear a lot of applied experience," Markowitz said.



# Advancing social research at Rowan University

To foster interdisciplinary research across the social sciences and support faculty engaged in research, the College established the Center for Social Science Research.

Through the center, faculty skilled in social sciences research, statistical methods and other tools will offer their assistance to professors who are applying for grants or need other expertise.

The center also is creating a data repository. It will have a set of pre-congressional career data for members of the U.S. Congress, said Dr. Anne Pluta, director of the center and associate professor, Political Science.

In addition, the center is working on the New Jersey Policy Agendas Project, which is coding all legislation passed by the New Jersey Legislature in the last two decades. It is part of the Comparative Agendas Project, which is coding public policy across states and countries.

Furthermore, the center will offer a certificate of graduate study in Data Literacy for Civic and Public Service. “It will help students become literate in finding data and performing basic analysis,” Pluta said. These skills will benefit students who go on to work in the public sector.

The center also will provide training and tools for undergraduate and graduate students so they can become skilled research assistants. The goal is to help Rowan social scientists connect with trained student research assistants who can help with data collection and analysis, Pluta said. “This also gives students an important marketable skill.”

Abdul Barrie, 2022 Economics alumnus, presents his research during the annual spring Political Science & Economics poster session.

## Additional new programs

### Combined advanced degree programs

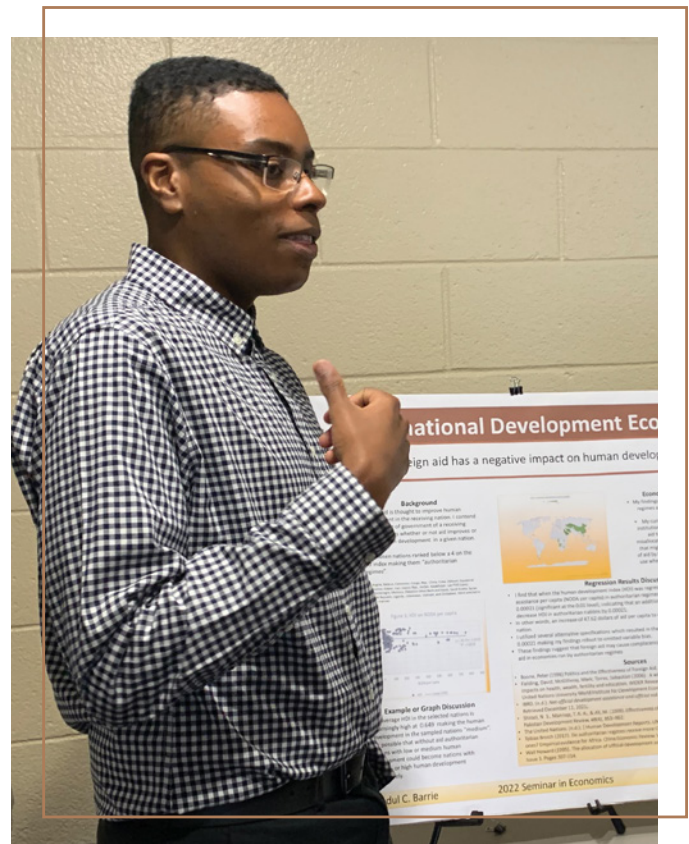
- BA in Africana Studies + MA in Diversity and Inclusion
- BA in History + MA in Diversity and Inclusion
- BA in Sociology + MA in Diversity and Inclusion

### Minors

- Japanese

### CUGS (Certificates of Undergraduate Study)

- Global Security Studies
- N.J. Amistad Law: African-American Studies for Future Educators
- Spanish for Health Professionals



# Welcoming new faculty

New faculty bring a range of experience and knowledge to CHSS classrooms:



**Dr. Mary Kay Tuohy**, professor of professional practice, Sociology & Anthropology, has 25 years of experience in social work education and practice. She launched a BSW degree completion program at Rowan College of South Jersey—Cumberland and lectured in the MSW program in the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, her master’s degree from Syracuse University and her bachelor’s degree from Marist College.



**Christopher Steinbrecher**, lecturer, Law & Justice Studies, received his master’s degree from the University of Delaware and his bachelor’s degree from Framingham State University. Before pursuing his undergraduate degree, he spent 14 years working for Avery Dennison Manufacturing Company in Framingham, Massachusetts, most recently as an information specialist and librarian.



**Dr. Metin Atmaca**, a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, taught history at Rowan during the 2021-22 academic year. He is an associate professor of History at Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Ankara, his master’s degree from Texas University and doctorate from Freiburg University in Germany. He has published numerous articles on Kurdish, Ottoman, Iranian and Iraqi history and is working on two books.



# Retirements



Devoting decades to educating and inspiring CHSS students, the following faculty members retired during the 2021-22 academic year:

**Dr. Yuhui Li** (top left), professor, Sociology & Anthropology, focused on China's population policies and regional studies in her research. She published a book titled *China's Assistance Program in Xinjiang, a Sociological Analysis* in 2018 and numerous journal articles and book chapters. She is coauthor of a manuscript under contract with Amsterdam University Press titled *China's Economic Reform and Core-Periphery Divide*.

**Dr. Anthony Sommo** (bottom left), assistant professor, Sociology & Anthropology, focused on disabilities and deviant behavior and social control in his teaching. He developed courses on sociological practice and the sociology of disability, and he established Disability Awareness Day, which became Disability Awareness Week. He received numerous accolades for excellence in teaching during his 30-year career at Rowan.



## Selected faculty publications

Faculty members are informing their colleagues and students by publishing an array of books. They include, among many others:

**Dr. Jennifer Rich**, associate professor, Sociology & Anthropology, executive director, Rowan Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights, *Politics, Education and Social Problems: Complicated Classroom Conversations*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.

**Dr. Eva Boodman**, assistant professor, Philosophy & World Religions, *White Ignorance and Complicit Responsibility: Transforming Collective Harm Beyond the Punishment Paradigm*, Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

**Dr. Janet Moore Lindman**, professor and chair, History, *A Vivifying Spirit: Quaker Practice and Reform in Antebellum America*, Penn State University Press, 2022.

**Dr. Sandra Joy** (co-author), professor, Sociology & Anthropology, *Life Without Parole: Worse Than Death?* Routledge, 2022.

**Dr. Joy Wiltenburg**, professor emeritus, History, *Laughing Histories: From the Renaissance Man to the Woman of Wit*, Routledge, 2022.

**Dr. Stephen Hague** (co-editor), associate professor, History, deputy director, Hollybush Institute for Global Peace and Security, *At Home in the Eighteenth Century: Interrogating Domestic Space*, Routledge, 2021.

**Prof. Sharon McCann**, lecturer, Sociology & Anthropology, *100 Questions to Answer Before You Get Married*, Kendall-Hunt, September 2021.

# Selected faculty accomplishments

## Expanding impact through grant-funded research

**V**ictims of violence and their families confront a complex tangle of experiences and consequences. To help them find the support they need, Dr. Jeanna Mastrocinque, associate professor, Law & Justice Studies, and her team are expanding hospital violence intervention programs. Their research is supported by a two-year, \$500,000 U.S. Department of Justice grant.

The research has two goals: It will expand the existing intervention program, so that victims of stabbing wounds treated at Cooper University Hospital can connect with support services. The grant also creates a victim navigator position at the hospital to connect loved ones of homicide victims with other homicide victims' families and to needed resources in the community.

For a decade, Mastrocinque has worked with families impacted by homicide, who can become overwhelmed navigating various systems. "Once you understand what people's needs are, this work creates a service to connect people to different resources that could assist with those needs. I think these multisystem approaches are incredibly helpful."

Faculty members in CHSS have received a number of recent grants, including:

**Dr. Joel Capellan**, assistant professor, Law & Justice Studies, received a \$92,000 grant from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice for his work on the "Analysis of Rule of Law in Prisons in El Salvador and Guatemala" and \$82,528 from the same institution for "Accusatorial Transition Report."

**Dr. DeMond Miller**, professor, Sociology & Anthropology, is co-principal investigator of a \$20,000 grant from the South Jersey Institute of Population Health, "Making the Invisible Visible: Using Augmented Reality Visualization to Look Behind the Scenes at the Community Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on the City of Camden."

**Dr. Katharine Javian**, lecturer, Political Science & Economics, received a \$4,602 grant from the National Conference on Citizenship for Rowan Votes, promoting voter registration, participation and education.

### Additional Faculty Accomplishments

**Dr. Marquita Smith**, assistant professor of English, received the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend.

**Dr. Melissa R. Klapper**, professor of History, was awarded the inaugural Wyner Research Fellowship by the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Fred and Ellen Lewis JDC Archives Fellowship.

**Dr. Sierra Lomuto**, assistant professor, English, was accepted to the Immersive Global Middle Ages Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Dr. Harriet Hartman**, professor emeritus, Sociology & Anthropology, received the Excellence in Advocacy for First-Generation Students Award.

**Jeff Schwartz**, instructor, Law & Justice Studies, received the University-wide Joseph A. Barnes Award for Outstanding Service, which recognizes exemplary service to the institution.

**Dr. Yvonne Hammond**, lecturer, English, received a Textbook Alternative Program grant at Rowan University.

**Dr. Janet Moore Lindman**, professor and chair, History, received the Kenneth Carroll Prize from the Friends Historical Association, which was awarded for the best article appearing in Quaker history published between spring 2019 and fall 2021.

**Dr. Jennifer Janofsky**, Megan Giordano Fellow in History, was invited by the New Jersey Historical Commission to serve on its events and reenactments working group for the NJ250 celebration and to a review panel for the National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Projects for the Public grant program.



Above: Dr. Jeanna Mastrocinque, associate professor of Law & Justice Studies and principal investigator (center) joins co-investigators Dr. Tayna Egodage, trauma surgeon and medical director of the Hospital Violence Intervention program at Cooper University Hospital (left) and Dr. Elizabeth Cerceo, hospitalist and associate program director of Internal Medicine at Cooper University Hospital.





Dr. Ellen Miller, associate professor of philosophy, speaks during a summer high school ethics workshop.

## Faculty productivity



**8**  
**MONOGRAPHS  
 & EDITED  
 ANTHOLOGIES**

**72** Refereed Articles  
 and Book Chapters

**65** Conference  
 Presentations

**49** Academic  
 Presentations  
 Beyond Rowan

**79** Lectures and/or Panel  
 Discussions at Rowan

**68** Community Talks  
 and Knowledge  
 Dissemination Events



**14**  
**FEDERAL,  
 STATE  
 AND  
 OTHER  
 GRANTS**



**30**  
**BOOK  
 REVIEWS**



**4**  
**PRESS  
 EDITORIALS**

**18** Faculty editing or serving on  
 editorial boards of academic  
 journals

**65** Peer reviews of monographs,  
 academic papers and textbooks

# CHSS Excellence Award winners



## Excellence in Research

**Dr. Melissa R. Klapper**, professor, History, and director of Women’s and Gender Studies, received the Senior Researcher Award. Her research centers on the history of American Jewish women and childhood and youth in America, examining how gender influences experiences. Her fourth and most recent book, *Ballet Class: An American History*, published by Oxford University Press in 2020, analyzes how ballet class became widespread for American children in the 20th century.

**Dr. John Shjarback**, assistant professor, Law & Justice Studies, received the Pre-Tenure Faculty Research Award. He has published many papers on topics related to violence between police officers and citizens, race/ethnicity and police accountability. He also has published articles in numerous consumer outlets, such as the *Washington Post*, *New York Daily News* and the *Dallas Morning News*. In addition, he collaborates with law enforcement agencies on projects.



## Excellence in Service

**Dr. Chanelle Rose**, associate professor, History, and coordinator of the Africana Studies program, received the Assistant/Associate/Full Professor Award for Excellence in Service. She promotes inclusivity, civility and diversity at Rowan and beyond, engaging in numerous committees and organizing activities and events. She also has created innovative interdisciplinary curriculum.

**Dr. Whitney Cox**, lecturer, Philosophy & World Religions, and coordinator of the World Religions program, received the Lecturer/Instructor Award for Excellence in Service. She actively recruits and mentors students, develops curriculum and engages in faculty searches. Cox has worked with the CHSS Center for Professional Success, organizes alumni events and very actively works to advance diversity, equity and inclusion.



## Excellence in Teaching

**Dr. Joel Capellan**, assistant professor, Law & Justice Studies, received the Award for Excellence in Teaching. His courses focus on mass murder, research methods, statistics, spatial analysis of crime and other areas. His research concentrates primarily on mass shootings, but it also includes crime prevention and program evaluation in Central America.

**Raymond Marcolongo**, Law & Justice Studies, also received the Excellence in Teaching Award. He is an attorney who recently retired after serving more than 30 years as an assistant prosecutor in Cumberland County and a hearing officer for the New Jersey Judiciary Vicinage 15. He joined the Department of Law & Justice Studies as an adjunct professor in fall 2021, teaching “Introduction to Criminal Law.”

From center to bottom: Drs. Whitney Cox, lecturer (left center), and Chanelle Rose, associate professor (right center), display awards with Dean Ammar and Senior Associate Dean Corinne Blake (left); Dr. Joel Capellan, associate professor (left center), and Raymond Marcolongo, adjunct professor, show awards, joined by Dean Ammar and Associate Dean Stephen Fleming (right).



# Hollybush Author Series

## Hollybush Institute hosts prominent speakers in virtual format

The Hollybush Author Series extended its reach in the last year with a new virtual format, welcoming nearly two dozen speakers who have discussed a range of important—and timely—issues.

Less than two weeks after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Dr. Timothy Snyder, the Richard C. Levin professor at Yale University, presented “Ukraine and On Tyranny: Reflections on the Russian-Ukraine War and Authoritarianism” to 150 virtual attendees. Snyder was scheduled to speak about his book *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons From the Twentieth Century*, but the February 24 invasion shifted the focus of this year’s series.

“We were uniquely positioned to inform people about the Ukraine war because of the author series,” said James Heinzen, director of the Hollybush Institute for Global Peace and Security.

Hollybush talks are open to the public, and students can interact with well-known experts who make the presentations. “The author series helps inform people in an immediate way about the most important issues that we face as a country and as a community,” Heinzen said. “That can have a big impact on students and their intellectual lives,” he said.

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— Dr. James Heinzen

Shown outside Rowan’s historic Hollybush Mansion, Dr. James Heinzen directs the Hollybush Institute for Global Peace and Security. The institute presents a range of distinguished experts through the Hollybush Author Series.

During the 2021-22 academic year, the author series also hosted the following, among other talks:

- “The Death of Asylum: Hidden Geographies of the Enforcement Archipelago” by Dr. Alison Mountz
- “Manual for Survival: A Chernobyl Guide to the Future” by Dr. Kate Brown
- “What World Do We Live In?” (co-sponsored with Rowan College of Burlington County) by Dr. Stephen Kotkin
- “Geopolitical Ecologies of Environmental Change, Land Grabbing and Migration” by Dr. Sara Vigil
- “After Saigon’s Fall: Refugees and U.S.-Vietnamese Relations, 1975-2000” by Dr. Amanda Demmer
- “Before the Flood: The Itaipu Dam and the Visibility of Rural Brazil” by Dr. Jacob Blanc
- “How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States” by Dr. Daniel Immerwahr
- “The War on the Uyghurs: China’s Internal Campaign Against a Muslim Minority” by Dr. Sean Roberts





## In memoriam

We mourn the loss of the following faculty members, who passed away during the last year. We will remember them for their dedication to CHSS students and the University community. They will be deeply missed.

**Dr. Dianne Ashton**, professor emeritus, Philosophy & World Religions, joined Rowan's faculty in 1989 and served as chair of the Department of Philosophy & Religion from 1992 to 1995. Instrumental in developing the American Studies program, Ashton retired in 2021.

**Dr. Mark Hutter**, professor, Sociology & Anthropology, joined Rowan University in 1973 and focused on sociology of the family and gender studies, urban sociology and social psychology of city life, and ethnic studies and immigration. He participated in numerous professional organizations and professional service activities.

**Dr. James Grace**, professor, Philosophy & World Religions, joined Rowan's faculty in 1969. He researched and taught topics that included the sociology of religion, with a focus on the New Testament and other early Christian writings. He retired in 2000 after 31 years of service.

**Dr. Kristen diNovi**, associate dean of the Honors College, joined Rowan University in 2009. She previously served as CHSS assistant dean and assistant dean of the College of Science & Mathematics, as well as in other roles. She worked very actively with the Honors Student Organization and helped develop the "Think, Thrive, Share" tagline of the Honors College, fostering a community of diverse citizen scholars.

**Dr. Grant Shoffstall**, assistant professor of sociology, joined Rowan University in 2020. A cultural and historical sociologist, Shoffstall focused his teaching on the sociology of science, knowledge, technology, social theory and the sociology of religion. His research concentrated on the sociohistorical ties between Cold War technoscience, political shifts in the 1960s and 1970s and the emergence of new and alternative religions.





Jamar Green, '22, Law & Justice Studies and Africana Studies major, is recognized as the Africana Studies Senior of Distinction during the 2022 CHSS Commencement ceremony.

## Giving to CHSS

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- Tangible personal property
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- Retained life estate
- Charitable lead trust

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