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My background



- ▶ Biologist (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- ▶ Ph.D. in Microbiology (Cornell University)
- ▶ Post Doctoral Fellow in Pediatrics/Infectious Diseases (Weill Cornell Medical School and Columbia University)
- ▶ Teaching Science Classes for more than 10 years
- ▶ Human Biology Lecturer since 2020 (Hunter College)
- ▶ Career Success Fellow 2023-2024



Speaker Series: Careers in STEM

- ▶ We organize a Speaker Series every semester bringing professionals from different fields connected to our STEM and Human Bio majors at Hunter College. (Prof Julia Zichello and Michelle Coleman)
- ▶ We invite alumni to share their experiences and their paths, and to mention how they reached their current career goals.



Human Biology Career Opportunities

WORKSHOP SERIES

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Interested in exploring your career options within STEM? Attend our Career Opportunities Workshop Series! Hear from field professionals and recent Human Biology graduates to learn more about their career paths and their advice for current STEM students.



March 18 (2PM)

Dr. Kwame Osei-Sarfo, Ph.D. Director

Career Field: Continuing Education in STEM

- Bridge to the Ph.D. Program in STEM at Columbia University Engineering School



April 1 (4PM)

Riana Mehreen '21 (Human Biology Graduate)

Career Field: Public Health

- Currently pursuing an MA in Public Health in the Health Care Management track at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai



April 29 (4PM)

Priya Singh '22 (Human Biology Graduate)

Career Field: Medicine

- Entering the Flexmed Program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in Fall 2022



May 6 (4PM)

Dr. Frances Mercer, Ph.D. Assistant Professor

Career Field: Biological Research

- Department of Biology, California Polytechnic Institute

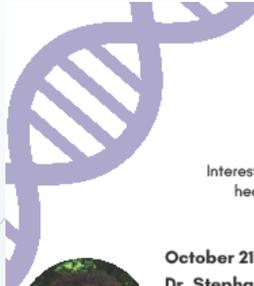
Scan here to RSVP! All majors are invited.

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October 21 (4PM)



Dr. Stephanie Rodriguez, *Department of Labor*

- Dr. Stephanie Rodriguez is a Sr. Workforce Fellow serving at the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, sponsored by the STEM Next Opportunity Fund. In her role at DOL Stephanie is responsible for designing a comprehensive Departmental strategy for youth employment that bridges silos across the Department of Labor, Federal partners, and the external youth service community.

October 28 (4PM)



Melissa Flores, *Preparing for Medical School*

- In preparing for medical school, Melissa has gained multiple research, volunteer, and healthcare experiences. In her seminar, Melissa will guide students to find extracurricular experiences that they enjoy, while preparing for their goal graduate program.

November 11 (5PM)



Matthew Hackett, *Neuroscience Ph.D. Student*

- A CUNY graduate who originally aimed to pursue medical school before discovering his passion for research, Matthew is a first year doctoral student in the Neuroscience Ph.D. program at the CUNY Graduate Center. In his PI's lab at Queens College, Matthew is studying coloration and its effect on neural substrates in the *A. burtoni* and in bluegill sunfish.

December 2 (4PM)



Ahmed Elnawawy, *Osteopathic Medical Student*

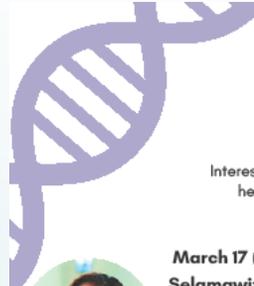
- A Human Biology graduate from Hunter College's Class of 2021, Ahmed is currently a first-year osteopathic medical student at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (Elmira). Ahmed will discuss volunteering, healthcare experience, research, and preparing for an AACOMAS application.

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March 17 (4PM)



Selamawit Dessie '19, *Analyst Business Development (Melinta Therapeutics)*

- Selamawit is graduate of Hunter's Medical Laboratory Science major and a 2022 graduate of NYU's M.S. Program in Biotechnology and Entrepreneurship. As an analyst at Melinta Therapeutics, Selamawit actively works with the HOD of Business Development by doing the necessary due diligence in new business acquisition (merging with companies) and partnership (acquiring products/drugs) opportunities within the US and with global clients.

March 31 (4PM)



Sohail Sookram '23, *Human Biology Major & Physician Assistant Candidate*

- As a student who is passionate about healthcare, the Physician Assistant profession, and mentorship, Sohail will break down a step-by-step process of how to be a competitive applicant for PA school on everything from mastering prerequisite courses to obtaining patient care experience and the application timeline.

April 24 (4PM)



Kelly Matthews, *Lead Advisor (Indiana University School of Medicine)*

- As a Lead Advisor, Kelly serves as a primary contact for a cohort of medical students from the point of matriculation through graduation, supporting students in their personal and professional development. Kelly also coordinates the Physician Mentor program where she pairs physicians with students for mentorship. In her seminar, Kelly and several of her current medical students will give you a snapshot of what life is like in medical school!

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Dr. Micah Dunlap, *In Vivo Research, Senior Scientist: Vaccines (Pfizer)*

- More info coming soon!

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September 29 (4PM via Zoom)

Maria Grbic, Pediatric Registered Nurse

- A near-three-time CUNY graduate, Maria is a Queens, NY resident who pursued nursing as a second degree. She earned her Associate's Degree in Nursing from Queensborough Community College in 2022 and is currently completing her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the CUNY School of Professional Studies.



October 20 (4PM via Zoom)

Anthony Coffey '23, MS in Entomology Candidate

- Anthony Coffey is a current graduate student in the Master of Science Entomology and Nematology program at the University of Florida. He obtained his BA at Hunter College in Anthropology and Human Biology. His current research is focused on landscape pest management and biological control to develop Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs, emphasizing social and solitary wasps in agricultural systems.



October 25 (11:45AM via Zoom)

Nick Martinez, Assistant Director of Youth Initiatives at the American Museum of Natural History

- Nick Martinez is the Assistant Director of Youth Initiatives at the American Museum of Natural History. He is an educator, producer, podcaster, and activist with over a decade of experience working at the intersections of museum education, youth, and workforce development, mentoring, and science. His passion is to engage and support BIPOC to pursue interests and careers in science and develop strategies for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion in traditionally non-inclusive spaces.



November 10 (4PM via Zoom)

Ben Bleier '22, Physical Therapy Candidate, Columbia University

- More information coming soon!



November 15 (12PM via Zoom)

Bethany Brookshire, Science Writer

- Bethany Brookshire is a freelance science journalist and the author of the book *Pests: How Humans Create Animal Villains*. She is also a host and producer on the podcast *Science for the People*. She is a former staff writer with *Science News* magazine and *Science News for Students*. Bethany has a PhD in Physiology and Pharmacology from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

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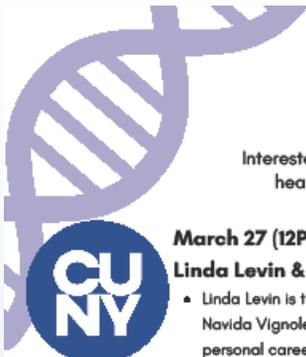


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March 27 (12PM via Zoom)

Linda Levin & Navida Vignoles, *Learning about STEM Internships at CUNY*

- Linda Levin is the Senior Program Manager for CUNY's Internship to Employment program, and Navida Vignoles is the Program Manager for Internships with MTA. They will be sharing both their personal career journeys that have led them to CUNY, as well as many internship programs and tips for STEM students at Hunter!



March 29 (4PM via Zoom)

Peter Martin, *Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LHMC), Northwell Health*

- Peter Martin is currently a mental health counselor for Northwell Health's School Mental Health Program in Commack, NY. He received his MS in Mental Health Counseling from SUNY Old Westbury. Peter specializes in working with adolescents and adults needing to find their balance again. His work focuses on life transitions and adjustments that often create feelings of anxiety.



April 5 (1PM via Zoom)

Forum Shah, *Genetics Counselor, NYU Langone, Perlmutter Cancer Center*

- Forum Shah, MS, CGC is a board certified genetic counselor at Bellevue Hospital. She is currently a genetic counselor focused on growing the clinic to provide cancer genetic counseling services to other New York City Health + Hospitals. Forum also co-hosts support group meetings for men and women with inherited cancer syndromes.



April 19 (3PM via Zoom)

Kristine Heeralall & Nayely Rodriguez, *Current Nursing Students at Phillips School of Nursing, Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai*

- Both Kristine and Nayely are Spring 2023 Hunter graduates who majored in Human Biology. Both are currently in their second semester of nursing school at Mt. Sinai. They are looking forward to sharing about their experience at Hunter prepping for nursing school and telling us more about what their nursing school experience has been like so far!



May 3 (4PM via Zoom)

Layla Alshameh '23, *Veterinary Services, Rockefeller University*

- Layla currently works as a Veterinary Services assistant at Rockefeller University and as a veterinary technician at the Animal Clinic of Long Island City. She also volunteers with the Schwarzman Animal Medical Center, where she rotates in different veterinary specialties, as well as Pony Power Therapies, where she provides disabled children and adults with therapeutic horseback rides and care for the farm animals on the ranch. Layla is applying for veterinary school in the upcoming cycle.

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Hunter College Student Engagement Initiatives



Hunter College's Student Engagement Initiatives have been established to encourage and promote greater student-faculty interaction outside of the traditional classroom.

National research suggests that student success is inextricably linked to student engagement, the degree to which a student is intellectually involved within and beyond the classroom. This is confirmed by Hunter students, who have asked for more opportunities to interact with their Hunter faculty beyond the classroom. Each of the programs described below is designed to provide opportunities for Hunter faculty to engage students beyond the confines of the classroom.

Three kinds of activities are supported by these initiatives:

Co-curricular Activity Initiative
Funding for student-faculty activities that are related to faculty courses or their scholarship. Activities may include student-faculty lunches, receptions, seminars, award ceremonies, film screenings, colloquia, or field trips.

Student-Faculty Research Initiative
Funding for students to participate in faculty research, scholarship, and creative projects. Hunter faculty may request up to \$1,000 per student, per academic year (i.e., up to \$500 per student, per semester).

Student Presentation Initiative
Funding to offset travel expenses for faculty-nominated students who will present their work at professional conferences that they attend with Hunter faculty; or to organize a faculty-sponsored student-scholarship conference at Hunter.

Visit [How to Apply](#) for more information about the application process.

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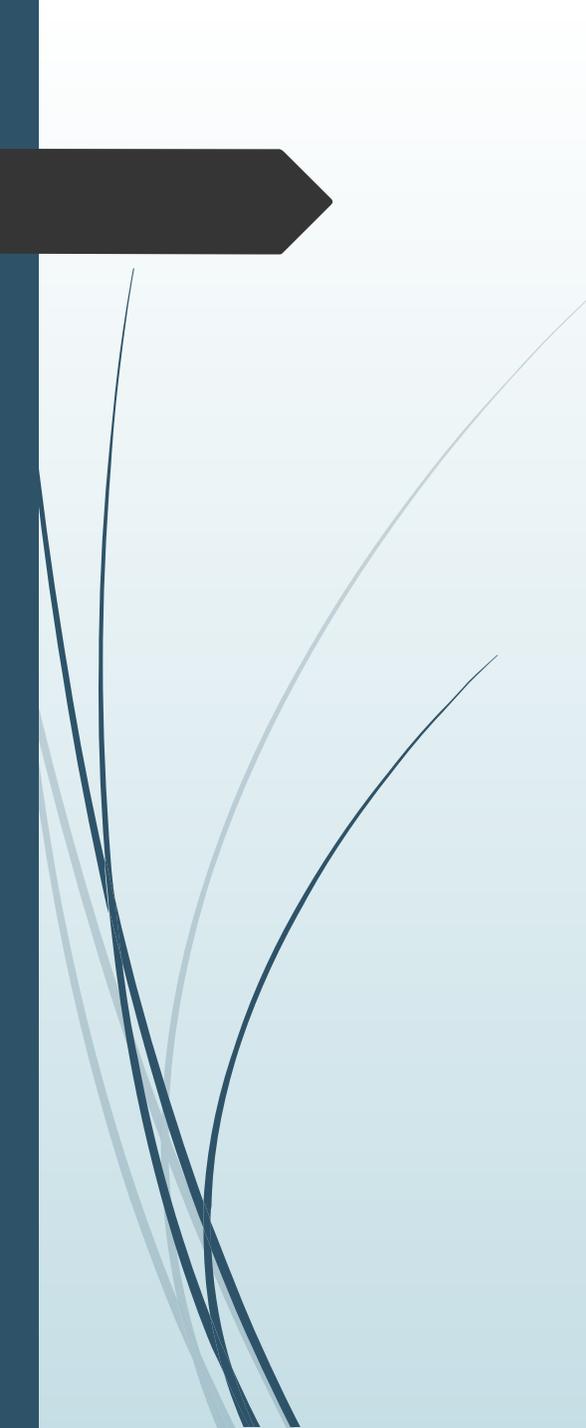


<https://ww5.hunter.cuny.edu/student-engagement>



Human Bio Program – CUNY Inclusive Economy Initiative

- ▶ I am a faculty in the Human Biology program at Hunter and we applied to a career grant initiative that aims to accelerate CUNY's ability to propel more CUNY graduates towards professional success, the **CUNY Inclusive Economy Initiative**.
- ▶ I was invited to participate in the interview process as part of the team to highlight all the work that we do for our students and their career progression and in January 2024 we received the news that we were selected as one of the groups to participate in the program. The project is moving forward as expected and our program will incorporate an Industry Specialist and a Career Advisor. Both positions will aim to help our majors to obtain internships and jobs during their time at Hunter and right after graduation (Health Related positions).



Thank You