

# WAGNER COLLEGE

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## OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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Dear Colleagues:

As we prepare to return to the campus after a very challenging academic year, I hope this finds you, and your families, safe and well. I'm looking forward to meeting with everyone this fall and our return to more normal operations.

This letter provides updates on Academic Affairs activities, as well as information that will be useful to you in preparing your course syllabi for the coming semester. Policies relating to Covid-19 are still being finalized, and once they are known, information will be communicated.

### **Promotion and Tenure**

I am very pleased to share the following achievements of our colleagues. At the May 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following faculty members were approved for tenure and/or promotion:

#### **Dr. Edna Aurelus, Assistant Professor, Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing**

Dr. Aurelus was approved for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

#### **Dr. Paul Barretta, Associate Professor, Nicolais School of Business**

Dr. Barretta was approved for Tenure

#### **Dr. Racquel DiCicco, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Sciences**

Dr. DiCicco was approved for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

#### **Dr. Brett Palfreyman, Assistant Professor, History Department**

Dr. Palfreyman was approved for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

#### **Dr. Lindsay Sabatino, Assistant Professor, English Department**

Dr. Sabatino was approved for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

Congratulations to our colleagues on their milestone achievements!

### **New Faculty**

In a few weeks, we will welcome the Class of 2025 and the following new faculty members:

**Professor Jordyn Alvidrez**, Department of Visual Arts, Full-Time Visiting Assistant Professor

**Professor Mehrnoosh Asadi**, Department of Culture and Economy, Full-Time Visiting Assistant Professor

**Dr. Emily Barth, English Department**, Full-Time Visiting Assistant Professor

**Dr. Penny Brandt, Department of Performing Arts**, Full-Time Tenure Track Assistant Professor

**Professor Susanne Farrell, MPAS PA-C, Physician Assistant Program**, Full-Time Clinical Coordinator

**Dr. Iman Fegghi, Psychology Department**, Full-Time Visiting Assistant Professor

**Dr. Clifford Frasier, Government and Politics**, Full-Time Visiting Assistant Professor

**Dr. Aarti Ivanic, Nicolais School of Business**, Full-Time Associate Professor and Dean

**Dr. Katherine Moccia, Biology Department**, Full-Time Assistant Professor

A brief biography of our new faculty can be found under the heading “New Faculty 2021 – 2022” on the Provost Office website (<http://wagner.edu/academics/provost/>). I hope that you will welcome our new colleagues and show them the spirit that defines our community.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our colleagues who have left the College since the end of the Spring semester.

Dr. Susan Bernardo, Professor, English Department  
Dr. Utteyo Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Culture and Economy  
Dr. Ann Hurley, Professor, English Department  
Dr. Walter Kaelber, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion  
Professor Andrew Needle, Associate Professor, Department of Art, Art History and Film  
Professor Todd Price, Associate Professor, Department of Performing Arts  
Dr. Mark Wagner, Professor, Psychology Department

Each of them added something special to Wagner College, and we shall miss them but we will not forget them.

Sincerely,



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Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs