

The background of the entire image is a photograph of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). The building is a grand, multi-story structure made of light-colored stone with many windows and classical architectural features like columns and arches. Several flags are flying from poles in front of the building: the United States flag, the flag of the City of New York, and blue flags with the Graduate Center logo. The sky is a pale blue.

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for Unique and  
Interdisciplinary Studies

*A Time to*

**REMEMBER**

*2020 - 2021*

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In celebration of

# DR. KIM J. HARTSWICK ACADEMIC DIRECTOR



## Dr. Kim Hartswick's Retirement

In 2021, Dr. Kim Hartswick retired from his role as Academic Director. We extend our heartfelt thanks for his incredible work with the program and his firm dedication to its students.



*"It is not yet a permanent goodbye but merely a hiatus until we cross paths.*

*Thanks for a truly great 15 years!"*



# In Memory of



**Karen Miller**  
Senior Registrar



**Regina Matthews**  
Scholarships and Alumni Coordinator

**In 2020 and 2021, the program was saddened by the loss of two beloved members of our community.**

**In their memory and honor, two commencement awards were given to two graduating students at the 2021 commencement ceremony.**

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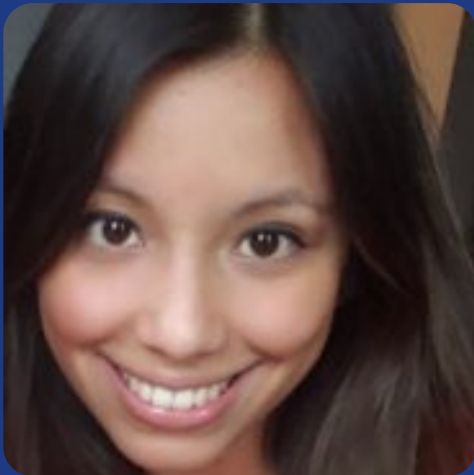
# CUNY BA GRADUATE FELLOWS



**Kyueun Kim**



**Michele Chinitz**



**Priscilla Bustamante**



**Andrew Anastasi**

The CUNY BA Graduate Fellows Program is designed to enhance the overall quality of undergraduate students' experiences in CUNY BA . During the 2020-2021 academic year, the fellows hosted numerous events and workshops and worked on various initiatives that helped to engage students across the CUNY BA community. We extend our thanks to the 2020-2021 Fellows!



# GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021



In spite of a challenging academic year, CUNY BA had the pleasure of celebrating its 2020-2021 graduates in a virtual ceremony on June 1.

Congratulations, graduates!









# Student Leadership Council



(Participated, but not pictured:

Omina Elsheikh, Anola Lafraicher, Ashley Masih)

The CUNY BA Student Leadership Council (SLC) welcomed new members, hosted events and student activities, and saw its first-ever nomination and election process for the 2021-2022 Executive Board. The SLC congratulates the class of 2021, and looks forward to meeting future cohorts of CUNY BA students!



# Student Leadership Council



Nick Cevoli



Loreta Avdiu



Joelle Lum



Brandon Greyson Kim



Kyra Abbu



Matthew Ly



Nicole Solomon



Nicole Wu



Marvin Lo



Wali Ullah



Erika Diaz



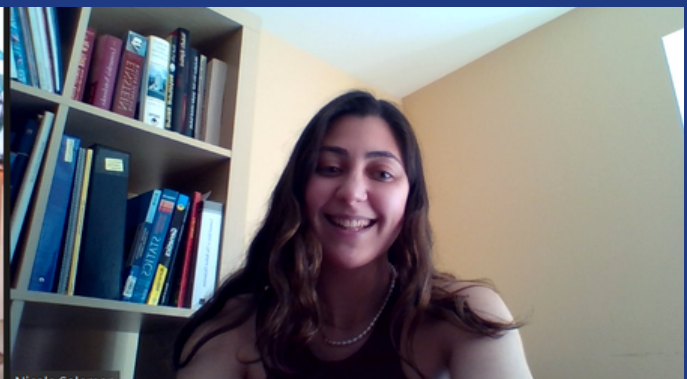
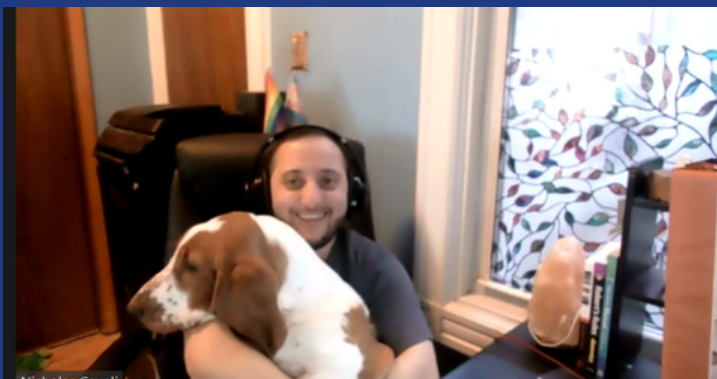
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# Peer Mentor Program



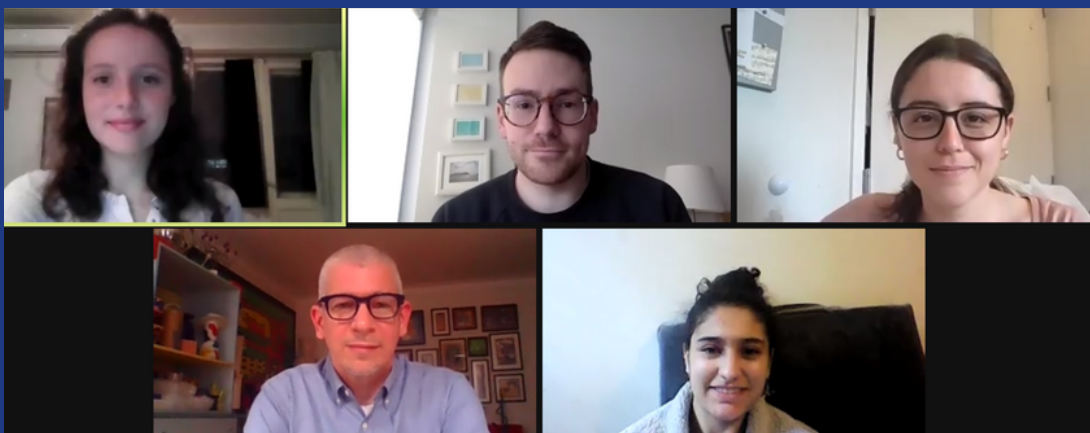
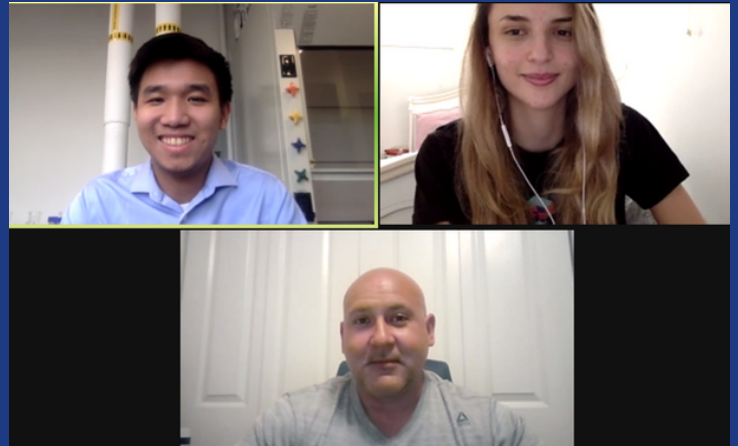
The CUNY BA Peer Mentor Program was established in 2019 to foster greater community involvement in CUNY BA and better prepare CUNY BA students for success, both in the program and beyond.

During the 2020-2021, the peer mentor program continued to thrive through virtual meetings and events. In 2021, for the first time, every new CUNY BA student was offered an opportunity to pair up with a peer mentor. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Peer Mentor Program, particularly the peer mentors who graduated this year!





# Peer Mentor Program



# Communication Interns



**Phylicia Thomas**  
**Brooklyn College**



**Minat Sherriff**  
**Brooklyn College**



**George Ramirez**  
**Brooklyn College**

CUNY BA welcomed its first cohort of Communication Interns. Three students from Brooklyn College assisted the program with flyers and other communications, events, community-building, and more. A big thanks and shout-out to our Spring 2021 Communication Interns!



# STUDENT SHOWCASE

CUNY BA was thrilled to host our second annual Student Showcase virtually in May 2021, with presentations by:

**Loreta Avdiu** (Cognition, Language, and Identity, Hunter College '22).

**Anna Tsomo Leidecker** (Health & Wellness Equity, Brooklyn College '21),

**Wali Ullah** (Political Behavior and Analysis, City College '21),

**Holland Brown** (Computational Cognitive Science, Baruch College '22)

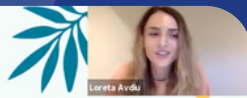
## Main take aways:

### • Individual Level

- experiment
- explore
- feel

### • Societal Level

- bilingual interventions
- openness to complexity
- compassion



## LORETA AVDIU

AOC: Cognition,  
Language, and  
Identity,

Hunter College  
'22

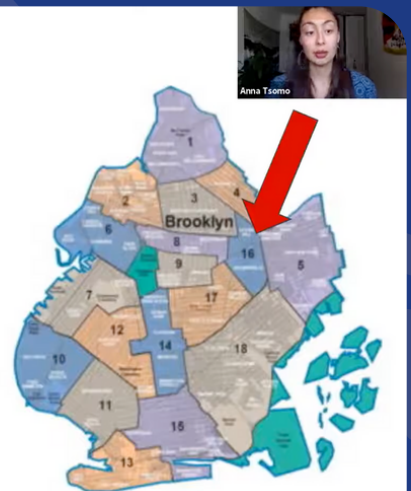
Anna Tsomo  
Leidecker

AOC: Health &  
Wellness Equity

Brooklyn College  
'21

- 99% BIPOC
- Median income \$37,000
- Almost *a third* of residents in Brownsville are *food insecure*. (Gallanter)
- 15:1 ratio of bodegas to supermarkets

**Race & class =  
environment =  
health outcomes**



# STUDENT SHOWCASE

## What Can Campuses Do To Support Adjuncts?



Enhance existing data collection efforts on campus



Provide short-term employment support



Provide long-term employment support



Increase & provide compensation and benefits



**WALI ULLAH**

**AOC: Political Behavior and Analysis**

**City College Of NY '21**

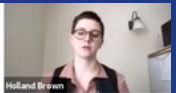
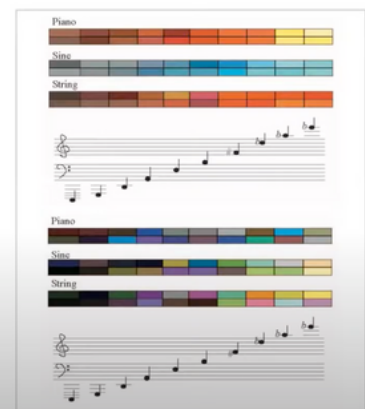
**HOLLAND BROWN**

**AOC: Computational Cognitive Science**

**Baruch College '22**

## Three Impactful Studies

1. Sensory integration can lead to interference and error.
2. Sensory integration is crucial to many functions, including language interpretation.
3. Characteristics of sound-color synesthesia are expressed in everyone.



We are so proud of the four student presenters who participated in this event for their work on their projects and presentations. To watch the Student Showcase, visit: <https://cunyba.cuny.edu/cuny-ba-student-showcase/>



***CONGRATULATIONS***

***CUNY BA***

***CLASS OF***

***2021!***