

February 18, 2019

To: The Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues:

What follows is a letter we sent to Chancellor Johnson today:

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As you are aware through recent news reporting, there are riots in Haiti causing shortages of food, medicine, and other crucial life supporting supplies. In calls for Haitian President Jovenel Moise to resign over soaring inflation and allegations of corruption, for over a week protesters in Port-au-Prince and elsewhere in Haiti have set cars ablaze and clashed with police. Just last night, 110 tourists were rescued from Haiti and flown home, and the U.S. State Department has asked all American non-emergency personnel and their families to evacuate.

Grisly details paint a dire situation: among many examples is the nearly empty intensive care unit at the State University Hospital of Haiti, the largest health care facility in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Many patients have died or fled for care elsewhere. There is no food there, no medicine, no water. According to CNN reporting, there are only two hospital employees remaining in the ICU.

Closer to home, and for those of us here at Purchase, descriptions of desperate conditions come to us from our former students and colleagues with whom we are in touch. They ask us for assistance in whatever form we can provide. We feel compelled to do all we can, and this letter to you grows out of our deep urge to help.

As you did so boldly during the crisis in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, we seek your leadership to galvanize our efforts across SUNY. We are writing to ask that you issue a call for support for efforts to bring calm to Haiti, urge SUNY campuses to reach out through well established channels to donate whatever support is possible, and to utilize our system-wide campus partnerships in Haiti to support our colleagues and friends.

For our part, here at Purchase, we are in touch with Haitian students who were part of our transnational film program this past June. In addition, we are seeking advice from FOKAL, our Open Society Foundations in Port-au-Prince, and our partner in Jacmel, The Artists Institute, on how we can directly assist.

As you are aware, SUNY is involved with the Kellogg Foundation, and others in Haiti, on a large sustainable village (SVLC) project. The Kellogg—SUNY SVLC Project at Arcahaie has many local partners with whom SUNY is in regular contact. We believe they would welcome our support at this time of unrest.

Dr. Johnson, your leadership has brought a great deal of sensitivity to a range of important issues. We, the undersigned here, ask for your continued advocacy for a country whose “acute on chronic” condition, as Paul Farmer described in his book, Haiti: After the Earthquake, will compound the devastation of recent events for months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Craig, Officer-in-Charge

Barry Pearson, Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs

Dr. Anne Kern, Dean for Global Strategy and International Programs

Congratulations to the recipients of the Fall 2018 Round of Awards:

Junior Faculty Development Awards

I am pleased to announce that we have three recipients of this year’s JFD Leave award. The Awardees receive a semester’s leave at full salary, during which they are, released from all teaching and service obligations to the college. These awards are, in effect, internal fellowships that provide an opportunity for junior, untenured faculty to concentrate exclusively on advancing or completing an important professional or scholarly project.

2019-2020

- **John Christian Bailey**, Humanities
- **Emiliano Diaz**, Humanities
- **Alexia Toskos**, NSS

Faculty Support Award

To fund research, academic travel and conference presentations, artistic endeavors, or other comparable professional activity.

- **Linda Bastone**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Leandro Benmergui**, Humanities
- **Darrah Carr**, Dance
- **Cedric Ceulemans**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Laura Chmielewski**, Humanities
- **Todd Coolman**, Music
- **Anthony Domestico**, Humanities
- **Stella Ebner**, Art+Design
- **Monica Ferrell**, Humanities
- **Kate Gilmore**, Art+Design
- **Eric Gottesman**, Art+Design
- **Paula Halperin**, Humanities
- **Lauren Harburger**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Casey Haskins**, Humanities
- **Cassandra Hooper**, Art+Design
- **Sharon Horvath**, Art+Design
- **Diana Johnson**, Humanities
- **Mark Jonas**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Paul Kaplan**, Humanities
- **Mary Kosut**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Julian Kreimer**, Art+Design and Humanities
- **Steven Lambert**, Film & Media Studies
- **Warren Lehrer**, Art+Design
- **Cynthia Lin**, Art+Design

- **Jason Pine**, Film & Media Studies
- **Janine Polak**, Art+Design
- **Shruti Rajagopalan**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Andoveloniaina Rasolofo**, Humanities
- **Irina Shablinsky**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Paul Siegel**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Alexis Silver**, Natural & Social Sciences
- **Brooke Singer**, Art+Design
- **Margaret Stafford**, Film & Media Studies
- **Jennifer Uleman**, Humanities
- **Gary Waller**, Humanities
- **Wallie Wolfruber**, Dance
- **Ling Zhang**, Art+Design
- **Raphael Zollinger**, Art+Design

Part Time Teaching Support Awards

To support a conference or workshop and/or support faculty research, artistic endeavor, or other comparable professional activity.

- **Joel Anderson**, FMS
- **Peter Reit**, Music

REMINDERS: Upcoming Spring Award Deadlines

Chancellor's Awards for Excellence: For all other categories, the deadline is **February 19, 2019**; the call for nominations, will be issued by the respective peer review committee.

March Awards (to your chair or director)

- [Faculty Support Award Spring 2019](#) - March 1st
- [Part Time Teaching Support Awards](#) - March 15th
- [Peter Fishbein Junior Faculty Research Award](#) - March 30th
- [Jewish Studies Awards](#) - March 30th

Natural and Social Sciences Lecture Series:



Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm
Red Room, Student Services Building

Global Child Health: Principles and Competencies within the Framework of Community-Oriented Care
[Danielle Laraque-Arena, MD, FAAP](#)

Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Upstate Medical University

This lecture is made possible by a generous contribution from Con Edison.

PAC 2018-19:

Zisson Day at The PAC

On Friday, February 1, The PAC hosted more than 600 local students for the 3rd Annual "Zisson Day." The day is made possible thanks to a major gift from the Zisson Family Foundation that supports a full day of activities for students from Title 1 schools. It was a busy day, all set around a renewed commitment to address social/emotional needs as well as provide academic support through The PAC's Art-In-Education programming.

The students received bus transportation to The PAC and tickets to a performance of *Outside*, Roseneath Theatre's award-winning play that tells the story of a teen who triumphs over homophobic bullying and

depression. The day also included a post-show classroom visit from a teaching artist designed to encourage critical reflection, a College readiness symposium featuring several of our campus colleagues and current students, and lunch for all attendees. The Journal News was here and gave the day a nice write up. Read about it and see some great [photos](#).

[PAC Events Calendar](#)