

THE VIEW FROM YU

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Faculty and Staff News



Dr. Lea Ferreira dos Santos (department co-chair of physics at Yeshiva University) published “The quick drive to pseudoequilibrium” in *Nature*

Physics. She was also featured in the latest issue of *YU Today*, “A Quantum Leap for Women in STEM.”

Dr. Kathryn Krase (Wurzweiler) co-authored three papers (two with Wurzweiler Ph.D. students) on coping with COVID-19 for *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, *Social Work in Health Care* and *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*.

Dr. Archishman Chakraborty (Sy Syms) co-authored “Expert Captured Democracies” for *American Economic Review* about what is

the most efficient compromise that experts and politicians can make between responsible policy making and responsive policy making.

Dr. James Kahn (Yeshiva College) participated in the first of the 2021 Executive Briefings sponsored by the Global Interdependence Center. He and Kevin Kliesen of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis gave a talk entitled “A 2021 Macroeconomic Outlook.”

Lee Seguire is the new director of housing and residence life for the Wilf campus.

Michael Altaras has assumed the assistant director’s role.

Ellie Shuman is the new marketing and annual giving manager at RIETS.

New to the Office of Student Life are **Rabbi Herschel Hartz**, who will serve as program manager, and **Derek Orenshein**, a Ronald Stanton Fellow.



Student and Alumni Focus

Student-Run YUNMUN Returns

YUNMUN XXXI took place on Sunday, Feb. 14, in a virtual format with 35 schools and close to 350 students representing 60 countries. This year’s theme was “Healing a Fractured World,” with dynamic and enthusiastic presentations by the student delegates. The yearly conference is a student-run simulation of the workings of the real United Nations that gives students an opportunity to experience and learn about the complex landscape of international diplomacy.



Brooke Ratner '21SB & Yonatan Raskin '21YC, Co-Secretary Generals YUNMUM XXXI

Combating Anti-Semitism

Yeshiva University and the Combat Anti-Semitism Movement are offering students a chance to intern for the Anti-Semitism and Hateful Speech Research Initiative. Application information can be found at yeshivadataanalytics.github.io

YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL

The YU Office of Alumni Affairs is forming the Young Alumni Council for those who have graduated in the past seven years from either Yeshiva College, Stern College, Katz or Sy Syms. The initiative will help smooth the transition from being students to alumni, build support and offer opportunities for networking and mentoring that lay the groundwork for lifelong engagement with the YU community.



Dr. Ari Berman, President of Yeshiva University, and Dr. Philip O. Ozuah, President and CEO of Montefiore Medicine, have signed an agreement to launch a joint Yeshiva University-Albert Einstein College of Medicine B.A./B.S.-M.D. program.



New Era of Partnership for Yeshiva University and Montefiore Medicine

Through a new agreement, Yeshiva University and Montefiore Medicine will be launching a joint Yeshiva University-Albert Einstein College of Medicine B.A./B.S.-M.D. program in Fall 2022 for highly qualified high school graduates, ensuring their path to an excellent medical education and an impactful career in health care. Details on the program will be announced in the coming months. Yeshiva University and

Einstein have also created a task force to study the creation of additional joint academic and career-related programs in the fields of health care and health sciences. This exciting new chapter in YU's relationship with Einstein further establishes opportunities for students to attend and benefit from the incredible research of the University's affiliate medical school.

Glaubach Family Donates \$10 Million to Yeshiva University Career Center

Dr. Ari Berman, President of Yeshiva University, announced that **Drs. Felix and Miriam Glaubach** have donated \$10 million to support the work of the YU Career Center, which will be renamed The Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional



Development. Dr. Felix Glaubach is a member of the boards of trustees for YU, RIETS and Yeshiva University High Schools and a member of the board of overseers for Yeshiva College.

“Securing our students great jobs on the way to impactful careers is one of our core strategic priorities,” said Dr. Berman, “and this gift will go a long way towards accomplishing our goals. As one of the long-time leaders of the Board of Trustees, Felix’s history and devotion to YU is legendary, and I am deeply thankful.”

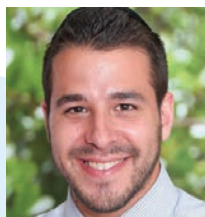
As members of a multigenerational family of YU alumni, the Glaubachs recognize the importance of giving back to the University. “A gift to name the Career Center is the most impactful investment we can make,” said Dr. Glaubach. “At this time of uncertainty, growing and strengthening the Career Center at Yeshiva University will bring confidence and stability to countless students and their families.”

The Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development will offer programming that emphasizes career strategies for long-term professional success and job placement at graduation.



Values and Leadership

Wexner Field Fellow



Rabbi Yoni Fein '13YC, '14A, Head of School of the Brauser Maimonides Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has been selected for the prestigious Wexner Field Fellowship. He was one of only 15 leaders chosen and the only head of school selected for this year's fellowship.

YU Leads in Holocaust Education

On Jan. 28, **Dr. Shay Pilnik**, director of the Fish Center, joined New York State Assembly-

member Nily Rozic (District 25), New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer, and Assemblymember Dan Rosenthal (District 27) at the Young Israel of Hillcrest in Queens to call for mandated Holocaust education in New York State. As director of the Fish Center, Dr. Pilnik backed this legislation because "we want to teach the next generation to make sure that what happened will never be repeated or forgotten."

Dr. Pilnik also touched upon the importance of YU's role in promoting comprehensive Holocaust education in an interview on the Center's first anniversary and through the launch on Jan. 31 of the Center's inaugural webinar of the biweekly series, Holocaust Education Around the World.



Dr. Shay Pilnik (right) stands with with New York State Assemblymember Nily Rozic of District 25 (far left) and New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer.



Entrepreneurship and Innovation

NOVEL CANCER THERAPY

Avi Strauss '20K, a health care consultant for the Marwood Group and recent graduate of the Biotechnology Management and Entrepreneurship program at the Katz School, has performed a detailed market analysis for biotech client Sapience Therapeutics. The analysis found strong commercial promise for a new drug therapy for colorectal cancer that may reduce mortality in cancer patients and from other diseases.

YU STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

The Stock Market Challenge, run by the Sy Syms Student Councils, is encouraging 145 participating undergrads to learn about and invest in the stock market in a risk-free manner. Mentored by an experienced trader on investment strategies, participants start with \$100,000 in a fantasy brokerage account. Whoever has the best returns when the Challenge ends in April will have an informative lunch with a top hedge fund manager.



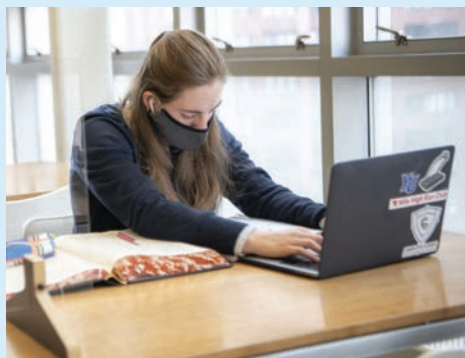
Great Jobs and Impactful Careers

New Career Series

The YU Career Center's "Meet a Professional Series" (MAPS) brings YU undergrads face-to-face, virtually, with a professional in the field or industry they are most interested in learning about. This semester features professionals in engineering, education, health and medicine, and other areas through online interviews and Q&A sessions. Last semester's MAPS events, which focused on data analytics and science, marketing, biotech, clinical psychology, fashion and business, can be found on the YU Career Center YouTube playlist.

Jewish Education Night of Networking

On Feb. 17, the Azrieli Graduate School is hosting A Night of Networking, a virtual meet-and-greet for both Jewish educators and those interested in Jewish education. Attendees can "visit" up to nine different presenters and hear about innovation, best practices and career and professional development opportunities. Speakers include Azrieli faculty members as well as leaders within the field.



Making Résumés More Competitive

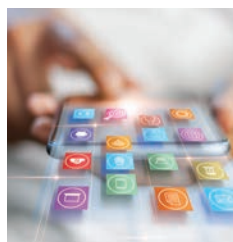
The YU Career Center is now offering Jobscan, a tool that helps applicants optimize their résumés to match the language used in online job descriptions as well as emphasize the right skills. At a time when humans are rarely involved in the initial stages of the selection process, Jobscan ensures that résumés are noticed by a site's applicant tracking system, a software used by many companies to analyze résumés based on keywords. Students can send an email to careercenter@yu.edu to open up an account.



Science and Technology

Mobile Apps for Migraine

Dr. Elizabeth Seng, with funding from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and in collaboration with a colleague



from the Medical University of South Carolina, has developed two mobile health applications to mitigate migraine. One helps patients adhere to

medication and simple lifestyle strategies and the other offers a telehealth behavioral migraine management protocol, two advanced innovations in digital therapeutics.

Federally Funded Research at Ferkauf

Several faculty members at Ferkauf have been awarded federal grants to fund long-term research projects: **Dr. Jonathan Feldman**, Depression in Older Asthmatics: Understanding Inflammatory and Behavioral Pathways; **Dr. Jeffrey Gonzalez**, Function and Emotion in Everyday Life with Type 1 Diabetes: FEEL-T1D and Power-Up: An Effectiveness Trial of the Diabetes Prevention Program Tailored for Black and Latino Men; and **Dr. Roee Holtzer**, Brain Predictors of Mobility and Falls in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis.



Upcoming Events

Visit yu.edu/events/all to register for the programs listed here, unless otherwise noted.

Stomp Out the Stigma

YU Counseling Center
and Active Minds
Wednesday, Feb. 17
8 – 9:30 p.m.

Jewish Education Night of Networking

Azrieli Graduate School
Wednesday, Feb. 17
6 – 10 p.m.

Vast Personal Forces: Thucydides, Populism & the Liberty of the Ancients

Straus Center
Wednesday, Feb. 17
4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Fantasy Football Analytics with Mike Clay

Student Life
Thursday, Feb. 18
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Privacy and Data Protection

YU Technology Group
Wednesday, Feb. 24
12 – 1 p.m.

Careers in Data Analytics

Career Center
Wednesday, Feb. 24
8 – 9 p.m.

The Jews of Iran

Center for the Jewish Future
Sunday, Feb. 28
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Employee Recognition Ceremony

Human Resources
Tuesday, March 2
3 – 4 p.m.

Medical Ethics Society Conference

Tuesday, March 7
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fireside Chat with Nancy Spielberg, executive Producer of “Who Will Write Our History?”

Alumni Affairs & Emil A.
and Jenny Fish Center for
Holocaust & Genocide
Studies
Sunday, March 7
7:30 – 9 p.m.



PURIM AT YU

Both undergraduate campuses will celebrate Purim with in-person shiurim, megillah readings and other events. For those not able to attend in-person, many online events are in the works to allow YU students from around the globe to come together with friends, rebbeim, faculty and classmates.

Visit www.yu.edu/events/all
for Purim-related programming.

SPORTS SCHEDULING UPDATES

Visit YUmacs.com for the latest schedule updates for the men’s and women’s basketball teams as well as up-to-the-minute announcements regarding our spring sports.



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