



DEAN'S BRIEF



Although the spring semester has come to a close, there is still much to celebrate! Feedback we have received regarding our virtual Convocation ceremony has been extremely positive—a wonderful tribute to all of those who graduated this year. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you the best in your future endeavors. This will be my last Dean's Brief. Angie Kamath, the new NYU SPS dean, will begin communicating with you as she assumes her role in July. I want to say, that it has been a joy and a privilege to keep you informed of all that is happening at NYU SPS and to serve as your dean. As the pandemic slowly lifts and summer begins, I want to wish you all a wonderful break. While many of you will be working, taking courses, and conducting research, I do hope you will also find time to have fun with family and friends. Stay safe and well.

Susan Greenbaum, EdD
Dean, NYU School of Professional Studies

IN & AROUND NYU SPS



Congratulation Class of 2021! You did it! Watch the NYU SPS Virtual Convocation Ceremony that took place on May 20, 2021. View the profiles of students from this very special class who overcame so many obstacles to have a great year and a wonderful send off!

This year, 1,509 undergraduates and graduates earned their degree. Learn more about who they are, their goals, and hopes for the future. [Visit the Convocation Web Page >](#)



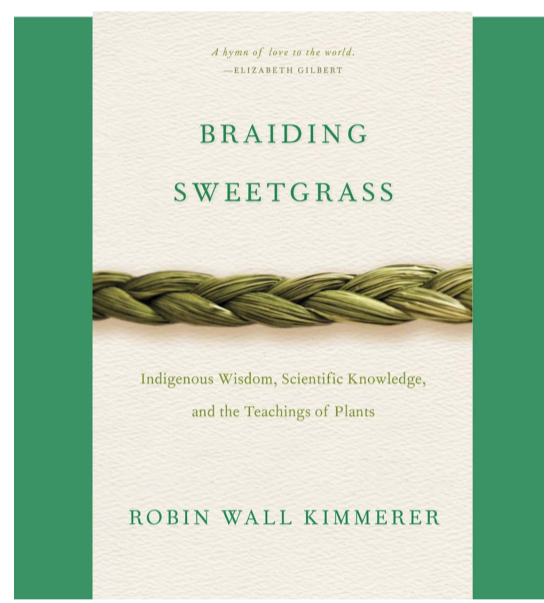
NYU SPS Undergraduate Student Convocation Speaker & Recent DAUS Graduate, John N. Gargano, Jr., Interviewed by NY1 and The New York Times

Gargano overcame tremendous obstacles in the face of serving a long prison sentence, when he was granted clemency by President Obama and decided that earning a college degree would help him to begin his life anew. His story and determination are an inspiration to us all. [Read the Article, Watch the Segment >](#)



NYU SPS Department of Human Capital Management Receives Gift from Bravely to Fund Scholarships

The professional coaching platform made the gift for scholarships that will support rising talent in the coaching field, who are committed to furthering diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in the workplace. The scholarships will apply to the MS in Executive Coaching and Organizational Consulting and the Executive Coaching Certificate. [Learn More About the New Scholarships >](#)



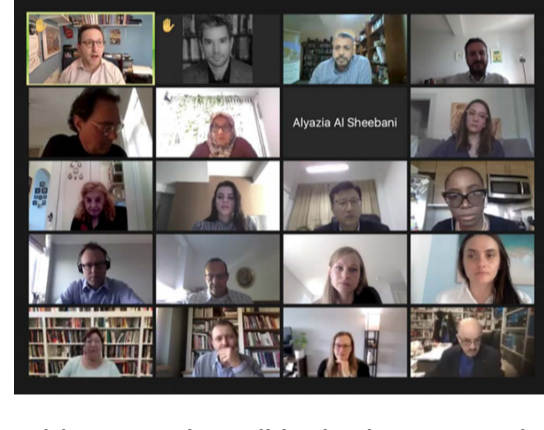
NYU SPS is One of Two Schools Whose Literary Selection on Environmental Justice was Picked for This Year's "NYU Reads" Initiative

The SPS "NYU Reads" Committee spent several months last fall reading books on environmental justice, the topic selected for this year's "NYU Reads," an annual University-wide initiative that brings the entire NYU community together around a single common reading. The Committee put forth *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Kimmerer, which was picked as the "NYU Reads" selection. Congrats to the Committee on a great pick and the thoughtful work that went into it. [Learn About the Book and the Selection Process >](#)



NYU SPS Publishing Students Are Recipients of New Penguin Random House Scholarships

Thanks to the newly created Penguin Random House Scholarship, established to foster greater diversity in the publishing industry, three students were selected by the NYU SPS Center for Publishing to participate in this year's NYU Summer Publishing Institute (SPI), a three-week virtual program. [Learn More About These Gifted Students >](#)



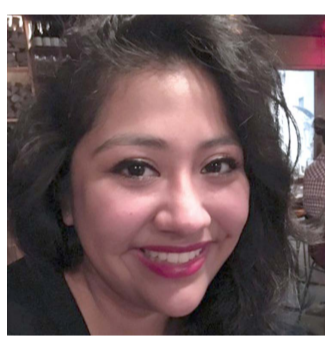
NYU SPS Center for Global Affairs and the UN Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) Hosted a Roundtable on 20 Years of Counter-Terrorism Response

Titled "20 years of UN Security Council resolution 1373 (2001): Past trends, current threats, and future developments in terrorism and counter-terrorism," the event featured participants that included top UN and global affairs experts, and six students led by CGA Clinical Professor Michael F. Oppenheimer. Among the key issues raised were a failure to address socio-political grievances, the need to address gender dynamics, and the role of technology in combating terrorism. [Learn More About the Discussion >](#)

SUMMER PLANS FOR NYU SPS STUDENTS



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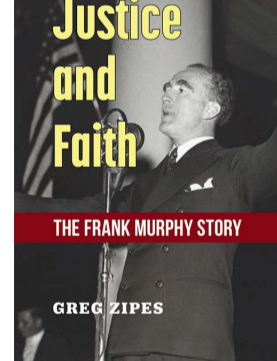
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With the academic year at an end and summer just around the corner, many students deservedly have R&R on their minds. For others, however, summer will include stimulating activities that are both meaningful and enriching. [Read More About Their Plans >](#)

FACULTY BOOKS, PROJECTS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



DPB Adjunct Assistant Professor Gregory Zipes Authors New Book on Former Supreme Court Justice, Frank Murphy

Justice and Faith: The Frank Murphy Story, focuses on Murphy's scathing dissent regarding the World War II era case of Korematsu, which condemned 120,000 Japanese Americans to internment camps. He called the decision "racist," and his words remain poignant and relevant today, in light of the deeply troubling anti-Asian violence and prejudice sweeping the United States recently.



DPB Adjunct Instructor Piper Henriques' Billboard Design Lights Up Times Square

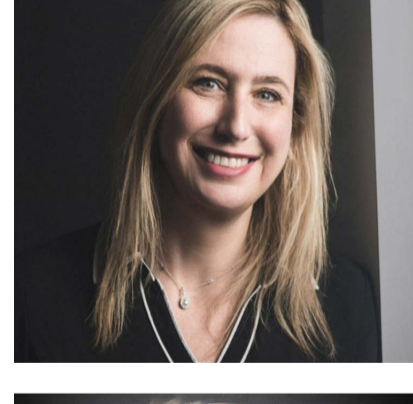
A consultant for The Creative Group who works with a wide range of global, national, and local clients, Henriques designed a digital video billboard for leading out-of-home agencies Talon Outdoor and Buntin Out-of-Home Media to announce their new partnership. [Learn More About the Project >](#)



DPB Financial Planning Expert and Adjunct Professor Len Comberiate is Inducted into the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists Hall of Fame

His induction cited his volunteer efforts and dedication to the employee benefits industry in motivating and educating hundreds of employees to become certified in numerous benefit designations. [Learn More About His Accomplishments and Advice to Students >](#)

CONGRATULATIONS NYU SPS ALUMNI & ADVISERS



Congratulations to DAUS alumna **Sofia Sondervan**, who attended SPS when DAUS was known as the General Studies Program. Her work as producer on the film, "The Letter Room," was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Short Film (Live Action) at this year's Oscars. The film tells the tale of a corrections officer, played by Oscar Isaac, who is assigned to oversee a prison's letter room and becomes entangled in a prisoner's private life. [Learn More About Sondervan and the Film >](#)



Congratulations to **Kathryn Metcalfe**, an adviser to the Integrated Marketing and Communications program within the Division of Programs in Business! She was recently named SVP and chief communications officer at CVS Health, where she leads all communications for the healthcare giant that owns CVS Pharmacy, CVS Caremark, and Aetna health insurance. [Learn More About Metcalfe and Her New Position >](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE 7-8 Virtual** | **43rd Annual NYU International Hospitality Industry Investment Conference**
A series of complimentary online webinars, planned by the Conference Committee, will take place on **June 7 – 8, 2021**. [Register >](#)
- NOV. 7-9 On-site** | **The in-person event will take place on November 7 – 9, at the New York Marriott Marquis.** [Register >](#)
- JUNE 11 Virtual** | **Analytics Conference: Accelerating Equity and Inclusion Through Technology and Data**
Speakers will discuss the challenges and opportunities for creating an equitable and inclusive workplace and how this endeavor can be accelerated by the strategic use of data and technology. Sessions will explore the issues of gender, race, age, and neurodiversity, and will examine equity issues in day-to-day HR practices. [Register >](#)

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