

## Dean's Remarks • February 10th, 2022



Dear SPS Students,

I hope you are settling in to what will be a very active Spring semester. I am excited to share the latest news, accomplishments, events, and opportunities happening across the School. In addition, I want to wish those of you who recently celebrated the Lunar New Year, happiness, health, and prosperity!

The beginning of February also marks the start of Black History Month. While self-reflection and learning are a continual occurrence here at SPS, I hope the next few weeks during this special month will afford us all the opportunity to think about, and take the time to discuss, the current challenges that remain in the fight for justice and equality. There are several initiatives and events called out below that provide proactive opportunities to engage in meaningful ways.

Stay safe, and let us keep the positive Spring 2022 momentum going!

Warmly,

Angie

Follow the Dean!



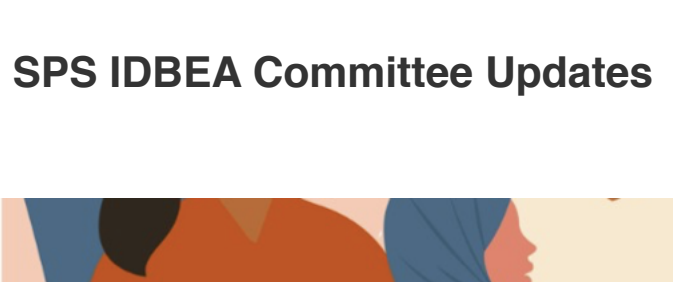
## NYU SPS HIGHLIGHTS

### In Case You Missed it...



#### NYU One Day

The University will launch NYU One Day, its annual 24-hour day of giving. We hope that you will show your support for academic excellence and help SPS students thrive. We have set an aggressive goal of **\$100,000** and will require your generosity to ensure that we reach it. While One Day is March 24, 2022, you can [make a contribution today](#) to build momentum and inspire others to do the same.



**Dean Angie Kamath** recently was interviewed by NY1 regarding the Center for Global Affairs Afghan Crisis Fellowship, which she helped make possible through funding by the School. The clip ran all day, Sunday, January 30, and can be [viewed here](#).

## New Initiatives

### SPS IDBEA Committee Updates



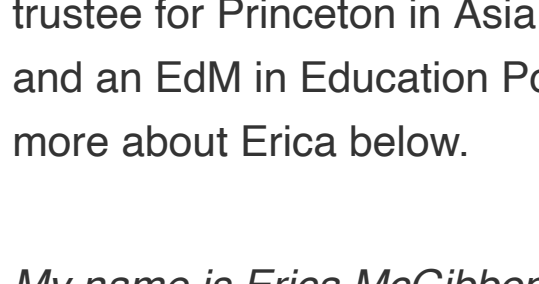
- **Daniel Kelly**, PhD, clinical associate professor & academic director of graduate programs, is creating a Summer 2022 Authentic Leadership series, which will be aligned with IDBEA mission and values for SPS employees.
- The Committee is working on an IDBEA Action Plan for submission to and approval by Dean Angie. The target deadline is March 2022.

### Wasserman Center Internship Grant - Spring 2022



**Apply to receive a \$1,000 grant!**  
**DEADLINE: Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 11:59PM EST, Job ID 5654465**  
 Are you a SPS student pursuing an unpaid internship this spring at a not-for-profit organization or within an industry that does not traditionally pay interns? [Apply now to be one of the SPS recipients of the Wasserman Center Internship Grant!](#) Check out this [website](#) for more information.

## STAFF/FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Erica McGibbon** is director of academic affairs within the NYU SPS Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs. She previously held positions at NYU as program administrator for the Center for Global Affairs (CGA) and assistant director of Academic Affairs, Global at the NYU College of Arts and Science. Most recently, she served as senior assistant dean of students for undergraduate international dual and joint degree programs at Columbia University. She currently serves as a board member for the Association of Black Princeton Alumni and is a trustee for Princeton in Asia. She holds a BA in Sociology from Princeton University and an EdM in Education Policy and Management from Harvard University. Learn more about Erica below.

*My name is Erica McGibbon and I recently joined the SPS Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs as Director of Academic Affairs. This new role is an exciting homecoming for me, having started my career in higher education right here at SPS 10 years ago at the CGA.*

*That role launched a dream career working with schools, universities, and industry partners to expand academic pathways and professional development opportunities for thousands of students hailing from every corner of the globe.*

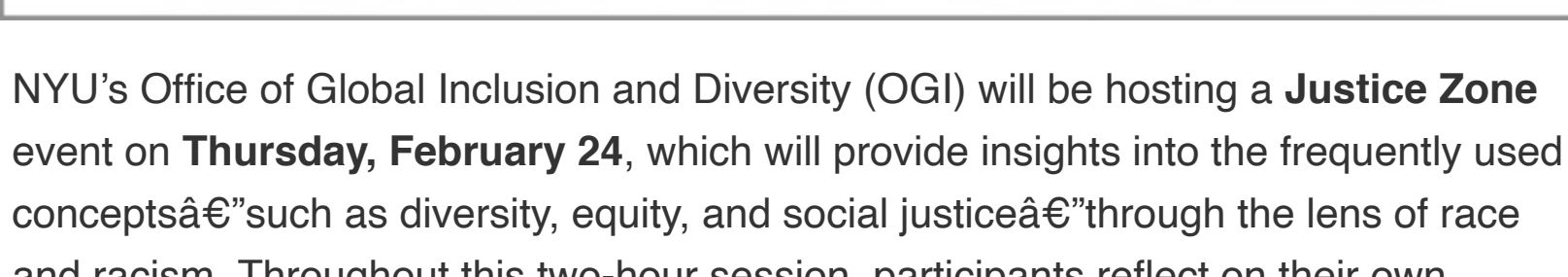
*I look forward to working with the SPS community to guide the development of exciting new learning opportunities for our students, including curriculum updates, and working with our university partners to ensure regulatory compliance of our academic offerings at the school, university, and state levels. Innovation, enthusiasm, and collaboration are at the center of my work philosophy. So, whether you have a question about making revisions to an existing degree in your division, want to discuss new ideas for program development, or simply want to take part in the robust schedule of workshops at SPS to support teaching, I'd love to hear from you.*

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



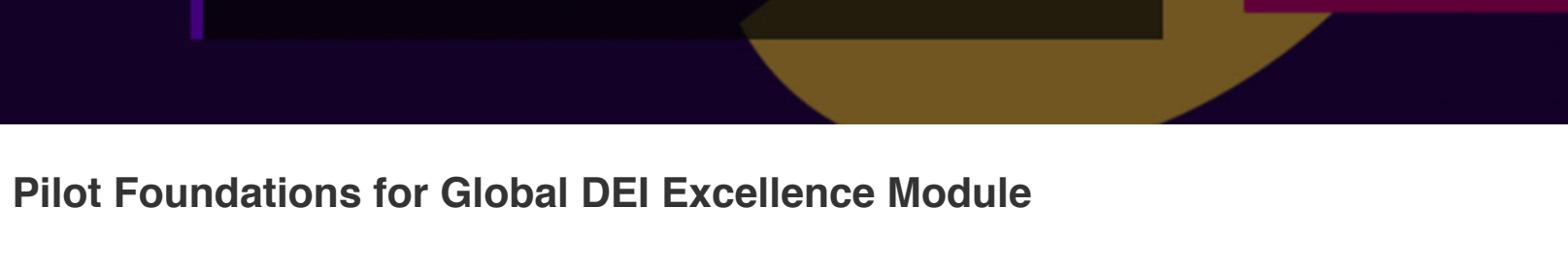
The **SPS Center for Publishing** and **SPS Office of Alumni Relations** will be holding the next in its series of Media Talks on **Wednesday, February 16**. The event is a panel discussion on the 2021-2022 NYU Reads selection, **Braiding Sweetgrass**. Learn how an indie book sold half a million copies and is still topping bestseller lists eight years after publication. Hear the author, her editor, and a devoted bookseller share their insights into this remarkable story. [Register here](#).

## NYU NEWS



NYU's Office of Global Inclusion and Diversity (OGI) will be hosting a **Justice Zone** concept on **Thursday, February 24**, which will provide insights into the Justice Zone concepts such as diversity, equity, and social justice through the lens of race and racism. Throughout this two-hour session, participants reflect on their own identities and challenge their daily practices to begin a journey toward critical consciousness. [Register here](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE



### Pilot Foundations for Global DEI Excellence Module

As part of the [NYU BeTogether](#) change-making effort, the Office of Global Inclusion, Diversity, and Strategic Innovation (OGI) has officially launched the pilot [Foundations for Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Excellence](#) module.

This 60-75 minute pilot educational module has been created to support a shared understanding of global diversity, equity, and inclusion-related frameworks across all NYU constituents and how they may apply to their experiences as students, faculty members, staff members, and administrators. The purpose of this pilot is to source broader feedback from our NYU community ahead of the finalized module implementation during the 2022-2023 academic year, while providing important educational content for the campus community. (Please note: this initial pilot module is centered in the US context. Additional context-specific modules will be created in collaboration with global campuses and sites in the future.)

As members of the NYU community, it is our collective responsibility to learn continuously, take action, and contribute to making an even more inclusive learning (and living) environment on- and off- NYU campuses. We encourage you to take this module and provide feedback by filling out the brief exit survey at the end of the module.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to explore the pilot [Foundations for Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Excellence](#) module website or reach out to [foundations-pilot@nyu.edu](mailto:foundations-pilot@nyu.edu).

Have expertise in the Metaverse, or ideas about its implications for SPS? Please contact [paul.longo@nyu.edu](mailto:paul.longo@nyu.edu).

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