



Community College

Queensborough Community College, Queens College, & LaGuardia Community College  
present the:

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty Development Retreat**  
***Artificial Intelligence in Academia***  
**Queensborough Community College, Student Union (Upper Level)**  
**Friday March 1, 2024 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**For registration, please use the following link:**  
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#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Breakfast and Registration 9:00 AM-9:30 AM  
Welcoming Remarks and Introduction (9:30 AM-10:00 AM)

**Morning Keynote 10:00–11:00 AM**  
Dean Dara Byrne, Macaulay Honors College

**Morning Panel Discussion**  
***Artificial Intelligence in Academia: Concerns and Solutions***  
**Panelists:** Dr. Guozhen An, QCC; Dr. Scott Litroff, QCC; Dr. Lilla Toke, LAGCC  
Dr. Sumaya Villanueva, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Dr. Esmá Yildirim, QCC  
**Moderator:** Dr. Forough Ghahramani, NJEdge, Inc.

**Lunch 12:00 PM – 12:35 PM**

**Afternoon Keynote (12:35 PM-1:30 PM)**  
Dr. Shiang-Kwei Wang, Hostos Community College

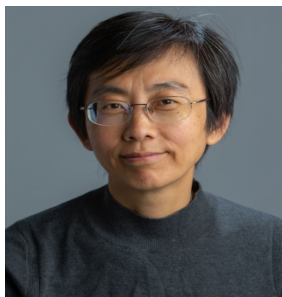
**Afternoon Panel Discussion**  
***Improving Artificial Intelligence for Faculty and Students***  
**Panelists:** Dr. Beth Ann Counihan, QCC; Dr. Milena Cuellar, LAGCC; Dr. Yusuf Danisman, QCC;  
Dr. Ruru Rusmin, CUNY SPS  
**Moderator:** Dr. Florence D. Hudson, Columbia University

***Faculty Development Retreat Co-Organizers:***  
***Sara Danzi Engoron (QCC), Claudette Davis (LAGCC), and Nathalia Holtzman (QC)***



Dara N. Byrne serves as the fourth dean of William E. Macaulay Honors College, one of 25 colleges in the City. Byrne serves as the fourth dean of William E. Macaulay Honors College, one of 25 colleges in the City University of New York system. Reporting to the Chancellor of The City University of New York and functioning much like the president of a stand-alone college, the dean is the chief academic and administrative leader of the

Macaulay Honors College and sits as a member of the CUNY Council of Presidents. Dean Byrne has two decades of experience as a professor, researcher, and higher education leader with expertise in developing innovative and enterprising student success programs. Prior to Macaulay, she served as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Retention and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at John Jay College (CUNY) from 2016-2022. As Associate Provost and Dean, she developed several student-focused initiatives that are credited with raising the college's graduation rate by 16% in five years. Dr. Byrne has a long association with Macaulay, having played a pivotal leadership role in its 2012 expansion. At that time, John Jay joined the Macaulay consortium of senior campuses, and Dr. Byrne was tapped to launch the program and serve as its Director, a position she held for three years. Dr. Byrne holds a PhD in rhetoric and intercultural communication from Howard University in Washington, DC; two master's degrees—one in emergency management from John Jay and the other in English language and literature from Carleton University—and also earned her BA in sociology and English at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. In 2009, she was a recipient of John Jay's first Distinguished Teaching Prize. Her research spans the social sciences, and she has published widely on civil rights history, including a 2005 book she edited, *The Unfinished Agenda of the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March*, which is housed in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.



Dr. Shiang-Kwei Wang serves as the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost at Hostos Community College. As a principal investigator, Dr. Wang has overseen multiple private, federal, and state grants, including those from the National Science Foundation and the Illinois Community College Board. She was also the PI of the Bank of America's TechQuity grant, addressing equity issues in Chicago workforce training. Prior to her tenure at Hostos, Dr. Wang held several prestigious positions: Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Harold Washington College, City Colleges of

Chicago, Dean for Research at Queensborough Community College (QCC), City University of New York; and Associate Dean at the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Education at New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). Additionally, she served as Professor and Chair of the Instructional Technology Program at NYIT, where she was a tenured full professor teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses. Dr. Wang has been an active member of numerous professional organization committees. Her research focuses on STEM education, technology integration, and pedagogical practices. Recently, she was honored with the United Federation of Fil-AM Educator's Leadership in Education Award.