NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK!

I am excited to have joined SUNY Old Westbury this summer as the Dean for the School of Arts & Sciences and since arriving on campus have appreciated the warm welcome and community-centered spirit of the School of Arts & Sciences and the campus as a whole. I'd like to offer special thanks to the current and past SAS Dean's Office team--Betty Berbari, Anne Marie Jimenez, Tom Lilly, and Mandy Frisken-for their support during the transition.

We are pleased to re-launch the SAS newsletter to share SAS events and accomplishments as well as to promote cross-department conversations and collaborations. Please send us your activities, events, and news items for future issues!

Cheryl A. Wilson Dean, School of Arts & Sciences



STUDENT RESEARCH DAY 2022

Upcoming SAS Events

AMELIE A. WALLACE GALLERY

Feldsott: Howls That Wake Us in the Night 9/8/22 - 10/21/22

Conversation with the Artist Wednesday, Sept. 14, 3:50pm

**Opening Reception** Thursday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm

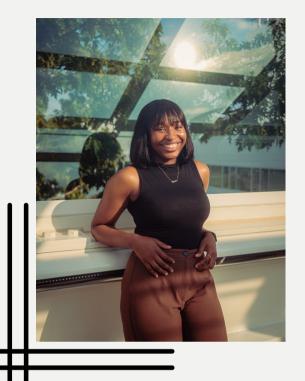
## THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS PRESENTS

The Math in Robotics Thursday, Sept. 22, 2:40pm, NAB 1100

Experiences of Women in STEM Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2:40pm, NAB 1100

The Math in Baking Monday, Oct. 31, 2:40pm, NAB 2034

Welcome



Simisola Shabi (Simi) will be working with the SAS Dean's Office as a work-study student this year. Simi is a senior Biology Major and Psychology Minor who enjoys cooking and spending time with friends and family. She will be in the office T/W this fall and will assist with SAS events and activities.

Congratulations

The Criminology program at SUNY Old Westbury was ranked 16th on the list of "Best Bachelor's Degrees in Criminology" by the team at Best Accredited Colleges.

Faculty News

**Renu Balyan** (Math/CIS) has been awarded a three-year collaborative NSF Grant titled "Privacy Preserving Tutoring System for Health Education of Low Literacy Hispanic Populations."

**Keisha Goode** (Sociology) will be a guest editor of the "Moving Beyond Antiblackness: From Critical Race Theory to BlackCrit" special issue of the *Journal of Multicultural Education*.

Karl Grossman (American Studies/Media & Communications) gave a presentation at John Jermain Memorial Library in Sag Harbor about "Cold War Long Island."

**Curtis Holland** (Sociology) published his book *Inequality, Identity, and the Politics of Northern Ireland: Challenges of Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation* with Rowman and Littlefield press.

**Svetlana Jović** (Psychology) and J. M. Pipitone, published "Urban nature and sense of belonging: Photo-narrative exploration of socio-spatial disparities in New York City" in *Ecopsychology*.

Faculty News

Laura Limonic (Sociology) presented "Becoming Latinx Jews: An American Immigration Story," at the Chutauqua Institute.

Laura Limonic (Sociology) will give a talk on her book *Kugel and Frijoles: Latino Jews in the United States* at the Sachem Public Library.

**Lorenz S. Neuwirth** (Psychology) was recognized by the American Psychological Association (APA) with the Early Career Psychopharmacologist Award.

**Kinning Poon** (Biology) has recently been awarded a two-year grant as Principal Investigator from the National Institutes of Health to pilot spatial gene transcriptomics.

**Kinning Poon** (Biology) in collaboration with **Christos Noutsos** (Biology) recently published an article in *The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry* titled "Concentration-dependent change in hypothalamic neuronal transcriptome by the dietary fatty acids: oleic and palmitic acids."

**Jingyi Song** (History/Philosophy) has a book chapter, "Legacy of the Exclusion Act and the Chinese Americans' Experience" in the forthcoming book, *The New Cold War* with Amsterdam University Press.

Alumni Spotlight

## VINSON "WORDSWORTH" JOHNSON, ENGLISH CLASS OF 1998

## Senior Thesis: Langston Hughes and the Blues Rapper – Composer – Author - Teacher



Wordsworth's musical contributions appear on animation soundtracks, including the Spongebob Squarepants Movie. He currently appears as himself on Netflix's Peabody and Sherman, Seas 1, episode 2. His book What Words Are Worth Volume 1: New Beginning landed at #9 on Amazon's Top 10 new releases in poetry. His Fragility of Life album (2022) charted on iTunes Hip-Hop Top 200 at 85.

