

# OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

## NEWS/UPDATES – OCTOBER 2023

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**GREETINGS FROM THE PROVOST:** Dear all, I am delighted, relieved, and proud to report that the academic year has got off to a superb start. Our campus is busy, classrooms are full, student clubs are thriving, and there's an energy and purpose in the air, which is wonderful to be a part of.

We got into our stride with Julian Culp's book launch, some great talks from the Center for Writers and Translators; I enjoyed, in particular, the dialogue between Dan Gunn and Marina Warner. We hosted our first Careers Fair on campus in 15 years, and students flocked to it. There have been talks organized by Psychology, the Fashion Studies program, the Center for Critical Democracy Studies, a vernissage, a conference organized by Christy Shields on Rewilding Food and the Self, Biswamit Dwibedy's symposium on Josephine Baker, alumni events, and study trips to Roscoff, Bordeaux and Stockholm. I urge you to keep abreast of the AUP [events calendar](#) because it's bristling with opportunities to get involved in our intellectual community and to encourage our students to do the same. One of my favorite initiatives is the Grenelle lobby lunch talks, where faculty engage with adjunct instructors and students on recent research: it's a space that defines university life – open, inclusive, and stimulating.

This newsletter contains updates from the offices of Academic Affairs. I salute the work of our administrators and staff who worked so hard over the summer to prepare for this incoming class, and who have been diligent in their attention to the needs of faculty and students since the semester started. I want to thank the Registrar's Office, ACE, and ARC, in particular, for the care they've taken with transfer and visiting students, and the spike in requests for accommodations.

We've already had our fair share of excitement with the resurgence in Covid cases and bedbugs! But I'm confident that whatever challenges this coming year brings, we will face them together as a community. Let's have a brilliant year.

Best wishes,

Hannah

Interim Provost

**PROVOST OPEN HOURS:** Provost Westley holds Open Hours for AUP faculty and Academic Affairs staff on alternate Thursdays and Fridays (dates are in your Outlook calendar). No appointments are necessary. Come and lift a glass at the end of the week!

**NEW TEAM MEMBERS:** We are happy to welcome our newest team members who have joined us this summer:

**Jessica Karlsson**, Academic Affairs Administrative Assistant

**Marina Spasova**, Administrative Assistant for the Monttessuy Center for the Art

**Sinead Foley**, returning to AUP as the Academic Affairs Project Coordinator until the summer of 2024.

**NEW CDI FACULTY MEMBERS:** We are delighted to have our newest permanent faculty members join us this academic year.

**Assistant Professor William McShane** in the Department of Economics and Management

**Assistant Professor Friederike Windel** in the Department of Psychology, Health & Gender

**Assistant Professor Bakul Sathaye** in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Science

**Assistant Professor Lee Ann Galindo Perez** in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Science

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRS** for 2023-2024:

Chair	Department
Jonathan Shimony	Art History and Fine Arts
Robert Payne	Communication, Media and Culture
Cary Hollinshead-Strick	Comparative Literature and English
Elena Berg	Computer Science, Mathematics and Environmental Science
Carlos Suprinyak	Economics and Management
Raphael Bloch-Laine	French Studies and Modern Languages
Peter Hägel	History and Politics
Maria Medved	Psychology, Health and Gender

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATORS** for 2023-2024

Program Coordinator	Program & Department
Marsha Libina	Art History / Art History and Fine Arts
Jonathan Shimony	Curator of the Fine Arts Gallery
Renate Stauss	Fashion Studies
Emre Caglayan	Film Studies
Roman Zinigrad	History, Law and Society
Carla Canelas	International Economics
Jurgen Hecker	Journalism
Ziad Majed	Middle East Pluralities
Julian Culp	Philosophy
Peter Hägel	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Lissa Lincoln	Gender, Sexuality & Society

**GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS** for 2023-2024:

Program Director	Program
Tanya Elder	MA in Global Communications
Susan Perry	MIN, MAIA, MADIL
Albert Cath	MSc in International Management
Claudia Roda	MSc in Human Rights and Data Science
Waddick Doyle	MSc in Strategic Brand Management

**2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** For the composition of the 2023-2024 elected committees, please see the [faculty governance page](#).

**2022 FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT BROCHURE:** The publication of the Faculty Achievement Brochure 2022 is due in November 2023.

**FACULTY PROFILE UPDATES:** We advise everyone to regularly review and update their faculty AUP web profile. It is highly recommended to provide a profile picture, your office location, office hours and academic credentials. All can be submitted [here](#).

**SABBATICAL & COURSE RELEASES:** Letter of requests are due to the Provost by 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**SUMMER 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS:** The summer 2024 schedule is currently being crafted under close collaboration between the Summer Coordinator (Andi Christmas), Department Chairs, and Academic Affairs. We hope to publish the summer offerings and an updated summer website by the end of October.

**NEXT YEAR'S COURSE PLANNING (2024-25):** Academic Affairs will issue the framework for next year's course offerings to department chairs in the coming weeks. Department chairs will work with their faculty members to identify which courses will be on offer next fall 24, spring 25 and summer 25, including expected faculty teaching assignments. This will be due by mid-November. You should expect to see a call to all faculty asking for scheduling constraints/preferences for each semester. We rely on you to provide this information so that we can assign course times that work for everyone. Fall 2024 proofing should begin with department chairs in December 2023 and then go to all faculty in January 2024.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** As we near the mid-point of the fall semester, we would like to send a few reminders regarding the importance of academic integrity on campus. Please be reminded that Youna Kim is our Director of Academic Integrity and can be reached via [academicintegrity@aup.edu](mailto:academicintegrity@aup.edu). The University's Policy on Academic Integrity is found [here](#). The policy also outlines the process for declaring violations or suspected incidents involving academic integrity. The Academic Incident Resolution Form can be found either on the [Faculty support page](#) under teaching resources, or via the [ARC website](#) on the page entitled *Information for Faculty*. We are only able to help educate our students and ensure academic integrity if you report names and circumstances. Remember, you are in full control of how to sanction a first individual offense within your course. However, if it turns out a reported violation is actually a second violation for an individual student, the Office of Academic Integrity will be involved as needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need to consult on an individual case.

## THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Welcome Back, Everyone.

This year the Registrar's Office will continue working to strengthen relationships and to facilitate information-sharing between our office and faculty/staff across campus. To that end, a few key initiatives:

- We, along with other colleagues in Academic Affairs, instituted an orientation session for new department chairs. We intend to follow up with chairs throughout the year to provide additional support.
- Our new Assistant Registrar for Transfer Credit, Curricular Changes and Student Onboarding, Nicole Voo, will be reaching out to individual departments to review and update existing transfer credit equivalencies.
- Our Assistant Registrar for Course Scheduling, Registration and Records Management, Lauren Arnold, will continue to work closely with Department Chairs and Academic Affairs to simplify and clarify the course scheduling process.
- We have created new Curricular Forms for the Curriculum Committee, which will bring clarity to the timing for publication of approved changes and will simplify the process with an electronic workflow.
- Associate Registrar Kortney Nosakowski continues to serve as our primary IRIS resource, working closely with ITS as a Captain for the new student information system project.
- University Registrar and Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, Lorie MacKenzie, will be working closely with the university Calendar Committee members to standardize the Academic Calendar, which will allow for better advance planning for students, faculty, and staff and will allow us to publish dates further in advance for future years.

**WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER OF THE STUDENT ACCOUNT SERVICES TEAM TO WELCOME TO AUP:** Recent AUP alumna Marion Aubry has joined Manager Hassan Makki and Bursar's Assistant Sally Overton as an Office Assistant. We are happy to have Marion join our team!

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** The Spring 2024 schedule has been published the week of **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** and pre-registration will start on **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**HERE'S THE PREREGISTRATION SCHEDULE:** Faculty advisors: please remember to unblock advisees for registration once they have met with you.

COLLEGE LEVEL		OPENS (10:00 am)	CLOSES (11:59 pm)	NUMBER OF DAYS
<b>GRADUATE STUDENTS</b>		MONDAY 16 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER	1 MONTH
<b>SENIORS</b> (96+ credits earned at the end of Fall)		MONDAY 16 OCTOBER	MONDAY 23 OCTOBER	8 DAYS
<b>JUNIORS</b> (64-95 credits earned at the end of Fall)		TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER	8 DAYS
<b>RETURNING STUDENTS</b> <b>VISITING STUDENTS</b>				
<b>SOPHOMORES</b> (32-63 credits earned at the end of Fall)		WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER	8 DAYS
<b>FIRST YEAR STUDENTS</b> (0-31 credits earned at the end of Fall)		THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER	8 DAYS
<b>LAST CHANCE REGISTRATION</b>		MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER	5 DAYS

Please feel free to stop by the Registrar's Office or to reach out by phone, email, or on Teams with any questions or concerns or just to meet our wonderful team. We are here to support you.

## THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFICE

We welcomed **66 incoming graduate students** to AUP this semester. Many thanks to all who made this semester's orientation events a success!

The Graduate Programs Office [launched an Alumni Roundtable Series this semester with MAGC alumna and AUP Lecturer Dawn S. Booker \(G'13\)](#). This initiative aims to provide focused, informal conversations between AUP alumni and current graduate students to foster mentorship and fellowship. If you know of graduate alumni who are, or will be, in Paris in this academic year who would be interested in participating, please contact Gwyneth Johnstone at [gjohnstone@aup.edu](mailto:gjohnstone@aup.edu).

The Offices of Communications and Cultural Programs have launched **a new travel grant for graduate students** this semester. The Cultural Program Ambassador Award will provide funding to at least three students per semester participating in cultural programs at AUP who – with guidance from Communications and the Graduate Programs Office - will document their travel experiences for publication on our social media channels and website. The goal of these awards is to ensure that we actively communicate the value of cultural programs to an AUP education from a student perspective.

If you do not already follow our graduate social media accounts, please do [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and our student-led [TikTok](#).

We continue to work closely with faculty on strengthening current - and developing new - graduate programs, as well as with our colleagues across campus to assess and improve the services and processes for our students.

## ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Welcome to Fall 2023. We've had a nearly 30% jump in accommodations requests compared to last year. For Fall 2022, we had 87 students requesting accommodations. For Fall 2023, we had 124 students making requests, and we are still getting more requests every day. The accommodations Team consisting of Shay Brockmann and Marytza Mompont (with backup from Jennifer Dixey) handled the surge with grace (and maintained their sanity). We're also looking forward to welcoming back Rachel Webber from her maternity leave on October 23rd.

**ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY:** We have implemented a Blackboard Help Desk to provide support for faculty, staff, and students having any difficulties with AUP's academic technology tools such as Blackboard (both versions), and Turnitin, as well as a variety of other technology tools they might want to use for their classes or coursework. Faculty, staff and students can contact us at [ultrahelp@aup.edu](mailto:ultrahelp@aup.edu).

**ARC-LINK TUTORS:** The ARC tutors are now available to students, with their schedules posted in the ARC, plus available online at the AUP web page. All students also received an email notification about the availability of the ARC tutors at their AUP email addresses.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** We continue to look at new digital tools and evolving approaches to instructional design and technology in higher education, so we can help AUP continue to provide a top-flight experience for faculty and students during their careers here. We continually keep up to date on features of existing software, as well as new opportunities to add capabilities (like automated lecture capture, artificial intelligence and AI-writing detection tools, and text-to-speech tools for students with dyslexia and other reading-related issues).

**FINALLY,** ARC's "Ugly Yellow Carpet" is becoming iconic, thanks to the nickname's popularization among students.

## OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

**THE REGULAR ASSESSMENT CYCLE:** As the Fall semester kicks into gear, we are finalizing the 2023 GLACC Brief, our annual General Education Assessment Report which will feature in Chapter 14 of "Exemplars of Assessment in Higher Education, Volume Two" published by Routledge and now available for pre-order (available in Hardback for only \$150. Get yours today!). Unfortunately, this year many departments and some administrative units turned in their assessment reports with significant delay. We hope for a return to normal in 2024. For a good start to the assessment season, please use the Online Assessment Tool (GOAT) when it becomes available in December. Chairs, please encourage your faculty to use the tool.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education has revised the assessment cycle. Brief, while the structured Mid-point review no longer exists, all years have effectually become Mid-point reviews where our annual data updates can trigger a request for clarification, supplemental information, etc.

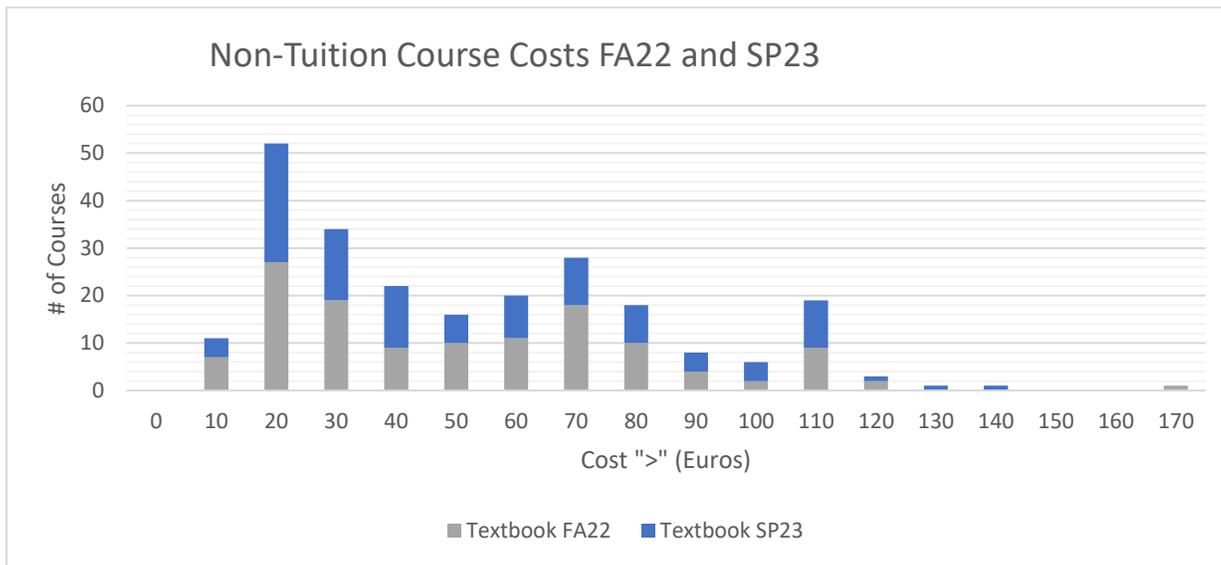
**REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS PROCESS:** Building on last year's revision work, the Institutional Effectiveness Steering Committee will be presenting new Departmental Report Templates, the Administrative Unit Report Templates, as well as other assessment processes to chairs and unit directors. Gail Hamilton is chair of the Committee and will report on this in a separate communication to the Senate.

**COSTS OF COURSE MATERIALS:** In response to emerging evidence that AUP may not be in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunities Act, as well as anecdotal evidence of student difficulties with the financial burden linked to certain courses, a task force was established by the Provost to examine the burden of non-tuition course costs, including textbooks, course fees, online material, theatrical events, etc., on students.

Initial fact-finding revealed that certain instruments for gathering textbook costs are not working effectively while other non-tuition costs are not gathered at all. A new process has now been put in place to allow faculty to upload information on the cost of supplementary material as well as textbooks and good quality information was gathered for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.

However, the HEOA-2008 requires that this information be made available by the first day of registration for the relevant semester and we are far from achieving this goal. It is imperative that we gather this information from faculty through the bookstore portal in time for registration.

The figure below is a histogram of non-tuition course costs at AUP for the 2022/23 academic year. The Leadership Team is considering a series of suggested actions in response to these results.



**Caption.** Histogram of non-tuition course costs for Fall 2022 textbooks (grey) and Spring 2023 textbooks (blue).

## ACE: CENTER FOR ACADEMIC, CAREER AND EXPERIENTIAL ADVISING

**TEAM UPDATES:** The ACE Center is pleased to welcome **Michelle Hwang** and **Sandra Diab** to our team. Michelle joined ACE in July and previously worked in the office of Outreach and Advancement at AUP. She is working as an Academic Advisor & Visiting Program Advising Coordinator in ACE, working with partner institutions (First Year Abroad). Sandra joined ACE at the end of September and is an AUP alum (Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Law '22). She is working as an ACE Administrative Assistant supporting academic advising and the GPS program.

The ACE Center also congratulates **Selena Ramic**, the ACE Center Administrator, who will be taking on an Academic Advisor role for the 2023-2024 academic year. Selena will mainly work with degree-seeking AUP students in this capacity.

**CAREER WEEK:** The ACE Center organized the first AUP Career Week in 15 years from September 11-15, 2023. Throughout the week, students and alumni were able to connect with employers from a variety of sectors during remote and in-person events. The ACE Center also organized GPS workshops and Career skills workshops throughout the week to prepare students for the Career Fair that took place at the end of the week. 14 employers came to campus for the Career Fair on Friday, September 15 to meet and recruit students directly. Congratulations to Relationship & Experiential Learning Coordinator Mary Brémond for organizing the successful return of Career Week! Read more about the event [here](#).

**DEGREE PLANNING WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS:** A reminder that the ACE Center offers 3-4 Degree Planning Workshops per week during the advising period and 1 per week at all other times. Advisors are invited to send their students to one of these workshops for support in preparing degree worksheets, prepping a degree plan, or for help with Junior Degree Checks and Senior Degree Applications. [All workshops are published on AUP Engage here](#).

**CAREER CURRICULUM EVENTS FOR STUDENTS:** The ACE Center also offers a suite of five recurring workshops designed to support students through the full arc of prepping a job or internship search. The five workshops are:

- [Internship Info Session](#)
- [Looking for a Job/Internship in 2023/2024](#)
- [Power Up Your Resume](#)
- [Kicking Off the Cover Letter](#)
- [Networking and LinkedIn](#)

All workshops are published on AUP Engage, and the times are viewable via the links above.

**GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM (GPS) NEWS:** Want to learn more about GPS? ACE has published [new GPS webpages](#) containing important information about the program, which is open to all undergraduate degree-seeking students at AUP.

To increase the number of experiential learning opportunities for AUP students, the GPS Program has partnered with courses across all academic departments. All GPS partner courses include an experiential learning component that allows students to earn GPS credit by actively participating in the course's activities, projects, and events. Faculty interested in collaborating with the GPS program can reach out [gps@aup.edu](mailto:gps@aup.edu).

## LIBRARY

**ORIENTATION LIBRARY SUPER CHALLENGE:** This fall 2023 the Library contributed to the AUP Orientation with an exciting activity called The Library Super Challenge. There are two winning teams that are in the process of collecting their super prize.

**LIBRARY SELF-STUDY:** During the month of September, the Library has been conducting a self-study. It is the first time an academic and administrative unit at AUP has gone through this process. We are following the ARCL methodology and hope that the external reviewers will give us some interesting contributions to help us improve our services to the AUP community.

**INFORMATION LITERACY:** Under Raphael Bloch-Lane and Kate-Yue Zhang's coordination, AUP has opened a record of 16 new FirstBridges. The Library wants to thank colleagues Jeff Gima, Jennifer Dixey, David Tresilian, and Daniel Medin for joining Michael Stoepel and Jorge Sosa on the very important mission of delivering information literacy to incoming students. The library staff is also offering additional support with library tours and the discovery of our website.

**EVENTS:** In early October the Library collaborated with Professor Biswamit Dwibedi on the Josephine Baker Symposium.

From September 15 to October 15, The SGA and the Library invite everybody on campus to visit the atrium, where we proudly celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) with a captivating book display dedicated to the rich cultural tapestry of Hispanic and Latin American authors. Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Hispanic literature and history through an array of thought-provoking books, biographies, and works of fiction and non-fiction that pay tribute to the contributions of Hispanic and Latin communities.

**NEW ONLINE RESOURCES:** Last week we announced the list of new online resources. We want to simply draw your attention to the new leisure reading app [Libby](#). For further news visit our [website](#).

**VIDEO STREAMING SERVICES:** The Library has a new page with a number of [streaming options](#). Our intention is to meet the faculty and the students at their point of need and help them with best practices. Visit our new [Academic Films page](#) for more information. For any questions concerning streaming send an email to [library@aup.edu](mailto:library@aup.edu).

**EVENTS RESEARCH SKILLS:** Need to brush up on your skills to find your way around the ebooks, streaming content, article databases, or how to sync your Google Scholar to the AUP resources and avoid paywalls? Do you want help finding a specialized library in Paris? Contact a librarian to meet one-on-one. Schedule a meeting with [LibCal](#).

## TEACHING & LEARNING CENTER

**THE TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER IS UP AND RUNNING FOR FALL 2023.** We are homeless, or peripatetic, or maybe nomadic, this semester, but do email us – [tlc@aup.edu](mailto:tlc@aup.edu) – if you’d like to come to talk about any aspect of your teaching, or of your students’ learning. We’ll find a space and we might make you coffee.

**WE’D LIKE TO INVITE FACULTY TO CONSIDER SETTING UP PEDAGOGY PANELS.** This is probably the most efficient and enjoyable way of working on your teaching. Teams of 4 faculty – ideally from different disciplines – agree to visit one another’s classes to observe their colleagues’ teaching. At the end of the semester you meet over dinner (we have a small budget to support this), to discuss your observations. We ask either for a short-written report or a group interview with the TLC so that we can share what you have learned. Email us for details.

**THE START OF THE SEMESTER** has been joyous, focused mostly on working – alongside faculty development – with the fabulous cohort of new faculty. They are settled now and our normal service can now resume. Pressure on rooms is tight this year, so we’ll be mixing in-person workshops with conversations and presentations on teams. You’ll see a schedule shortly – we’re planning workshops on assignment design, follow-up on the conversations about generative AI, working with technology, integrating study trips in your teaching, etc. And we have the flexibility to respond to the ideas you send us.

**WE’D LIKE TO SEE MORE EVIDENCE OF WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR CLASSES ON THE PUBLIC FACE OF AUP.** We encourage you to work directly with communications on this – they are keen to hear about what your students are learning and experiencing – or if you prefer, we can help you to shape stories about your teaching.

As always, the TLC director and fellows are available to visit your classes and give you confidential collegial feedback on your teaching. Let us know if that would be interesting for you.

The TLC ([tlc@aup.edu](mailto:tlc@aup.edu)) – Geoff Gilbert (Director), Kate-yue Zhang (Fellow), Francesca Balestrieri (Fellow), Brenda Torney

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT & THE LEARNING COMMONS

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:** On a busy afternoon at the start of September, we were very pleased to welcome and provide orientation for four new permanent CDI faculty members: Bakul Sathaye, Friederike Windel, Lee Anne Galindo Perez and Will Mcshane. We did the same for all of the new CDD colleagues who were able to attend, including Olivia Custer Marie-Chantal Gerard, Carla Rocovert, Kaylen Baker, Emma Bartel, Melanie Bavaria, Germana Berlantini, Valentin Cartilli, Dario Dellarciprete, Rashmi Dharia, Hannah Garner, Marie-Chantal Gerard, Karolina Kaderka, Rachel Kapelke-Dale, Flavien Kiefer, Caitlyn Lesiuk, Yoel Mitrani, Sophie Pigeron, Bryan Pirolli, Patrick Preston, Vera Radeva, Carla Rocavert, Cléo Salion-Girault, Joanna Scutts, Yu-jung Sun, Loren Wolfe, Vera-simone Schulz. A warm welcome to AUP to them all. Many thanks also to Staff and Faculty members who participated in the sessions: Mathieu Motta, Oliver Feltham, Kevin Fore, Pamela Montfort, Geoff Gilbert, Kevin Dixey, Jennifer Dixey, Andrew Tischler and Gail Hamilton. All new CDI colleagues have also been paired with mentors for their opening year at AUP, many thanks to Charles Talcott, Philip Golub, Sofia Valeonti and Ruth Corran for taking on this valued role.

## AMICAL CONSORTIUM

**AMICAL 2023:** Here are highlights from the consortium's 20th Annual Conference, held at Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane (Morocco) in May:

- [Watch the keynotes](#) or browse the 53 [member-contributed sessions](#)
- 3 internationally recognized invited speakers in higher ed curricular innovation, academic library design and digital liberal arts:
  - Cathy N. Davidson (Senior Advisor on Transformation to the Chancellor, Graduate Center, CUNY)
  - Lorcan Dempsey (former VP of Research and Chief Strategist, OCLC)
  - Jeffrey W. McClurken (Professor of History & American Studies, University of Mary Washington; PI on COPLAC Digital, Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges)
- A pre-conference Project Incubator event brought together 4 inter-institutional teams to work on consortial projects related to libraries, technology, and/or pedagogy. Each team describes what they accomplished and plans for their project in a [series of "Project Incubator" blog posts](#):
  - [Rethinking CLTs – Strategizing CLT development across AMICAL institutions 1](#)
- [Adoption of Open Educational Resources \(OERs\) at FCCU \(collaboration with AUB\)](#)
- [IFLA-AMICAL Book Project: "Changing Information Services and User Experiences" 1](#)
- [EcoJustice OER initiative – Curating pedagogical resources that support environmental justice](#)
- A Peer Consulting initiative facilitated 52 one-on-one consulting sessions throughout the event to share expertise among librarians, faculty, faculty developers, academic technologists, and others.

**OTHER RECENT AMICAL EVENTS:** Recordings and materials from some events below are listed on our [Events](#) page:

- AI in international liberal education series
  - ChatGPT and the future of industry and higher education
  - Using ChatGPT and artificial intelligence tools in instruction to promote AI literacy
- Library Directors Forum (June 2023)
- OCLC Event Series for AMICAL, Summer 2023:
  - Arabization and Arabic searching in WorldCat Discovery
  - Data sync: why it matters and what it means for your collections
  - Successfully meeting user expectations with WorldShare ILL: two library case studies
- Virtual Tuesdays – How do IL librarians support faculty members in research?

**AMICAL OPEN HOUSE:** AMICAL's committees and interest groups are organizing a two-week event series so you can hear their plans for the year, connect with AMICAL peers in these areas, and give your input for the groups' upcoming initiatives and events. [See the event page](#) for more information and Zoom links for the sessions below:

- Teaching Writing Interest Group – Mon, Oct 2, 11:00
- E-Resources Committee – Tue, Oct 3, 10:00
- OCLC Committee – Wed, Oct 4, 10:00
- Faculty Development Centers Interest Group – Wed, Oct 4, 15:00
- Open Scholarship Interest Group – Thu, Oct 5, 10:00
- Peer Knowledge Exchange & Mentoring Working Group – Mon, 9 Oct, 10:00
- Library Directors Forum – Tue, Oct 10, 13:00
- Information Literacy Initiatives Committee – Wed, Oct 11, 10:00
- Digital Liberal Arts Committee – Thu, Oct 12, 10:00
- Open Education Interest Group – Thu, 12 Oct, 11:00

**LIBRARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:** AMICAL continues its program of small financial awards for the professional development of library staff at AMICAL member institutions, funded by donations in memory of former AMICAL colleague Elisabetta Morani. Library staff can find more information and apply here.