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Spring Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

June 12, 2024, 5.30-7.30 PM

Venue: Pace University Student Center, 1 Pace Plaza, New York



TIME	ACTIVITY
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Doors Open-Registration Open/Networking
5:30 pm – 5:50 pm	Buffet Dinner Open
5:50 pm – 6:00 pm	Welcome Remarks (Rahul Pathak, Ric Kolenda, Steve Rolandi)
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Address by Prof. Thomas Main and Award Presentation <i>“A Neoprogressive Defense of and Critique of the Deep State”</i>
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Address by Prof. Gina Scutelnicu-Todoran and Q&A <i>“Managing Gender Inequity in Academia”</i>
7:00 pm – 7:20 pm	<u>AWARDS PRESENTATION</u> Student Awards: Marta Nicita, Tiffany Nozil Outstanding Practitioner Award: Patricia Gatling
7.20-7.25 pm	Report on Nominations and Elections
7.25-7.30 pm	Announcements and Closing Remarks
7.30-8.00 pm	Networking

2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Prof. Thomas Main – Outstanding Academic Award

Thomas J. Main's research interests are: liberal democracy and its challenges, bureaucracy and public administration, urban politics, homelessness, and the American Constitution and founding. He is author of the books, *The Rise of Illiberalism* (Brookings, Fall 2021), *The Rise of the Alt-Right*, (Brookings, 2018) and *Homelessness in New York City: Policymaking from Koch to de Blasio* (NYU Press, 2016), and editor of the anthology, *Is the American Constitution Obsolete?* (Carolina Academic Press, 2013). He is now working on a book about the history of welfare politics and policy in New York City. Professor Main teaches Capstone Seminars in the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College and has written widely for academic journals, political magazines, and newspapers. He holds a BA from the University of Chicago, a MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University.

Patricia L. Gatling – Outstanding Practitioner Award

Patricia L. Gatling is a counsel at Windels and Marx where has a broad practice focused on transportation law, employment law, government relations, and general corporate matters. Prior to joining Windels Marx as Counsel, Ms. Gatling served as Commissioner of the New York City Human Rights Commission and Chairperson of its 15-member board (2002 to 2015), appointed by Mayor Bloomberg and serving under Mayor de Blasio. She has also served as the Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights under New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and was First District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office. She was also co-producer of the film, *Fighting for Justice: New York Voices of the Civil Rights Movement*. She has published articles on criminal prosecution, diversity and inclusion and human rights and security. She received a BA from John Hopkins University and J.D. from the University of Maryland.

Marta Nicita – Outstanding Student Award

Ms. Nicita is currently in her second year of the MPA program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), Department of Public Management, and expects to receive her degree in 2025. She holds a B.A. degree from Brown University in Urban Studies and Political Science as well as a Master's degree in Criminology from Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona, Spain in Criminology. At Brown, Ms. Nicita served as an Undergraduate Research Assistant in the Department of Political Science, among other volunteer activities. In addition, she holds a diploma from the Liceo Classico Michaelangiolo in Florence, Italy. Ms. Nicita currently works as a paralegal assistant in the law firm of Levy Konigsberg, LL.P. in New York City. She is also fluent in several languages, including Italian, Spanish and French.

Tiffany Nozil – Outstanding Student Award

Ms. Nozil is currently a student at Pace University pursuing her Master of Public Administration on the government track. While pursuing her academics she serves as part of the co-leadership team of Pace University's Masters of Public Administration Student Government (MPASA). Tiffany is currently working as a Budget Specialist for the City of Mount Vernon Planning and Community Development Department. Within her department, under the Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency (URA), Tiffany brings years of experience and expertise in financial compliance and operational administration to address the needs of community development, housing insecurity, and homelessness within Westchester County. Tiffany has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a concentration in Neuroscience from Penn State University and a Paralegal Studies certificate from Westchester Community College.