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TO: John Jay College Community

FROM: Oswald E. Fraser, AVP for Administration *OEF*

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RE: Passing of Professor Patricia (PJ) Gibson – Department of English

We regret to announce the passing of Patricia (PJ) Gibson on May 6, 2022. Professor Gibson worked at John Jay College City University of New York since April 19, 1988 in the Seek Department and moved to the English Department on September 1, 1990.

Excerpt taken from the attached obituary written by a close friend of PJ:

“Professor Gibson, an all-around theater person, served as an Artistic Director of the Rites and Reason Theater at Brown University, where I met her. Behind the scenes, she occasional coached actors for roles in professional productions of her works. At the first woman Playwright Conference drawing women from 33 countries, hers was the only one given a full production, a high honor in a setting full of extraordinary playwrights, directors, actors, critics, academics, and other theatre lovers. She traveled to performances of her work in Europe and Africa and won both a municipal proclamation from Trenton, New Jersey and a key to the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. Her students of English, across the curriculum, and in creative writing will certainly miss her, as will her colleagues.”

A memorial will be held for her on Tuesday, May 24, between 6:00 and 9:00 pm in room NB 9.64 at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 524 West 59th Street.

Due to COVID protocols, RSVPs are mandatory for anyone who is not already a member of the John Jay community. **If attending, you must rsvp to Dianne Rodgers at drodgers@jjay.cuny.edu by Monday, May 23rd.** Moreover, all guests must abide by the current college COVID policies, including proof of full vaccination or of a negative PCR test for Covid that is less than seven days old. Documentation of vaccination or negative PCR test can be uploaded to the following link: <https://doitapps2.jjay.cuny.edu/covidDocsUpload/>. In addition, please wear a kn95/n95 mask.

The memorial will also be streamed on Zoom, should anyone wish to join remotely. If those attending in person wish to be a part of this, they should bring a laptop with them.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianne at drodgers@jjay.cuny.edu.