

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

February 27, 2024

Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

Spring is just a month away and we are experiencing some exciting new beginnings. In this update we welcome, with excitement the new directors of our career and advisement centers. That these two leaders are beginning at the same time offers us an opportunity to better integrate academic pathways and career preparation, one of our key goals for student success in the coming years.

I am also sharing an opportunity for up to 20 full-time faculty to participate in the AAC&U series on teaching with AI – time to embrace the future!

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Purnima Mehta Taylor, Director Center for Career and Professional Development

Please join me in welcoming Purnima Mehta Taylor to the CCPD. Purnima is a tenured Talent Acquisition and Higher Education leader who brings with her 20 years of experience, including at John Jay. Purnima has a distinctive breadth of knowledge and experience that includes an awareness of intellectual and professional development milestones of students, Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI), that is complemented by an understanding of academic institutions and recruitment strategies across multiple industries (e.g., business, tech, government, etc.). Purnima holds a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).





Lorena Laverde, Director Academic Advisement Center

We welcome Lorena Laverde, a seasoned professional in higher education, who has devoted the past 12 years to the field of academic advising, showcasing a steadfast commitment to student service and success. Embarking on her academic journey at New Jersey City University Lorena earned a BA in Psychology and an MA in Educational Psychology before progressing through various roles within the academic advising field. Her academic pursuits culminated in the pinnacle achievement of an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Management from Drexel University in June 2023.

Learn to Teach with AI

To help faculty learn to teach with AI, we are sponsoring up to 20 full-time faculty to attend an [AAC&U Virtual Workshop Series on Teaching with AI](#). The 4-part online workshop series will feature information working with AI for teaching and learning, cheating detection and policy, assignments and writing, and AI to improve classes and courses.

To request funding to participate in the workshops (\$299), please submit a [Faculty Opportunity Fund application](#) to Dean Crossman at apfaculty@jjay.cuny.edu ASAP – by March 4th at the latest. We hope participants will share some of what they learn at JJ.



MARCH 11 - APRIL 8, 2024

Teaching *with* AI

A series of workshops designed to prepare faculty for a new era of human learning

Virtual | Mondays from
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. ET

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