

**OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES**

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The Office of Health Services provides emergency on-campus care by certified NYS Emergency Medical Technicians and infirmary facilities for students requiring short-term rest. Free blood pressure screenings and health education information on a variety of topics is also available. In addition, the office is also responsible for the maintenance of all immunization records and the distribution of Physical Activity Cards, which are required to use and participate in all recreation programs and facilities.

**RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES****CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**Address:** Brookdale Campus (BC), 1028 West Building,  
 (212) 481-4357

Since 1986 the Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH) has conducted research as well as designed and carried out training programs in occupational and environmental health. The mission of the COEH is to promote better understanding, access to information and improved skills of community members and workers to address environmental and occupational health hazards. The COEH places a special emphasis on conducting community based research with the least advantaged communities in NYC in order to better understand and address health disparities and work toward environmental justice.

COEH is located within the Schools of the Health Professions and is associated with the Urban Public Health Program. The Center director is Dr. David Kotelchuck, [dkotelch@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:dkotelch@hunter.cuny.edu), and the Associate Director is Dr. Jason Corburn, [jcorburn@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:jcorburn@hunter.cuny.edu).

**CENTER ON AIDS, DRUGS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**Address:** Brookdale Campus (BC), 10th floor West Building,  
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The Hunter College Center on AIDS, Drugs and Community Health was founded in 1987 by Nicholas Freudenberg, CUNY Distinguished Professor of Urban Public Health, to help communities and institutions tackle New York's growing public health crises. The center's mission is "to bring together community, science, practice, scholarship, and policy to fight urban health threats and disparities. The center seeks to improve the health of the city's neighborhoods by combining the expertise, resources and commitment of Hunter College and CUNY with the knowledge, credibility and experience of community organizations to work for improvements in community health.

The center is located within Hunter's Schools of the Health Professions, and is associated with the Urban Public Health program. Dr. Beatrice Krauss is the Executive Director, [bkrauss@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:bkrauss@hunter.cuny.edu).

**THE BROOKDALE CENTER ON AGING**

**Address:** Brookdale Campus BC, 13th floor, North Building

The Brookdale Center on Aging, established in 1974, is the largest multidisciplinary academic gerontology center in the tri-state area. The center was established to meet the need for education and updated information for students entering the field of gerontology and for professionals working with the elderly in a variety of service settings. Through its educational programming, research and advocacy, the center addresses the needs of all older people, with particular attention to low income, minority or frail aged persons. Current projects address the legal rights and entitlements of older people, support for older people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, the special needs of grandparents caring for young children, and

various policy issues affecting older populations.

Center courses are taught by leading professionals in the gerontological field including psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, attorneys, agency administrators, social workers, nurses, bioethicists and university professors.

**CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS PUERTORRIQUEÑOS/  
CENTER FOR PUERTO RICAN STUDIES****Mission**

The Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños/Center for Puerto Rican Studies is a university-based research institute whose mission consists of two components. One is to collect, preserve and provide access to archival and library resources documenting the history and culture of Puerto Ricans and Latinos. The other is to produce, facilitate and disseminate interdisciplinary research about the Diaspora experiences of Puerto Ricans and to link this scholarly inquiry to social action and policy debates.

**History and Institutional Capacity**

Centro is the only university-based research institute in the United States devoted to the interdisciplinary study of the Puerto Rican experience and the oldest and largest Latino research and archival institution in the Northeast. Founded in 1973 by a coalition of faculty, students and community leaders, Centro seeks to link scholarly inquiry to social action and policy debates through its network of education, research, archival, advocacy and community-based partners. Centro research bears important implications for the study of Puerto Ricans, Latinos and other racial and ethnic communities in the U.S.

Centro, housed at Hunter College since 1983, is a CUNY-wide research center. CUNY faculty teaching and researching Puerto Rican and Latino Studies are affiliated with Centro. Centro staff guide and mentor Latino and other students, assist and advise community organizations and other research institutions, and serve on local, national and international committees concerned with issues of social, economic, educational and cultural policy.

Centro is also a founding member of the Inter-University Program for Latino Research [IUPLR] since 1989. The IUPLR, currently composed of 16 affiliate centers, is the most extensive consortium of Latino research centers in the US.

**Research Interests**

As a university-based Puerto Rican research center, Centro staff and researchers are interested in a comprehensive understanding of the Puerto Rican Diaspora experience in the US and in relevant socioeconomic and historical aspects regarding Puerto Rico. Given its history and role within CUNY, the Centro is particularly interested in New York's Puerto Rican and ethnic communities. The following are research areas of current interest and attention in the Centro:

- History and political economy
- Migration
- Race, class, gender and sexuality
- Education
- Community development
- Political and human rights
- Public policy and political participation
- Cultural and literary studies

This list reflects the current combination of staff strengths and expertise and the academic, community and policy networks the Centro has developed throughout its history. Given the changing needs in Puerto Rican communities, in academia, and in the Centro's staff, these areas of current interest are reviewed periodically.

**For Centro General Information:**

Administrative Office: Hunter East 1429, (212) 772-5688 or visit our website: <http://www.centro.org>

## RESEARCH CENTERS

**Library and Archives**

The Centro Library and Archives is the principal Puerto Rican Studies research collection in the United States and the most extensive Latino research and archival facility in the Northeast. It is also the only library and archives in the State of New York exclusively dedicated to Puerto Rican and Latino documentation. The Library and Archives is open to the public and serves diverse users, scholars and the general public from the New York area, from other parts of the U. S. and from abroad. Its mission is to identify, collect, preserve and make accessible information sources that document the Puerto Rican experience. The library houses a comprehensive collection of books, periodicals, microform and audio-visual materials in all areas of Puerto Rican Studies. Centro library holdings are available on the City University's union catalog, CUNY+. Centro's archival holdings include about 90 archival collections and over 5000 cubic feet of archival material, including the records of major institutions and community organizations and the papers from elected officials, community activists, labor leaders, intellectuals, and artists.

For more information on the Library please contact (212) 772-4197. For archives please call (212) 772-5151.

*Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies* is the major academic publication for the compilation and dissemination of articles focusing on the Puerto Rican experiences both in the USA and Puerto Rico. *CENTRO Journal* (ISSN: 1538-6279) is indexed or abstracted in: *Alternative Press Index*; *America: History and Life*; *Caribbean Abstracts*; *CONUCO-Consorcio Universitario de Indización*; *HAPI* (Hispanic American Periodical Index); *Historical Abstracts*; *International Bibliography of the Social Sciences* (IBSS); *Left Index*; *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*; *MLA International Index*; *OCLC PAIS*; *Social Services Abstracts*; *Sociological Abstracts*; *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory*; *Worldwide Political Science Abstracts*.

To contact the editor, write to: centro-journal@hunter.cuny.edu. Exchange Programs

### **CUNY/UPR Academic Exchange Program (Intercambio) and CUNY-Caribbean Exchange Program**

**CUNY/UPR Academic Exchange Program** (Intercambio) is a program of academic interchange between the City University of New York (CUNY) and the University of Puerto Rico (UPR). The program has four major components: undergraduate students' research projects and joint research and other projects. The program serves all CUNY colleges. CUNY undergraduates may study for a semester, or the full academic year at the Rio Piedras Campus of the UPR and receive full credit from their home college. Intercambio provides special activities and continuous support from UPR and CUNY program staff.

**The CUNY-Caribbean Exchange** promotes institutional, faculty, and student intellectual and scientific exchange with academic institutions in the Caribbean. Through a broad range of scholarly projects, this CUNY-wide program aims to:

- foster ongoing dialogue between faculty and students from CUNY and other universities and other scientific research centers in the Caribbean;
- contribute to an enhanced mutual understanding of culture and scholarship;
- strengthen the network of CUNY faculty and students whose research and professional interests focus on the Caribbean; and
- strengthen CUNY curricula pertaining to the Caribbean and advance the field of Caribbean studies.

For deadline information of both programs please contact: Rosie Matos (Assistant to the Program Director) at Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College (1404 HE), 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, (212) 772-4198; fax (212) 650-3903, Rosmato@hunter.cuny.edu.

### **THE CENTER FOR STUDY OF GENE STRUCTURE & FUNCTION**

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**Director:** Mekbib Gameda

**Website:** <http://sonhouse.hunter.cuny.edu>

The Center for Study of Gene Structure & Function (Gene Center) was established in 1985. It consists of 39 research faculty who are biologists, chemists, bio-physicists and bio-psychologists. Their work ranges from the structure and interactions of biomolecules to the regulation of genomes by stimulatory molecules. The Gene Center is supported with a major grant from the Research Centers in Minority Institutions Program of the National Center for Research Resources, an agency of the National Institutes of Health. Co-funding comes from the City University of New York and Hunter College.

The Gene Center supports state-of-the-art core research facilities for sequencing, synthesis, and separation of nucleic acids and proteins, x-ray diffraction, nuclear magnetic resonance, bioimaging, computational chemistry and computer graphics. Professional managers run the core facilities.

Areas of investigation at the Gene Center include:

- Bioinformatics
- Biomolecular theory and computer graphics
- Drug design and synthesis
- Drug and protein interaction with nucleic acids
- Gene expression and signal transduction
- Molecular immunology
- Structural biology
- Neurobiology and biopsychology

The Gene Center has made significant contributions to research in diseases that disproportionately affect minority populations such as stroke, drug addiction, cancer and AIDS. Gene Center scientists have been recognized for their outstanding research in these areas with distinguished awards such as the Ameritex Prize for Paralysis Research and the Presidential Award for Research. The Gene Center is also committed to recruiting outstanding faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students and makes a special effort to identify underrepresented minority scientists.

