

## Introducing Our Team

As our team grows, we are excited to introduce some new faces. In our previous newsletter, we called for a finance expert to take on the role of Treasurer, and that position has since been filled! Animesh Uttekar has served as our Treasurer since January, and with his upcoming graduation, he is passing on the role to Sai Ram Kasanagottu. We are very excited to welcome him to our team!

We've also added new members to our executive board and creative team. Here's a bit about each of them:

**Ava Nederlander, President** - Ava is a PhD student in Electrical and Computer Engineering, working with Dr. Arie Kaufman in the Center for Visual Computing. Her research focuses on using augmented and virtual reality in medical and surgical applications, exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence with various scientific disciplines to drive breakthroughs in scientific discovery. She has experience applying scientific computation to fields like astronomy, biology, and chemistry, and she also serves as a Graduate Career Coach at the Career Center.

**Jennifer O'Connor, Vice President** - Jennifer is a Master's student in the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior, conducting research under the Tsirka lab. Her research focuses on elucidating the complex crosstalk between the central nervous system and the immune system in the context of inflammatory diseases such as Glioblastoma Multiforme, the most aggressive form of primary brain cancer. She aims to uncover the mechanisms by which cells within the tumor microenvironment are hijacked, pathologically modulated, and suppressed, facilitating tumor growth and progression. Jennifer's contribution as Vice President involves editing the magazine, event coordination, task delegation, and the conceptualization, design, and development of themes.

**Veronica Borracci, Secretary** - Veronica is a second year Master's student in Geosciences. Her research is focused on carbonate clumped isotope analysis of modern shark teeth to understand their temperature distribution and preferences. She works in the Henkes lab drilling and preparing shark tooth enamel for analysis. Part of her job as secretary is populating these newsletters!

**Sai Ram Kasanagottu, Treasurer** - Sai Ram, a first-year Ph.D. student in Computer Science, brings extensive expertise in artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer vision, and natural language processing. Sai Ram's research focuses on advancing large language models and their applications in real-world scenarios. As the new Treasurer of the GradMag Club, he will apply his analytical skills and technological insights to manage the club's finances effectively.

**Laiba Mahmood, Art Director** - Laiba is a first-year MBA student in the Marketing program. She is actively exploring the complexities of consumer behavior and visual storytelling. As a graphic designer, the intersection of art theory and marketing underscores her belief that effective knowledge is not only about the message but also about how it is presented.

**Rachel Deahl, Media Director** - Rachel is a first-year PhD student in Marine Atmospheric and Sustainability Sciences and a Research Assistant in the Warren lab. Her research currently focuses on using echograms to analyze internal waves and zooplankton migration. Prior to this, she completed a Masters in Ecology & Evolution from NJIT, researching the potential for automated classification of insects using remote sensing. She aims to pursue a graduate certificate in Science Communication, and would like to make science communication a large part of her career. As Media Director, Rachel manages GradMag's website and social media pages, as well as designing flyers and media content.



## September Event Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended our General Body Meetings over Zoom and joined us for our Welcome Social in person!

The Welcome Social was a great success—we met so many new people eager to get involved with our magazine.

Stay tuned for details on our next in-person event!

Photo (left to right): Ava Nederlander, Veronica Borracci, Jennifer O'Connor, Rachel Deahl, Laiba Mahmood.

### SBU Graduate Arts & Sciences Magazine:

"General Body Meeting"  
October 2/16/30; 1:30-2pm  
Zoom  
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## Professor of the Month

Joy Janzen  
Department of Linguistics



Joy Janzen is a senior lecturer in the Department of Linguistics where she teaches classes on literacy development, sociolinguistics, and second language acquisition. Her doctorate in applied linguistics is from Northern Arizona University, and her master's degree in teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages is from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She has been a Fulbright scholar twice, first in the Czech Republic and, more recently, in Mexico at the University of Veracruz. She also worked as an English Teaching Fellow for USIA in Romania and in Russia, and as an English teacher in China. Her current research project, housed at the Center for Multilingual and Intercultural Communication, focuses on multilingual speakers at Stony Brook. In this project, multilingual students, faculty, and staff are recorded discussing their experiences of using and not using their languages on campus and of connections they make between their languages and their identity. The end goal is to raise awareness of multilingualism as a critical element of diversity and to give greater prominence to language and social justice issues at Stony Brook.

Nominate a Professor here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/NominateProfessor>



# Upcoming Events Across Campus:

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Come to our meetings to learn more about how to get involved and learn about our organization's upcoming events!

## Center for Prevention and Outreach:

"Organ Donor Enrollment Day"  
October 2, 10am-3pm  
SAC Plaza

Learn how you can save up to 8 lives!  
Learn about the impacts of organ donation, ask questions and sign up to be an organ donor! There will be snacks, giveaways and prizes!

## Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT):

"Networking Social"  
October 2, 10am-11:30am  
SAC - The Shore Club  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvlItAmdpX5QbL8kFA9XxhPLw5FiMF24dZeR\\_zJxAfsi0b-Pw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvlItAmdpX5QbL8kFA9XxhPLw5FiMF24dZeR_zJxAfsi0b-Pw/viewform)

An empowering event dedicated to connecting, supporting, and celebrating women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)! This event is an opportunity for mentors and mentees to expand their network, share experiences, and inspire each other in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Enjoy light refreshments as you engage in meaningful conversations, learn from others in the field, and establish new connections that can help to support your personal and professional growth.

"An Open Dialogue Between Students and Faculty: AI & College Writing Program"  
October 3, 11:30am  
Zoom

<https://stonybrook.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqdOitpjlpHtDGAsGBfEb3ah0YlzhIJJoin#registration>

As generative AI tools become increasingly prevalent in education, their impact on collegiate writing raises important questions about creativity, academic integrity, and effective teaching practices. This panel brings together faculty and students to share perspectives on the opportunities and challenges that AI presents in an academic setting. Through an open dialogue, participants will engage in meaningful conversations, allowing for a deeper understanding of each other's viewpoints and fostering collaboration. Students and faculty will explore diverse ways AI can be used in teaching and learning and seek solutions to utilize AI writing tools ethically. This exchange aims to build a community of trust and shared knowledge, ensuring that AI's role in education is both innovative and responsible.

## Hispanic Heritage Month:

"Opening Celebration"  
October 2, 12pm-2pm  
SAC Ballroom A

In this 35th year of programming, a variety of events have been planned by students and departments. These include art exhibits, educational workshops, lectures, films, and the annual closing ceremony that features awards and recognition for students, faculty, and staff who have made significant contributions to the Latino community at Stony Brook.

To check out more information about Hispanic Heritage Month visit  
[www.stonybrook.edu/hhm](http://www.stonybrook.edu/hhm)

## Ecology and Evolution Colloquium:

"Mechanistic Models of Growth, Biomaterials and Behavior: Linking Lab and Field Studies on Ocean Warming, Ocean Acidification, and Resource Allocation in Dynamic Coastal Environments" - Molly Robers  
October 2, 2pm  
Life Sciences Room 038  
Faculty Host - Dianna Padilla.

## Career Center:

"Healthcare, Research, and Helping Professions Job & Internship Fair"  
October 4, 1-4pm  
SAC Ballrooms A & B

"Crafting Your Federal Resume"  
October 10, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Virtual  
Register on Handshake

"iGrad: Career Center Identifying"  
October 23, 6:30-8pm  
Virtual  
Register on Handshake

## SBU Football:

Home Football Game  
October 5, 3:30pm

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMZeD\\_DeU73pd3l6ew4K3nrh-K5kg7hvOXGH\\_5zivRE9Yng/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMZeD_DeU73pd3l6ew4K3nrh-K5kg7hvOXGH_5zivRE9Yng/viewform)

The Graduate School will be hosting 100 students, faculty and staff at the game as part of the Stony Brook Athletics Dean's Challenge. You'll find more information on how to join at the link above.

## Symphony Orchestra Concert

October 5, 8pm-10pm  
Staller Center Main Stage

Join the Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra for the first orchestra concert of our season, featuring the music of Joan Tower, Johannes Brahms and Edward Elgar. A pre-concert lecture with Peter Winkler will be held at 7:00 pm in the Recital Hall.



## Geoscience Colloquiums:

"Controlling Ion Migration in Lithium Manganese Oxide Crystals" - Aaron Celestian  
October 10, 4-5pm  
ESS 123

"Chemical Reactions Between Silicates and Volatile Materials at High Pressures and Temperatures: Implications for Exoplanets" - Taehyun Kim  
October 17, 4-5pm  
ESS 123

## Campus Recreation:

"Horseback Riding Trip"  
October 5, 11am

A ticket to this trip will include a round trip to and from the horse stables, one hour of horseback riding, and time to explore the trails on foot. Tickets go on sale 9/20 at 9am. They are \$25 for undergraduates and \$35 for graduate students. Hosted by Recreation and Wellness.

"Hell's Kitchen Broadway Trip"  
October 6, 5:45pm

A ticket for this trip will include round-trip transportation to NYC and 1 ticket to see Hell's Kitchen. Tickets for undergraduate students are \$55.00 and tickets for graduate students are \$75.00. Tickets go on sale Monday, September 16th at 9am.

"Six Flags Fright Fest Trip"  
October 18, 12:15pm

A ticket to this trip includes a bus ride to and from the event, a park pass, and admission to the haunted houses. Tickets for undergraduate students are \$40.00 and tickets are grad students are \$60.00. Hosted by Recreation and Wellness.

"Harbes Apple Picking"  
October 20, 10am

A ticket for this trip will include round trip travel, a 3lb bag for apple picking, access to the Apple Express wagon ride & live music. Tickets for undergraduate students are \$20.00 and tickets for graduate students are \$30.00. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 7th at 9am

Fall Break LIRR Tickets:  
October 11-14

Student Engagement and Activities is offering discounted roundtrip LIRR tickets for Fall Break. Tickets for undergraduate students are \$20.00 and tickets for graduate students are \$30.00. Tickets go on sale Monday, September 30th at 9am.

Purchase tickets on the Rec Center Programs site at:

<https://members.reccenter.stonybrook.edu/program?classificationId=610251f-4203-425e-993d-e29285e70306>

If you have any questions, please email [beyondthebrook@stonybrook.edu](mailto:beyondthebrook@stonybrook.edu)

## Find more events at:

<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/events>

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