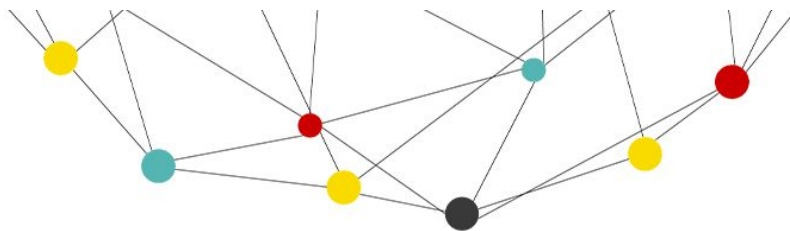




BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



We are pleased to introduce the BU Hub's new community newsletter: the *BU Hub Spotlight*. In this space, we will highlight some of the innovative teaching and learning—inside and outside the classroom—that is happening in university general education across campus through the Hub. Among the topics we will cover are innovative Hub courses, noteworthy Hub student projects, new faculty collaborations, the Cross-College Challenge, Hub cocurriculars, and Hub events. Newsletters will be distributed approximately 3-4 times per year. We hope that these stories and resources will help to inspire your own work and teaching, both inside and outside of the Hub. Please let us know if you have any Hub stories to share or other suggestions by writing to us at thehub@bu.edu.

Sincerely,

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Teaching Across the Disciplines

Prof. Siegel Helping Organize New CTL/Hub Faculty Fellows Program

With the assistance of Assistant Professor of History Ben Siegel, the BU Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) and the BU Hub will be offering a new Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellows program in 2020. Through this stipended program, a small faculty cohort will convene in the spring to discuss how to develop and teach interdisciplinary Hub courses. They will be joined by a larger cohort, open to all full-time faculty, in fall 2020. If you are interested in participating in fall 2020, please contact the CTL at ctl@bu.edu or Ben Siegel at siegelb@bu.edu.

Siegel's innovative Hub course, CAS HI 343: Taste, Culture, and Power: The Global History of Food, helped inspire the program. It incorporates the Digital/Multimedia Expression Hub area and includes video and podcasting assignments. "There had always been media creation in the course," Siegel said, "but it was all ad hoc. Now one of the course goals is for students to gain familiarity with these different digital tools and to think explicitly about the story they are trying to tell."



Professor Siegel leads a discussion with students in CAS HI 343: Taste, Culture, and Power: The Global History of Food on December 4, 2019.

Student Learning & Projects

Hub Class Attends Korean Speech Contest

Ten students from the Hub course CAS LK 322: Korean for the Professions attended the first New England Korean Speech Contest on Nov. 16, 2019 at Wellesley College. For course instructor Heeju Lee, an organizer of the event and Lecturer in Korean for the BU World Languages & Literatures Dept., the contest provided an opportunity for her students to observe and practice Korean language in a real-life community setting while experiencing Korean culture. “I’ve tried to make this class very authentic by using a lot of authentic materials and exposing students to authentic language use in professional settings,” Lee said. “Because we had the BU Hub, we thought we might be able to get students’ attention with this kind of class.” Lee was awarded funds from the [Hub Course Enhancement Fund](#) to cover transportation costs to the contest for her students.



Students from CAS LK 322: Korean for the Professions and course instructor Heeju Lee attend the New England Korean Speech Content on Nov. 16, 2019.

Cross-College Challenge (XCC)

XCC Team Wins IDEA Cup

A team of [Cross-College Challenge \(XCC\)](#) students were the winners of the [Innovate@BU IDEA Cup Fall 2019](#), a competition that showcases and funds innovative class projects. The XCC team's winning project focused on addressing the increasing concern of food insecurity at BU by proposing the creation of a campus-wide food pantry for all students. The project was developed in HUB XC 433 D1: Equipping College Students With the Tools to Bring About Social Change, co-taught by Bob Weintraub, Senior Lecturer in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in BU Wheelock, and Samantha Meyers, Master Lecturer in the CAS Writing Program. Team members included Sarah Bickford (CAS-Psychology), Melani Zuckerman (CAS-Medical Science), and Caroline Stromberg (CAS-Medical Science). Congratulations to these XCC faculty and students!



Pictured above (left to right) are XCC team members Melani Zuckerman, Sarah Bickford, and Caroline Stromberg, and XCC instructor Samantha Meyers.



Heard Around the Hub

"In all my years of teaching, I have never felt so supported as I did when teaching for the Cross-College Challenge. The program was always there for me and responded so quickly to any questions we had or advice we were seeking."

Janine Bempechat, Clinical Professor, BU Wheelock

Hub Cocurriculars

Dean Hill Leads New Hub Cocurricular Experience on Vocation

This fall, Dean of Marsh Chapel Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill led HUB CC 120, a Hub cocurricular experience that encourages students to reflect on the subject of vocation. “This is a way for students to connect, either through events on campus or reading books or visiting people, about where their deepest passions meet the world’s greatest needs,” Hill said. The goal of the cocurricular, for Hill, was to give students “a chance to really reflect on how they hope to see their life emerge in a fuller sense than simply math, science, history, etc.—to view their life in a personal way.” For more information about Hub cocurricular offerings, visit bu.edu/hub/cocurricular.



Students in HUB CC 120: Vocation present their final reflections on Dec. 2, 2019.

Hub Events



2020 XCC Faculty Reception

January 15, 2020, 4-6 pm

[Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences & Engineering](#), 610

Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215

The Cross-College Challenge (XCC) welcomes interested and experienced faculty to an informal gathering to discuss past successes and future opportunities in the XCC. For more information, click [here](#).

Hub & Pub Series: Conversations on Teaching & Learning in the BU Hub

January 27, 2020, 3:30-5 pm

Location: TBD

Hub & Pub events provide members of the BU community a forum to share their experiences teaching in the Hub and to learn from each other. These informal, discussion-based sessions are led by different faculty members and explore specific topics. The theme for this Hub & Pub event will be new and creative teaching in the Hub. Additional details will be forthcoming in January. To learn more, please contact the BU Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) at ctl@bu.edu.

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We would love to hear from you about your Hub courses and experiences! Please share your Hub stories with us by sending a note to thehub@bu.edu.

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