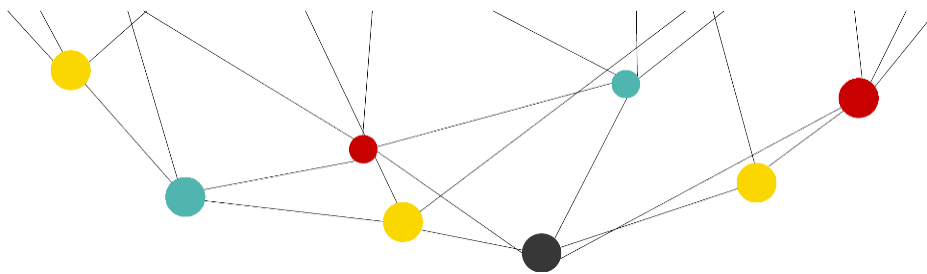


# BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Dear Colleagues,

We have several opportunities for you to engage with the Hub this spring. Please read on to learn more about a faculty forum on the General Education Committee (March 31), a Hub Programmatic Assessment information session (April 30), and this semester's Experiential Learning Expo (May 2) with student projects from the BU Hub Cross-College Challenge, the Learning Assistant Program, and BU Spark!

Here's to a successful rest of spring!

All the best,

Lynn O'Brien Hallstein  
Assistant Provost for General Education  
Professor of Rhetoric, College of General Studies

## Latest Hub Updates

### Faculty Forum on the General Education Committee Set for March 31

The General Education Committee (GEC), a standing faculty subcommittee of the University Council Committee on Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies,

considers and approves courses and co-curriculars that are proposed for inclusion in Boston University's University-wide general education program. It also reviews previously approved general education courses and co-curriculars every five years.

On Monday, March 31, from 2-3:30 pm, Assistant Provost for General Education Lynn O'Brien Hallstein will host a faculty forum to review how the GEC works, answer questions, and hear faculty feedback about the GEC.

This hybrid session will take place at the Yawkey Student Center, 100 Bay State Road, Room 613B. To attend the forum in person or via Zoom, please [register online](#).

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## Hub Specialty Courses



# Did You Know?

**More than 1,100 students took**  
**[Hub Specialty Courses](#)**  
**in 2024-25.**

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## Cross-College Challenge Students Visit the US-Mexico Border in Texas

Over spring break, students from HUB XC 433, Border Studies, traveled to the US-Mexico border in south Texas to meet with service providers and practitioners and discuss bordering practices, asylum and immigration, and the ethical intricacies of volunteering in complex situations.

Students spoke with Pastor Abraham Barberi (pictured above), founder of One Mission Ministries, by the border wall near the Rio Grande River in Brownsville, Texas, and learned about his work supporting migrants in Matamoros, Mexico. They also volunteered at a long-term shelter and the Humanitarian Respite Center.

This Cross-College Challenge course, taught by Professors Carrie Preston (CAS, English) and Luz Marilis López (SSW, Clinical Practice) and supported by the [Center on Forced Displacement](#), examines the complexities of the US-Mexico border and tasks students with designing projects aimed at assisting organizations working at the border.

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Nathan Phillips, professor of earth & environment, leads a lesson in HUB CC 184: Earth House. This cocurricular invites students to explore concepts and practices of sustainability. Learn more about Hub cocurriculars on the [Hub website](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Information Session: Hub Programmatic Assessment

Wednesday, April 30

3-4 pm

*Location: Zoom*

Join Assistant Provost for General Education Lynn O'Brien Hallstein and Assistant Provost for Academic Assessment Russell Stone to learn more about the Hub Programmatic Assessment plan implementation. [Register](#).

Learn more and see the presentation slides on the [Hub assessment webpage](#).



## Join Us at the Experiential Learning Expo!

Friday, May 2

**3-5 pm: Learning Assistant and Cross-College Challenge**

**Presentations**

**4-7 pm: BU Spark! Demo Day**

*Location: Center for Computing & Data Sciences, 665 Commonwealth Avenue, 1st and 2nd Floors*

Join us for an immersive and interactive experience at BU's Experiential Learning Expo!

The Expo, presented by Boston University's Office of Undergraduate Affairs, will showcase more than 100 student projects undertaken in conjunction with the [Hub Cross-College Challenge](#), the [Learning Assistant Program](#), and [BU Spark!](#)

For more event details, visit [bu.edu/expo](http://bu.edu/expo).

*Hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Affairs*



### Stay in the Loop with the BU Hub

Our hope is that the BU Hub lives up to its name as a central node on campus that helps to keep us all connected. We would love to hear from you about your Hub courses and

experiences! Please share your Hub stories and resources with us by sending a note to [thehub@bu.edu](mailto:thehub@bu.edu).

Want to learn more about the Hub? Please visit our website at [www.bu.edu/hub](http://www.bu.edu/hub).

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