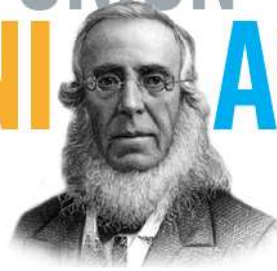


THE COOPER UNION
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



FEBRUARY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

2/27/2018

Today is the anniversary of President Lincoln's speech in the Great Hall. The Cooper Union Address delivered in New York City on February 27, 1860, propelled Abraham Lincoln to the 1860 Republican Nomination. [more](#)

- **Agenda**
- Open Meeting – Paul Nikulin
- Introduce New Council Members filling vacant seats on council
- First Hour - Open format, facilitated discussion on Cooper and how we got here (Free/Tuition/FEC)
- **Council Business**
- Approve minutes of the last council meeting
- **Reports**
- Treasurers Report
- Founder's Day
 - Announcement of Founder's Day Award Winners
 - New process for Awards Nominations and plans for Award Ceremony
- Nominating Committee
 - Ballot for Spring Election
 - Select candidates for next Nominating Committee
- New Business
- **Upcoming Events**

WELCOME TO THE CUAA COUNCIL

Term Ending June 2018

- **Kathryn Berry AR'80** replacing Ciera Lowe ChE'14
- **Katie Correll ME'12** replacing Daren Rogers AR'05

Term Ending June 2019

- **George DeFeis CE'84** replacing Lynn Lander ChE'60
- **Michael Luke CE'14** replacing Paul Nikulin CE'06

- **History Discussion**

- Facilitated by:

- **Victoria Sobel A'13; Rachel Appel A'13; Kiersten Mercado A'19**

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Michael Samuelian AR'95

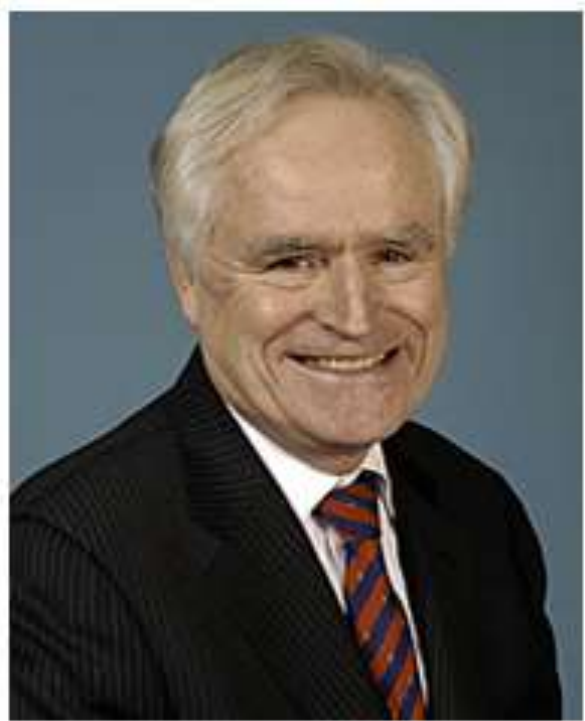


Katie Merz A'84



Jack Whitten A'64

Gano Dunn Award



Richard Sarles

Spent more than 40 years leading transportation agencies in public service

- Transformed the Northeast Corridor into fully electric passenger rail system
- Introduced high speed Acela trains for Amtrak from Boston to Washington DC
- Brought multi-level rail cars and first dual powered locomotives to NJ Transit
- Began transformation of Wash. DC Metro system after decades of neglect
- Served in project planning and mgt. for Port Authority of NY & NJ and NJ DOT
- Expanded light rail systems in Hudson/Essex & advanced “Gateway” planning
- Richard received a Cooper Union Presidential Citation and was introduced into the Cooper Union Hall of Fame in 2011.
- In addition to his Civil Engineering degree from Cooper Union, he earned a Masters of Business Administration degree from Rutgers University.

Peter Cooper Public Service Award

Joanna Sherman



- Founder and Artistic Director of Bond Street Theatre, has been initiating and directing theatre projects for social improvement globally since 1984 and in Afghanistan since 2002.
- Currently conducting theatre-based programs for community improvement in Afghanistan through the US Embassy and the US Institute for Peace, and a theatre project with refugees and migrant workers in Malaysia.
- Her company received a MacArthur Award for its interdisciplinary and intercultural programming

John Q. Hejduk Award



Michael Samuelian

- President and CEO of the Trust for Governors Island, not-for-profit organization created by the City of New York and charged with the planning, redevelopment, and ongoing operations of 150 acres of Governors Island.
- Previously Michael was a Vice President with Related Companies, worked at Machado Silvetti in Boston, SMWM in San Francisco and HOK Architects in New York where he was the lead designer on a number of projects including Penn Station Acela Improvements, the Integrated Science Facility at SUNY Geneseo and the Somerset Corporate Center.
- B.Arch from Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture at The Cooper Union (1995)
- M.Arch in Urban Design from Harvard University

Michael Samuelian

Career Highlights and Awards:

- While with Related Companies, he was responsible for the urban planning and design of Hudson Yards, a \$25 billion master plan for 17 million square feet of mixed-use development on Manhattan's West Side.
- Michael also led the effort to plan and design a new waterfront park on the East River and was the city's representative in the development and production of the World Trade Center Commercial Design Guidelines.
- Michael is a Fellow of the AIA, a registered architect in New York State and a member of the New York State Board for Architecture. He has also served on the Nominating Committee of the AIA New York Chapter, the Board of Directors of the Friends of Governors Island and the Board of Governors of Open House New York (OHNY).

AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ART

KATIE MERZ A'84 is an artist, illustrator, muralist, and professor. She has been working as a fine artist for over 30 years. Her thematic devotion to purity of line is expressed through a variety of art forms, ranging from drawing to painting to illustration and cartooning, to large-scale public art commissions. Her signature-style, densely packed glyph patterns create complex, non-linear narratives that can cover a sneaker or a building with equal effectiveness. Her work conjures up long stories about what “it” is that makes a place. Her abstract paintings steer her message away from literal narrative toward a kind of colorful atmospheric poetry. Katie taught drawing at Cooper for a number of years, and her Williamsburg mural project, featured on Cooper’s website in 2016, has delighted countless New Yorkers.



AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ART

(POSTHUMOUS AWARD)

JACK WHITTEN A'64 was a leading, recognized figure in contemporary art, and a beloved Cooper Union Art professor for many years. President Barack Obama honored him with the 2015 National Medal of the Arts. This medal was created by the United States Congress in 1984 and is considered to be among the most prestigious awards granted to an individual in the arts. In 2014, the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego, California, hosted a major retrospective exhibition which later traveled to the Wexner Center for the Arts and the Walker Art Center. A 40-work survey of his sculptures will open in April 2018 at the Baltimore Museum of Art, and will later travel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Mr. Whitten passed away on January 20, 2018. He was 78.



Thank you!

2018 Augustus Saint-Gauden's Committee

Bill Wolf A'84 Co-chair; Carol Wolf A'84 Co-chair; Claudia Giordano Lasky A'76; Mina Greenstein A'56; Jason Paul Guzman A'00; Brian Rose A'79; Mark Stamaty A'69; Hope Wade A '87; Maria Yoon A'94

2018 Gano Dunn Award Committee:

Susan Eisenberg – CE '62; Mary Lynch – ChE '82; Kay Nordstrom – ME '77; Scott Lyne – ChE '92/MChE '95; Frank Napolitano – ME '88/MME '88; Mark Vasquez ME'88
Ed Abaid – CE '76, Chair

2018 Peter Cooper Public Service Award Committee:

Mary K. Lynch ChE'82 Chair; Scott Lynn ChE'90; Kay Nordstrom ME'77; James Vasquez AR'79; Noel Eldridge ME'86; Athena DeNivo CE'94; Aaron Kleinbaum CE'82; Mark Vasquez ME'88; Claudia Giordano A'76; Kelly Occhiuzzo-Zach A'90

2018 John Q Hejduk Committee

Wes Rozen Chair; Jon Maas AR'97; Steven Hillyer AR'90; Harry Gaveras AR'93; Elizabeth O'Donnell AR '83; Evan Douglass AR'83; Leslie Gill AR'82; Uri Wegman AR'08; Laura Genes AR'14; Hayley Eber '00; Mark West AR'80

PROPOSED CHANGE TO NOMINATION SCHEDULE FOR 2019

- Nominations open March 1, 2018 and remain open.
- Deadlines for nominations – Mon. Oct. 15, 2018
- Deadline to choose winners – Dec. 10, 2018 (approx.. 8 weeks)
- Nominations received after Oct. 15,2018 will be considered for the 2020.
- This gives a two week buffer to get better photos and adjust bios, and 4 weeks to prepare materials for Founder's Day Tues.Feb 5, 2019.



2018 Council Elections

Alumni Trustee

Cristina Aguirre-Ross
Architecture 1981

Lyn Pentecost
Art 1970



2018 Council Elections

VP Faculty and Student Liason

Margaret Matz
AR 1983

VP Alumni Events

Kelly Occhiuzzo Zack
A 1990

Hope Wade
A 1987

Secretary

Mary K. Lynch
CHE 1982

Treasurer

Stephen Verderese
EE 1984

2018-2021 Council

Daniel P. Burke, Esq CHE 1981
Brendan Butler EE 2007
Bernard (Bernie) Codd CHE 1983

Jennifer Collins A 1993
Caitlan (Katie) Correll ME 2012
Claudia Giordano Lasky A 1976
Standish Lee AR 2011
Lawrence (Larry) Levine AR 1969
Genevieve Martin A 2011
Mark O'Grady A 1976
Anthony Manganiello CE 2006
Christopher Panebianco CHE 2016
Beatriz Ponce ME 2011
Justin Richter CHE 2016
James Haywood Rolling A 1988
Westley Rozen AR 2005
Shankar Venkataraman BSE 2003
Sabeel Yosef CE 2005
Lily Zand AR 1988



2018 Council Elections

2018-19 Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Graziolo	AR	1995
Dennis Kong	IDE	2008
Tim Lim	CE	2012
Claudia Giordano Lasky	A	1976
James Liubicich	CHE	1983
Darrell Low	EE	1989
Anthony Manganiello	CE	2006
Susan Shaw	A	1972
Laura Spinner	A	1989
Nick Vargas	CE	2006
Curtis B Wayne	AR	1975
Shankar Venkataraman	BSE	2003

2018 Council Elections

Election Process

- Biographical materials will be posted on cooperalumni.org
- 2017 Alumni and any alumni who have not previously voted must Register at Cooperalumni.org/register
- Ballot will be emailed on March 15th
- Senior Students graduating in May will receive ballots
- Meet the Candidate Night on April 10th
- Voting Ends on April 29th

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2018	Mock Interview Night
March 1, 2018	Tickets go on sale for Reunion Weekend
March 7, 2018	Out of the Lab event in the Engineering School. (Reservations required)
April 10, 2018	Meet The Candidate Night
April 17, 2018	CUAA Council Meeting
April 26, 2018	Mechanical Engineers invite Alumni to poster exhibit in NAB Lobby
May 19, 2018	CUAA Tour of The Glass House, Registration closes on April 15
May 23 rd , 2018	CUAA Council Meeting
June 1, 2018	CUAA Founders Day 2018 Award Ceremony
June 1st- June 3 rd	Reunion Weekend

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COMMITTEE

