

ADJUNCT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Adjunct Newsletter!

As an adjunct, you play an important role in retention and shaping the student experience at New York Tech. We are thrilled to co-chair the new Adjunct Advisory Council, created to help you excel in your role.

This semi-annual newsletter will serve as a platform to highlight the amazing work you are doing on campus with our students and in the external community. Every semester, we will highlight adjuncts from various schools, provide resources and semester reminders, and update you on the council's work.

We would love to hear from you! Let us know what you want to see in this newsletter or any initiatives you would like the council to work towards. We welcome your involvement.



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COUNCIL UPDATES

The council's first project was to enhance the onboarding experience for new adjuncts and provide easily accessible resources for current adjuncts. To achieve this, we have developed a [webpage](#) to help new adjuncts get started. This webpage will serve as a bridge until they have full access to our systems.

Secondly, we revamped the Adjunct Orientation and created the Adjunct Faculty Resource Hub. It is now [available to you](#) through Canvas! This redesigned course offers comprehensive "how-to" guides, essential contact information for student support departments, and details about professional organizations available to New York Tech employees.

ADJUNCT SPOTLIGHT



Sanjay Patel teaches Foundations of Writing in the College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities department and has been an adjunct faculty member at New York Tech since Spring 2020.

His dedication to New York Tech was recognized with the CAS Faculty of the Year award in May 2023. Sanjay believes,

"Most of my accomplishments are in the classroom altering the perceptions of students and making courage contagious in their lives."

In his work with cultural studies and philosophical inquiry, he integrates his extensive knowledge and experiences of various cultures, philosophies, and societies to offer students alternative perspectives on reality. He brings to the classroom his observations of societal changes and strives to inspire students to think beyond a linear scope. His goal is to encourage them to make meaningful impacts in their own lives and, ultimately, contribute to the betterment of humanity.

His engagement with NYIT students is fueled by the rich diversity they bring, which transforms him into a student himself, learning from their unique experiences. He feels honored to teach veterans and international students, whose global perspectives deepen his understanding and add valuable insights to his lifelong learning journey. Furthermore, his work with faculty and staff strengthens the core principles of teaching as they collectively explore global shifts and seek solutions in a rapidly changing world.

In addition to teaching, Sanjay owns a tutoring business called My Brain Tutors.com and has been featured in several interviews on an Indian TV network, ITV, discussing topics such as Education (2020), Government (2020), Social Media (2021), Family (2022), and The Progress of India in the Ten Years (2022). His short story "A Fool's Death" was published in the NYC Writing Project Fall of 2019 magazine, Tuesdays at 3.

Did you know?

Check your email! The Center for Teaching and Learning regularly sends out Teaching Notes with teaching tips and resources. You can access past teaching notes [here](#).

TEACHING TIPS & RESOURCES

SAVE THE DATES

Faculty Development Day

November 6, Long Island

"Cultivating Wellness and Respectful Dialogue in Higher Education"

March 5, New York City

"All Things AI"

Holiday Party

December 10, New York City

December 12, Long Island