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REFLECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

In 2022, the Winston Center's programming returned to mostly in-person attendance. In the spring, after a two-year hiatus, the **Clough Colloquium** returned with John Kasich, the former Republican governor of Ohio as the featured speaker. He spoke about today's politics, his work in public service, and the purpose within all of us that can be used for social good. Also returning to an in-person format were the **Chambers Lecture** and the **Brennan Symposium.** Rosa Brooks, professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and author of *Tangled Up in Blue: Policing the American City*, was the spring Chambers lecturer. Brooks, who was once a reserve police officer in the DC Metropolitan Police Department, shared her perspective on the complexity of policing. The **Brennan Symposium** featured *Miseducated* author Brandon P. Fleming. He shared his story about overcoming childhood abuse and a failed education system to arrive on the Harvard campus and being included on *Forbes*'s 30 Under 30 list. The Center introduced the **I Belong** series last spring, where leaders shared their stories of belonging. Alumni Christine Montenegro McGrath '87, H'21, a senior leader at Mondelēz International, and Juan Lopera '99, the inaugural chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer at Beth Israel Lahey Health, were among the semester's speakers.

In the fall, in **collaboration** with the Lowell Humanities Series, the Park Street Series, the PULSE Program, and the Forum on Racial Justice in America, Heather McGhee, author of *The Sum of Us,* talked about the economic impact of racism in America through both a historical and present-day lens. The **Clough Colloquium** featured Dmitry Muratov, journalist and 2021 Nobel Laureate, who spoke about the threat to democracy and freedom of speech in Russia. The **Jane Jacobs Lecture** featured Anastasia Cole Plakias, co-founder and chief impact officer of the Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm, which promotes local ecology and sustainable living communities. The **Forum on Ethics** featured Komal Ahmad, founder and former CEO of Copia, a Y-Combinator-backed for-profit food redistribution and waste reduction technology company whose mission is to help end

global hunger. For the fall semester's **Lunch with a Leader** session, we partnered with the Shea Center for Entrepreneurship to bring James Loftus '00 of PayPal Ventures and Sergio Monsalve, P'26, co-founder of Roble Ventures, who shared their thoughts on the importance of increasing diversity in all areas of venture capital. The **I Belong** series featured Scott Knox '96, who spoke about LGBTQIA+ affirmation and belonging, and Kevin Lynch, founder of The Quell Foundation, who spoke about eradicating the stigma of mental health.

This upcoming spring, the **Clough Colloquium** will feature Liz Cheney, US Representative from Wyoming (2017–2023). The **Chambers Lecture** will feature Vincent Stanley, chief storyteller of Patagonia; and Carri Twigg, former special assistant to President Obama and founding partner of Culture House Media, will be the **Brennan Symposium** speaker. We also plan to collaborate with the Office of Sustainability along with the student group EcoPledge for an event during Earth Week. We will also hear from alumni and other leaders for our various roundtable series.

As we emerge from the isolation of the pandemic, I am thrilled that we are once again able to be in person and enjoy being in each other's company. I look forward to what 2023 brings and the continued generosity of all our supporters and benefactors, for without them, the Winston Center would not have the incredible success we've enjoyed year after year. Thank you.

Be well,

Monetta Edwards
Director, Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics

SIGNATURE EVENTS

SPRING 2022

The **Chambers Lecture Series** featured Rosa Brooks, professor, Georgetown University Law Center and author of *Tangled Up in Blue: Policing the American City.*

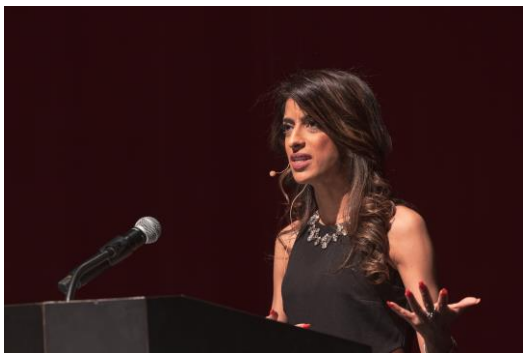
The **Clough Colloquium** featured former John Kasich, the former Republican governor of Ohio and author of *It's Up To Us*.

SIGNATURE EVENTS

FALL 2022

The **Clough Colloquium,** featured Dmitry Muratov, Russian journalist and 2021 Nobel Laureate.

The **Forum on Ethics** featured Komal Ahmad, founder and former CEO of Copia.



The Jane Jacobs Lecture featured Anastasia Cole Plakias, co-founder and chief impact officer of the Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm.

COLLABORATIONS

In the spring, the Center partnered with the Office of Sustainability to bring Cambridge City Council member **Quinton Zondervan**, who spoke about climate change remediation.

In the fall, together with the Lowell Humanities Series, the Park Street Series, the PULSE Program, and the Forum on Racial Justice in America, **Heather McGhee**, author of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together.*

STUDENT PROGRAMS

I Belong

In the spring, **Christine Montenegro McGrath ’87, H’21**, senior vice president and chief impact and sustainability officer at Mondelēz International, spoke about her role as a proud Latina to foster belonging and community for others. **John Barros**, managing principal at Cushman and Wakefield, spoke about how empowering people can lead to belonging. **Juan Lopera ’99**, chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer at Beth Israel Lahey Health, said that businesses have a moral obligation to make diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging an integral part of their business plan. **Liz Pierre**, Miss Massachusetts 2021, shared her story of shame, which led to a sense of belonging.

Christine Montenegro McGrath ’87, H’21

John Barros

Juan Lopera ‘99

Liz Pierre

STUDENT PROGRAMS CONT'D

The fall **I Belong** speakers featured **Scott Knox '96**, an LGBTQIA+ advocate, shared his story of belonging as a student at Boston College and how that shaped his life and career in non-profits. **Kevin Lynch**, founder and CEO of The Quell Foundation, shared his personal story of living with mental illness and the importance of removing the stigma.

Scott Knox '96

Kevin Lynch

James Loftus '00 and Sergio Monsalve, P'26

Lunch with a Leader: In collaboration with the Shea Center for Entrepreneurship, **James Loftus '00** of PayPal Ventures and **Sergio Monsalve, P'26**, co-founder of Roble Ventures, shared their journeys with students and expressed an urgency for more diversity in venture capital.

STUDENT PROGRAMS CONT'D

The Brennan Symposium featured Brandon P. Fleming, former debate coach at Harvard University and founder and CEO of the Veritas School of Social Sciences, formerly known as the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project.

STUDENT PROGRAMS CONT'D

Tori Wittgen '22 and Tyler Williams '22, Class of 2022 student directors of the **Jenks Leadership Program,** attended the US Naval Academy's leadership conference *Resilience Rising: Forging Through Adversity* in Annapolis, MD.

Jenks student directors Tori Wittgen '22 and Tyler Williams '22 with Dean Vayias '22 (on left) at NALC

Mehdi Kayi '24 with student directors Tori Wittgen '22 and Tyler Williams '22

Jenks Class of 2022: Mehdi Kayi '24 was the recipient of the 2022 Joseph G. Bonito Servant Leadership Award. Two of the Class of 2022 service projects served communities of students with disabilities, a third served inner-city youth, and the fourth brought kindness to the BC community.

Jenks Class of 2023 doing community service with Rebuilding Together Boston

Jenks Class of 2023: Twenty-nine students were selected for the Jenks Class of 2023, representing 10 states, Puerto Rico, Turkey, and China.

STUDENT GRANTS

Two students interned at the Royall House & Slave Quarters in Medford, MA

Eleven internship grants were awarded to students who participated in unpaid summer internships at various civic organizations whose focus areas included combatting hunger, public affairs, immigration and refugee services, environmental conservation, criminal justice, and museum education. Five travel grants were also awarded to students who participated in opportunities that supported their career interests, including public health, public service consulting, psychology, and human trafficking.

Students from Boston Latin School after the pitch competition

The Winston Center, for the fourth year, sponsored the BC Investment Club's **SuitUp Boston** initiative that provides entrepreneurial and career readiness training to inner-city middle and high school students.

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