Faculty mentoring is the cornerstone of CUNY BA. Over 400 full-time professors work with students each semester as they build their individualized degrees. This issue features some recent collaborations between CUNY BA students and CUNY Faculty. Here are a few recent examples:

**Florina Petcu** (Sports Psychology / Creative Movement and Drama Therapy) is working with **Prof. Matthew Crump**, Psychology/Brooklyn College on a paper for publication on martial arts and cognitive processes. Next semester, Petcu will do independent research under his guidance.

**Michael Prettyman** (Writing / Religion) is working with **Profs. Vishwa Adluri** and **Wendy Raver**, Religion/Hunter on a Regent’s Research Fellowship, to translate and interpret major Hindu texts from the original Sanskrit.

**Ella Viola** (Zoology) worked with **Prof. Lisa Manne**, Biology/College of Staten Island on an independent study, presenting her findings this spring at a research conference in a paper called *Cold Tolerance and Pesticide Use in Fall-Flying Moths*.

**Charlesworth Mabheka** (Global Health Policy / International Relations) worked with **Prof. Nicholas Freudenberg**, Public Health/Hunter & Graduate Center, on a conference presentation for the *Obesity and Social Justice Symposium* at the CUNY Graduate Center in April.

**Ladyane Lima** (Economics Policy / Latin American Studies) has been writing her Senior Honors thesis with the guidance of her mentor, **Prof. Stephanie Golob**, Political Science/Baruch. The title is: *Brazil's Advance of Autonomy During Luis Inacio Lula da Silva Presidency: An Assessment of International Relations Theories to Explain Brazil's Two-Step Strategy*. Lima will present her thesis at a May 8th thesis poster session.

**Laura Kingsley** (Mixed Media Sculpture) took a Master’s level Sculpture Tutor class with her mentor, **Prof. Jeff Mongrain**, Art/Hunter; this helped her develop the portfolio she used to gain admittance to the California College of the Arts where she will start the M.F.A. program in the fall.

**Robert Riggs** (B.A. Jan 2012, Urban Anthropology and Mass Incarceration) and his mentor, **Prof. Ric Curtis**, Anthropology/John Jay have co-authored several journal articles and technical reports.

**Benjamin Wasserman** (B.A. Jan. 2012, Philosophy / Dynamics of Informal Education) co-authored an article that was published in *Peace Studies Journal* with **Prof. Priya Parmar**, Education/Brooklyn College, about the PEACE (Philosophy, Ethics, and Community Education) Project he developed at Brooklyn College, an interdisciplinary and inter-departmental initiative, training philosophy and education students to develop and implement a pre-college experiential/ service-based learning philosophy and social justice curriculum for NYC youth.

**Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson** (B.A. Jan. 2012, Language, Culture, and Society) collaborated on research with **Prof. Ignasi Clemente**, Hunter/Anthropology on his conversation analysis of children-doctor interaction in pediatric clinics, and with **Prof. Maryam Bakht**, Hunter/English on a sociolinguistic investigation of the reality TV show *Jersey Shore*. She will enter the joint Ph.D. program in Anthropology and Linguistics at the University of Arizona this fall.