

Dear faculty colleagues,

This past week we completed the RFP process for space in Uris Hall. The PPC considered the 15 proposals submitted from across Arts and Sciences, including from faculty in School of the Arts, and recommended three to the senior leadership of Arts & Sciences. The choice was difficult, as the proposals embodied the broad excellence and creativity of our intellectual life.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Arts & Sciences, then, I am pleased to announce that three interdisciplinary units will be offered space: the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, the Center for Science and Society, and the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy. These units will bring exceptional breadth and vitality to the renovated Uris Hall, including undergraduate and graduate teaching, cutting-edge interdisciplinary research, lively programming, and the deep investment of dozens of faculty across the Arts and Sciences.

Complementing the emerging vision for the digital hub within the Uris Library—a vision shaped by the joint A&S/Library committee led by Prof. Jean Howard and Ann Thornton, Vice Provost and University Librarian—these three units richly fulfill the interdisciplinary focus of the original Uris Vision Committee.

Thanks are due to all who responded to the RFP with their thoughtful applications, to the PPC, and to my Arts & Sciences decanal colleagues for their parts in an open and deliberative process. We look forward to wonderful center for Arts & Sciences that we know Uris will be.

Yours,

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