Course Requirements: Attendance at all classes, given our limited time together, is essential; if you must be absent please let me know in advance. Grading is as follows: class participation (20%); team exercise (30%); one take home exam (50%).

Course Readings: The text book is *Achieving Excellence in Fundraising* (Third Edition), edited by Eugene R. Tempel, Timothy L. Seiler and Eva E. Aldrich. The text will be available at the NYU Bookstore. A course reader of required articles is available at Unique Copy Center (252 Greene Street at Waverly Place – 212.420.9198). Copies of the textbook will be on reserve at Bobst Library, with a 2-hour reserve time. Due to copyright restrictions, copies of the course reader may not be available at Bobst. However, if you wish not to spend the money on the course reader, most articles can be found online.

Students with disabilities: Any students requiring accommodations should contact me to make proper arrangements. Please be prepared to share your documentation from the NYU disabilities office regarding appropriate accommodations.

January 2016 Class Meeting Dates:
Tuesday, January 5, 2016           Thursday, January 14, 2016
Thursday, January 7, 2016         Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Tuesday, January 12, 2016         Thursday, January 21, 2016

Classes will be held from 5:45-8:15 PM with one 10 minute break.
CLASS 1- TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

I. Philanthropy and its Role in Society
   A. History of American Philanthropy
   B. Billions given for causes
   C. Types of gifts – major gifts, annual gifts, planned gifts, direct marketing, and phonathon, social media

Textbook Reading:

  Chapters 1-2, (pages 3-17)
  Chapter 5-6 (pages 41-63)
  Chapter 9, (pages 92-114)
  Chapter 26, (pages 295-306)

Reader Articles:

  Introduction (pages 1-4) / Chapter 1, “Doing Good in the New World” (pages 5-19)


  “A Shake-Up as the Financial World Infiltrates Philanthropy”

  “The Rise of the Chinese Philanthropist”

- The New York Times, November 6, 2014
  “New Donor Generation Stimulates U.S. Giving”

- Chicago Tribune, December 2, 2014
  “Charitable Giving on the Rise Among Wealthy”

  “The Accidental Fund Raiser”
CURRENTS, SEP 2011
“Give and Take: Is There a Connection between Philanthropy and Taxes?”

“Why Fund-Raising is Fun”

The New York Times, November 14, 2014
“The Ice-Bucket Racket”

The New York Times, November 6, 2014
“Ice Bucket Challenge: Can Lightening Strike Again?”

Guest Speaker:

Laura McGinley, Senior Director, the Fund for NYU

CLASS 2 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016

II. Capital or Comprehensive Campaigns: Should You or Shouldn’t You?

   A. Developing the case and Marketing
   B. Determining the goal
   C. Reporting and valuing gifts
   D. Roles for volunteers, trustees, board/council members
   E. Research and prospect identification
   F. How do you build a team?

Textbook Reading:

Achieving Excellence in Fundraising (Third Edition)
Chapters 8, (pages 81-91)
Chapter 20, (pages 235-246)
Chapter 25, (pages)

Reader Articles:

CURRENTS, Nov/Dec 2010
“MapQuest” (pages 24-27)
Fundamentals of Fundraising  
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  
Instructor: Debra A. LaMorte  
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  Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 116  
  (FASB), (pages 1-10)

- (CASE) Council for Advancement and Support of Education  
  Fund-raising Standards for Annual Giving and Campaign Reports for Not-for-Profit  
  Organizations.  
  Introduction (pages XI-XIV)  
  Chapter 1 (pages 3-30)  
  Chapter 3 (pages 43-49)  
  Chapter 7 (pages 79-88)

- CASE Currents Magazine, October 2007  
  “Going Fourth” (pages 16-22)

Guest Speakers:

- David Koehler, Deputy Vice President of Principal Gifts, New York University  
- Lisa Mueller, Director of Development & Communications, Sanctuary for Families

CLASS 3 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

III. Fundraising by Constituency: Special interest and affinity groups

IV. Corporations and Foundations

Textbook Reading:

  Chapters 13-14, (pages 150-171)  
  Chapters 16-17, (pages 183-210)

Reader Articles:

- CASE Currents Magazine, November/December 2006  
  “Community Writ Large and Small”

- CASE Currents Magazine, May/June 2007  
  “Like with Like”
• Newsweek, June 16, 2008
  “See You at the Reunion. Or Maybe Not.”

• Forbes, April 18, 2013

• The New York Times, January 8, 2013
  “Asian-Americans Gain Influence in Philanthropy”

• Forbes, May 1, 2013
  “What it Means to be a Philanthropist – Gen Xers and Millenials Weigh In”

• East Bay Express, March 20, 2013
  “The Bacon-Wrapped Economy”

• Denver Post, June 10, 2012
  “Colorado Symphony Orchestra Rethinks Programming, Funding, Everything”

• CURRENTS, Nov/Dec 2010
  “Precision and Patience” (pages 18-23)

• The Wall Street Journal, March 9, 2011
  “When Philanthropy Goes Wrong”

• Warren Buffett
  “My Philanthropic Pledge”

• New York Times, November 10, 2010
  “Pledge to Give Away Fortunes Stirs Debate”

• New York Times, October 31, 2015
  “Major Foundations, Eager for Big Change, Aim High”

• New York Times, December 2, 2015
  Mark Zuckerberg’s Philanthropy Uses L.L.C. for More Control”

Guest Speaker:

• Harvey Dale, University Professor of Philanthropy and the Law; Director, National Center on Philanthropy and the Law

CLASS 4 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016
V. Recruitment and Retention of Major Donors
   A. Cultivation of Major Donors
   B. Stewardship of Major Donors

VI. The Ethics of Fundraising
   A. Perpetuity? How is it defined?

VII. Life as a Development Officer: the good, the bad, be careful what you wish for!
   A. Gifts that keep on taking
   B. Gifts that need to be returned
   C. Public Relations

VIII. International Charities, NGO’s and Fundraising Opportunities; How to Build a Fundraising Organization for a new Charity or Revamp fundraising for an Existing Charity

Textbook Reading:

  Chapter 7 (pages 64-80)
  Chapter 15 (pages 172-182)
  Chapter 23 (pages 268-272)
  Chapters 35-36 (pages 395-424)

Course Reader:

  “David H. Koch to Give 100M to Theater”

  “Lincoln Center to Rename Avery Fisher Hall”

- Philanthropy.com, December 4, 2013
  “A Big Donor Volunteers to Give Back Naming Rights to Help Fundraising”

- The New York Observer, November 1, 2014
  “Slush Funds: Anonymous Giving Exposed”

- CURRENTS, SEP 2011
“Clear and Present Danger”

  “The Dean of Corruption”

  “Formerly Lavish Music Patron is Convicted of Fraud”

- The Washington Post
  “Johns Hopkins Lawsuit Highlights Questions About Schools’ Obligations to Donors”

- ArgusLeader.com, October 2, 2008
  “USD Lawsuit Settlement Redirects Business School Donation”

- The New Yorker, May 27, 2013
  “A Word from our Sponsor”

- Associated Press, January 24, 2012
  “Jury: Hospital Must Pay Garth Brooks $1M for not Building Women’s Center to Honor His Mom”

  “Legal Battle Over a Planned Gift Grounds a Female Aviator’s Legacy”

  “A $250 Million Pledge to a College Evaporates as a Deal Collapses”

- The Chronicle of Philanthropy, April 21, 2013
  “Charities Deal with a Stream of Lawsuits from Disenchanted Donors”

  “A Ransacked Endowment at New York City Opera”

- The New York Times, November 6, 2015
  “University Returns $1 Million Grant to Coca-Cola”

Guest Speaker:
CLASS 5 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

X. Life as a Development Officer: the good, the bad, be careful what you wish for! (cont.)

   A. Dealing with Difficult Donors
   B. Gifts that are off Mission

XI. Times of Financial Crisis: what do you do in a down turn economy?

XII. Team Assignment:

   A. Role playing – Teams will be assigned to role play specific gift solicitation scenarios.

Textbook Reading:

  Chapter 34 (pages 383-392)

Course Reader:

- CommunityChange.org, October 30, 2008
  “Fundraising Success in a Time of Financial Crisis – It Is Possible!”

  “Bracing For Lean Times Ahead”

  “The Nonprofit’s Guide to Surviving a Downturn”

- New York Times
  “As The Economy Declines, Donors Rethink Estate Plans”

  “Making an Argument for a Narrower Focus in Charitable Donations”

  Kristy Hussey: “Paul Smith’s College Will get $20 Million, if It Changes Its Name”
Fundamentals of Fundraising  
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  

Instructor: Debra A. LaMorte  
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  Benjamin Mueller and Kristin Hussey: “Judge Rejects Request by Paul Smith’s College to Change Its Name”  

  Kristin Hussey: “After Ruling, Paul Smith’s College Won’t Get Weills’ $20 Million Renaming Gift”  

- The New York Times, October 9, 2015  
  Robin Pogrebin: “How Do You Raise $3.47 Billion: Ask These Guys.”  

Guest Speaker:  

- Thomas Kurmann, Doctors without Borders  

CLASS 6 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016  

XII. Team Assignment:  

- Role playing – Teams will be assigned to role play specific gift solicitation scenarios.  

Guest Speakers:  

- Barbara and Evan Chesler, Philanthropists  

*REMEMBER:*  
Final exam due by midnight on Thursday, January 28, 2016 to debra.lamorte@nyu.edu