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### Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 7

**1:00pm** 3rd Annual PostDoc Symposium to be held online.

Thursday, July 9

**3:00pm** Yale Town Hall. President Peter Salovey will be hosting a town hall meeting online to address your questions about the [plans for the coming fall semester](#). Please send your questions in advance. (You also will have an opportunity to submit questions during the meeting.) Thank you! Meeting will stream live at [www.yale.edu/townhall](http://www.yale.edu/townhall)

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### News

**Karen DeFelice (Operations Manager) retiring July 31, 2020**



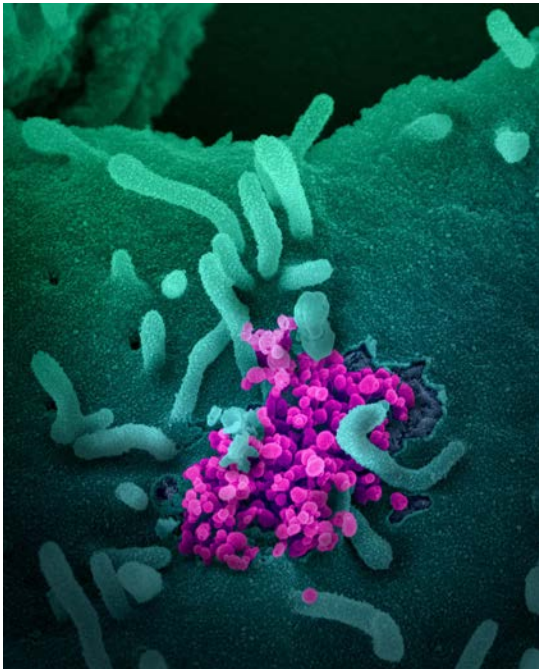
Karen DeFelice will be retiring on July 31st. I am sure I speak for everyone in expressing my sincere gratitude to Karen for her 44 ½ years of dedicated service to the Physics Department. She has served in different roles over the years, each with increasing responsibility. Karen brought determination and a positive attitude to each role. We will have a celebration in her honor in July.

In retirement, she looks forward to reconnecting with family, spending more time with her grandson and returning to her long-deferred interests of gardening and quilting.

Karen, We will surely miss you and I miss you already.

Best, Hannah

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### **COVID-19 Update – Research Reactivation Phase 2 on July 20th & Fall 2020 & Zoom information**

July 1, 2020 - Information about Fall Term 2020 from Peter Salovey and Scott Strobel.

June 29, 2020 - Information about Phase 2 reactivation phase from Scott Strobel and Michael Crair.

June 26, 2020 - Take action now to avoid disruptions using Zoom after July 19 from ITS

[Further information on Yale's response.](#)

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## **Community**



## Climate and Diversity Committee

Happy 4th of July weekend!

It seems we are going to be using zoom, and other remote conferencing tools, as a primary way to meet for the next several months. New staff members, students and faculty are joining the department and have only met us remotely. Since we can't always know what someone's pronouns are by looking at them, consider adding your pronoun preference to your zoom ID, the end of your emails, and on your web sites; you can edit your entry in the Physics department's directory. Clearly indicating your pronouns is an important move towards inclusivity. It shows you care about individuals' preferences, and is a simple solution to accidental misgendering. Everyone's gender identity and expression are on a spectrum, ensuring you are correctly using someone's pronouns is a vital part of being an ally.

*If interested in joining the [CDC](#), please contact [Helen Caines](#), Chair of CDC. You may contact the whole committee at [physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu](mailto:physics-cdc@mailman.yale.edu)*



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