Faculty Notes

Calendar

Scholarly Lunch
Wednesday, April 9
Joan Ruth, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, "Ideas toward a Contemporary Theological Anthropology"
Paige Rinker, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, "Rankings in a Cluster? Symmetry Can Save Your Analysis!"

Scholarly Lunch
Thursday, April 10
Nathan Gehlert, Department of Education and Allied Studies, "Developing an Index of Relational Competencies"
Erin Johnson, Department of Biology

New Faculty Seminar
Friday, April 11
"Faculty Governance" facilitated by Roy Day, Chair, and Dwight Hahn, Vice Chair of Faculty Council

Violence Prevention and Action Center Workshop
Tuesday, April 15
"Responding to a Disclosure of Intercensal Violence" facilitated by Stephanie Cerula, VPAC Coordinator; Sherri Crahen, Dean of Students; and Kirsti Mouncey, Vice President of Client Services, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Faculty Notes
Tuesday, April 15
Submissions Deadline

Campus Mail
Ruth Connell
Head, Coll Mgt & Systems Adm Director of Library (P)

Congratulations
Tracy Masterson of the Department of Psychology is the Winner of the 2014 Curtis W. Miles Award for Service

The Curtis W. Miles Award recognizes faculty members who share their expertise with community groups and nonprofit agencies and make a significant contribution to the broader Cleveland community consistent with the University’s mission and goals. The Faculty Committee on Research, Service, and Faculty Development solicits nominations from JCU faculty, staff, administrators, and students and recommends candidates with support from the Center for Service and Social Action. The award is presented during John Carroll University’s Ignatian Heritage Week in recognition of the role of service in the University’s mission.

As a graduate of John Carroll ('97) and with graduate training and post-doctoral training in Northeast Ohio, Tracy Masterson has used her local connections at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism, the Milestones Autism Organization, and the Monarch Center for Autism at Bellevue JCB to connect John Carroll students to service and internship programs working with individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Masterson has developed student advocacy on campus through the establishing the Autism Speaks U chapter at JCU. Her work with the Milestones Autism Organization involves coordinating social events that connect individuals on the spectrum with JCU students, the placement of trained students as behavioral coaches with families, and speaking at its annual conference. Additionally, she serves as the co-chairwoman for the 11th Annual 2014 Milestones Autism Conference.

TRACY MASTERTSON IS CONGRATULATED BY PROVOST JOHN DAY.
Listed are self-reported faculty accomplishments in research, teaching, and scholarly achievement, along with other professional activities.

ACCOUNTING

Professor Bloom also published "Let's Combine the Accounting and Finance Majors: Viewpoint" in Financial Executive 29:9 (November 2013) and "A Note on the New International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) Pronouncement IAS No. 19 (R)" in the Compensation & Benefits Review (April 23 2013).

BIOLOGY


CHEMISTRY

Professor Bruce also published "On the Structure of Water and Chloride Ion Interactions with a Peptide Backbone in Solution" in Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics 15:21023 (2013).

Professor Bruce gave an invited research seminar titled "Biochemical Applications of Computational Physical Chemistry: Molecular Dynamics of DNA Minor Groove Binders" at Cleveland State University, Department of Chemistry, on November 22, 2013.

CLASSICAL AND MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

TIM RUSSERT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THEATRE ARTS


ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

ENGLISH


HISTORY


MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND LOGISTICS


The 11th edition of Professor Murphy and A. Michael Kneuemeyer’s textbook Contemporary Logistics was published by Pearson Prentice Hall.

PHILOSOPHY


Professor Kaye’s paper, “Was there no Evolutionary Thought in the Middle Ages? The Case of William of Ockham,” which was published in the British Journal of the History of Philosophy in 2008, was selected for the ‘Editor’s Choice Collection’ (February 2014) celebrating the journal’s 21st anniversary.

Erl Spurgin presented “Emotional Privacy. A Defense of Schadenfreude” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics in Jacksonville, Florida, February 27-March 2, 2014. He also served as a judge at the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl held in conjunction with the meeting.

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SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

Penny Harris organized a symposium titled, “Combatting Alzheimer’s Disease Stigma” for the 60th Annual Scientific Meetings of the Gerontological Society of America in New Orleans, November 20-23. As part of the symposium, she presented “An Intergenerational Choir Formed to Lessen AD Stigma among College Students: A Pilot Study.”

Susan Long attended a meeting of the American Advisory Committee to the Japan Foundation in New York, January 25-26, 2014, where she served as the chair of the Research Subcommittee.

Professor Long coedited – with Satoshi Kawano and Glenda Roberts – a volume of ethnographic work designed for classroom use: Capturing Contemporary Japan: Differing Perceptions and Uncertainty (Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press, 2014). In that volume, she contributed to the introduction and also wrote the chapter “The Aging of the Japanese Family: Meanings of Grandchildren in Old Age.”

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Sheila McGinn edited Conversations with the Biblical World: Proceedings of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society and Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature 2012 XXXII (University Heights, OH: John Carroll University, 2013) and wrote “Notes from the General Editor.”


Zeki Saritoprak presented a talk about Islam’s perspective on war and peace in a panel titled “The Culture of War: The Basis for Just War is Now Up for Review” at Purdue University on February 1, 2014.

Professor Saritoprak also gave a talk about the concept of pluralism in Islam at an event titled “Abrahamic Traditions Dinner” organized by the Federation Church and the Niagara Foundations Cleveland Chapter on February 5, 2014.
AWARDS, KUDOS, EVENTS

Philip Metos and George Rihgore won 2014 Creative Workforce Fellowships from the Community Partnerships for Arts and Culture, a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening greater Cleveland's arts and culture. The award and its recipients are described in a Plain Dealer article (December 13, 2013) http://www.cleveland.com/arts/index.ssf/2013/12/community_partnership_for_arts_1.html#port_river_default.

Paul R. Murphy (Management, Marketing, and Logistics) was interviewed on February 3 by WEWS-TV (Channel 5) about United Airlines withdrawing hub status from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Carrie Buchanan received the 2013 Outstanding Advisor of the Year award from the JCU Student Union for her work with the Environmental Issues Group, which also won Organization of the Year: Issues Based.

Jeanne Colburn has been honored with the 2014 Walks of Life award from the Irish American Archives Society. The award recognizes individuals of Irish descent who have made an extraordinary contribution to their community.

Chris Shell was profiled in the Heights Observer 7:2 (February 1, 2014) for his wide range of skills and interests - http://www.heightsobserver.org/read/2014/01/30/jcu-christopher-shell-is-a-scientist-of-many-talents.

John Milam's grant "Using Technology with High School Teachers and Students to Develop the Standards for Mathematical Practices" from the Ohio Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant Program was extended by 16 months and an additional $142,277 to continue CMSETT's work to improve student achievement in secondary mathematics in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

As President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (the public voice for math teachers, with more than 80,000 members in the United States and Canada), Linda Gojak writes a monthly column, Summing Up, for its website. The most recent column is "Teaching to Win" - http://www.nctm.org/about/content.aspx?id=40568.


A team from the John Carroll University Model Arab League (MAL) Club traveled to the University of Miami in Oxford, OH, on February 20-22 and participated in the Ohio Valley Regional MAL representing Saudi Arabia. Jessica Bos: Anak, Rita Bozatos, Shaimir Erice, Patrick Bucyana, Abdellatif El Ashram, Megan Hobart, Dani Milan, Alexis Mittereder, Diana Nacum, and Aidan Pogodzinski had been meeting with their advisor, Professor Mosha DeBaz, and preparing for the simulation since the fall semester. The team won an outstanding delegation award, and several of the students won outstanding delegate and honorable mention awards.
The fellowship is available to support faculty research for one semester at full salary or one year at half salary. Proposals should be research oriented primarily and result in a publication, or should involve other types of faculty development, such as writing textbooks, curriculum development, or academic service-oriented activities.

George Bilgere, Department of English, will begin work on his seventh collection of poetry.

Emily Butler, Department of English, will complete her book manuscript tentatively titled "The Echoing Text: Language and Community in Early England," in which she will argue perceptions of linguistic distance or difference, perhaps paradoxically, and encourage textual intersections.

Rebecca Dromovsky, Department of Biology, will study how interannual variation of nutrient resorption might be linked to other nutrient conservation processes and how it is driven by environmental factors. The overall objective of the proposed work is to understand the interaction among plant nutrient conservation traits and environmental variation.

Karen Gygli, Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, will expand her article about the use of film noir motifs in Asian-Canadian plays into a book proposal and will add a chapter about how the use of film noir motifs is a means to confront assumptions about gender and ethnicity, as well as Canadian nationalism.

Jeanne Jenkins, Department of Education and Allied Studies, in collaboration with a colleague at Cleveland State University, will launch the second phase of a study that will employ a mixed methodological approach to examine school psychology supervisors’ experiences, perceptions, and practices related to school psychology intern supervision.

Angie Jones, Department of Psychology, will investigate and write an article about the source of the orthographic texture effect. Orthographic texture refers to the idea that when letters in a word are activated for spelling, they have differing levels of strength. As the results of these differences, some letters are spelled more accurately in a word than others.

Marc Kirchenbaum, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, will use the Human Assisted Swarm Simulation Tool developed at John Carroll University to collect and analyze data to demonstrate the effectiveness of combining human, high-level deductive reasoning with random, low-level swarm behavior as a problem-solving paradigm. The analysis will help to understand the process of how a simple swarm agent translates a high-level human command into actions.

Bo Liu, Department of Art History, will work on her book manuscript Political Expression in Song dynasty Fan Painting and an article titled "From Home to Out: Self-Identification of Scholar Officials in the Song Dynasty." These contextualized studies reposition fan paintings within their specific sociohistorical contexts and examine how traditional imagery was revived and imbued with new meanings by Song scholars to promote their sociopolitical agendas.

Paul Niewiapiński, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, will study the inclusion of nontraditional ritual behavior and ethical theory in the inherited corpus of Buddhist monastic practices in seventh and eighth century India. His project relies on little-studied texts of the day analyzing the evolution of Indian religious and intellectual history and it will include a discussion of its relevance to modern applied ethical theory.

Ralph Soperito, Department of Biology, addresses the fact poison frogs defend themselves from natural predators by obtaining toxic alkaloids from a diet largely composed of insects and ants. His project will study variation in these "toxic" alkaloids from two different but closely related groups of poison frogs.

Zeki Sartikopru, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, will be working on a book tentatively titled Islamic Spirituality: Theology and Practice for the Modern World, under contract with Bloomsbury Press.

Megan Thornton, Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures, will produce a manuscript analyzing the protest music of the Nicaraguan singer-songwriter Ramon Mejia. She will be looking at his musical representations of Nicaraguan migrants in Costa Rica.
SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in Dolan Science Center.

All Week: Celebrate the Art Exhibit Grasselli Library, Tully Atrium & Gallery

Monday, April 7, 2014
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Panel Lunch Discussion
O’Connell Reading Room
“The Mutual Benefits of Incorporating Service Learning into the Curriculum”
Moderator: Lila Design, Center for Service & Social Action
5:30-7 p.m.
Poster Session
Mulcon Arrium
7 p.m.
Poetry Reading Featuring
Simon Armitage
Donahoe Auditorium

Tuesday, April 8, 2014
2:00-3:15 p.m.
Session A: Honors Panel I
Room A203

- Jarrod Kilburn, “Policy Analysis of the Recent Concussion Lawsuits Filed Against the National Football League”
- Anastasia Martin, “Catalonia: The Quest for Independence”
- Sean Kirby, “ Fitzgerald’s Greatest Lie”

Session B: Teaching College Writing I
Room A203
- Katie O’Rourke, “Stop the Clock: Addressing Notions about Writing as Product in First-Year Composition”
- Darcy Egan, “Joining the Conversation: Demystifying Academic Discourse in First-Year Composition”
- Renee F. Berkheimer, “Critical Mass: Defining Audience in Digital Writing”

Session C
O’Connell Reading Room
Dr. Charles Zarchula, “A Papal Book in Special Collections: The Missale Romanum”

ROOM A203

Session D: Arrupe Capstones

- Lila Ibrahim, “The Case for Using Literature in the First Year Writing Classroom”
- Erin Kelley, “Invention Intervention: Giving Power to Student Writers”
- Elizabeth Wells, “Stylin’: Style in a Technologically Driven World”

Session E: Teaching College Writing II
Room A203
- McKenzie Barcelo, “Exploring Spirituality in the Nonprofit World”
- Karl Grove, “The Impact of Liberation Theology in El Salvador”
- Margaret Hutchison, “Can Atheists Be Saved? Theological Responses from Karl Rahner, S.J., and Pope Francis I”
- Stephanie Paulk, “African-American Women and the Pulitzer”

6:00-6:15 p.m.

Session F: Teaching College Writing III
Room A203

- Desmon Buller, “Women’s Empowerment and Economic Development”
PROMOTIONS
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Promotion to Full Professor:
Denise Ben-Porath, Psychology
Linda Koch, Art History
Chris Shell, Biology
Zekki Sarıotşak, Theology and Religious Studies
Diana Taylor, Philosophy

Promotion to Associate Professor:
Tyan Pace, English

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor:
Scott Allen, Management, Marketing, and Logistics
Cecile Brennan, Education and Allied Studies
Tina Facca, Management, Marketing, and Logistics
Mila McAndrew, History
Jen Sinder, Political Science

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Librarian:
Mina Chercourt, Grasselli Library

SPRING SEMESTER STUDY TOURS AND IMMERSION TRIPS

Costa Rica: BL 406 “Tropical Field Biology” (Ralph Saporito, Biology)
Italy (Tuscany): IC 581 “Under the Tuscan Sun: Italian Humanism and Renaissance” (Luigi Ferri and Santa Casciani, Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures)
Italy (Rome): HS 305 “Rome: Emperors, Popes, and Saints” (Paul Murphy, History/Mission and Identity and John Day, Provost)

Greece: CL 340 “The Archaeology of Greece” (Owen Compton-Engle and Kristen Ehrhardt, Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures)

Guatemala: Mary Ann Hanicak (Student Affairs) and Lisa Ramsey (Student Activities)

New Orleans: Courtenay Farver (Recreation) and Tom Jesile (Purchasing and Accounts Payable)

Nicaragua: Dave Kleinberg (Global Education) and Holly Mittelmeier (Student Activities)

Immokalee: Rich Clark (Sociology) and Megan Dzurec (Student Affairs/Health)

Louisville: Andy Costigan (Campus Ministry), Vicki Forcina (Residence Life), and Erin Valencia (Campus Ministry)

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