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Ignatian Heritage Week



Beginning January 30, and running through February 5 John Carroll University examines and celebrates its Ignatian heritage with a week of events designed to provoke dialogue and reflection on the mission and identity of the University. All of the events are free and open to the entire University community.

The schedule of these selected events include: Jan. 30th, 8:00pm, Celebrate the Student Mass (Gesu Church); Jan. 31st, 12 Noon, Bishop Murray, Archbishop

Carroll and his Legacy (LSC); Feb. 1st, 9:30pm, JCU alumna, Julie Myers, Peacemaking in Columbia (Campus Ministry Conf Room); Feb. 2nd, 12 Noon, Jimmy Menkhous, JCU '03, G. '05, a discussion of Ignatian Spirituality (O'Dea); Feb. 3rd, 12 Noon, Howard Gray, SJ, Every Vocation Tells A Story (LSC).

For a full schedule of events visit the Ignatian Heritage Week website:
<http://www.jcu.edu/mission/ignatianheritage.htm>

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JCU's Global Opportunities: Graduate Students

At a time where the world continues to grow ever more interconnected, it is especially important to become culturally competent. John Carroll offers many resources to develop both personally and professionally in the global community. From Business to Education to Biology, any graduate student may benefit from the following resources:

For those of you interested in learning a new language, the Language Learning Center's computer lab is open to all students who would like to use the facilities. There are 32 computers in the lab with

Rosetta Stone for Italian, French, and Spanish; Transparent Language for Russian and Slovak; and software for review of Latin vocabulary. Furthermore, the LLC is the only computer lab on campus that supports languages other than English; you can produce a document in any of the 11 languages that JCU teaches. If you have any questions about the LLC, visit <http://www.jcu.edu/language/llc/Index.htm> or stop in the Language Learning Center at OC 101.

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Faculty Spotlight: Brenda Wirkus, Humanities Program



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Dr. Brenda Wirkus began working at John Carroll University in 1983 as a visiting assistant professor of Philosophy. Currently, her role is both professor of Philosophy, as well as the program coordinator for the M.A. program in Humanities. A Clevelander since birth, Dr. Wirkus received her B.A. in Philosophy from Georgetown University in '72. She received her M.A. in Philosophy from Cleveland State University in '78, which led to her Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in '88.

Over the past twenty-eight years, Dr. Wirkus has been awarded a number of prestigious awards, including but not limited to the Don Shula

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Graduate Student Presentations: February 2011

February 2011 is a busy month for graduate students presenting at national and regional professional conferences. Congratulations to the following students who will be making presentations:

Jennifer Stutzman (EN) Northeast Ohio Writing Centers Association, Canton, OH;

Molly Wilson (EN) Midwestern Interdisciplinary Conference, Milwaukee, WI;

Emma Whitmore (School Psychology) National Association of School Psychologists, San Francisco, CA;

Kimberly Sabalausky (School Psychology) National Association of School Psychologists, San Francisco, CA;

Brittany Smith, (School Psychology) National Association of School Psychologists, San Francisco, CA;

Nikki Modarelli (School Psychology) National Association of School Psychologists, San Francisco, CA;

Raymond Glenn (School Psychology) Eastern Educational Research Association, Sarasota, FL;

Heidi McDaniel (School Psychology) Eastern Educational Research Association, Sarasota, FL.

Support with registration fees for students presenting at professional conferences is available. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 216-397-4284.

Global: Grad Students (Continued)

For those of you interested in learning about different cultures, the department of Classical and Modern Languages and Culture offers French Club, Italian Club, Japan Club, and Spanish Club. These clubs host a variety of events including viewing foreign films, dinners, as well as trips to places of cultural interest in the Cleveland area. This is a great way to meet new people, learn about a new culture, and experience new things in our city! If you would like to learn more about any of the language clubs, visit <http://www.jcu.edu/language/organizations.htm> or stop by the CMLC office at OC 134.

The Center of Global Education is another great resource that "promotes the personal growth which issues from cultivating understanding of the complexity and richness of the larger world." Staff in this office can provide a wealth of information regarding study abroad and events offered through East Asian Studies, Italian Studies, Latin American Studies, and Modern European Studies. For more information from the Center of Global Education, visit <http://www.jcu.edu/global/index.htm>

Thesis/Essay Workshop: For Graduate Students

Mark your calendars. For those graduate students who are required to write a thesis or essay as part of their graduate degree, the Office of Graduate Studies is sponsoring a Thesis/Essay Writing Workshop on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, from 4:00-5:30pm in AD 48.

Dr. Chris Roark of the Department of English and Maria Soriano of the Writing Center will provide useful information regarding the process and product of writing the thesis or essay. This workshop will cover (1) the difference between a thesis and essay; (2) How to conduct research; (3) How to write the literature review; (4) a suggested timetable for completing the paper; (5) Writing conventions/formats; and (6) Writing resources to aid with revision and editing.

Opportunities for questions will also be provided. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please RSVP to Ms. Pat Pitingolo at 397-4284 or ppitingolo@jcu.edu.

JOHN CARROLL HIGHLIGHTS



Resident Minister Job Posting for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Resident Ministers (RM) live in apartments in residence halls and are considered an integral part of the Campus Ministry staff. RMs provide a pastoral presence, especially during difficult personal times, and they are also responsible for implementing a range of programs and activities that promote a "faith that does justice." They work in conjunction with Residence Life staff, supporting them in building community and promoting the mission of John Carroll University through education, service, advocacy, prayer and reflection. To learn more about the 2011-12 resident minister openings, please visit http://www.jcu.edu/CampusMinistry/resident_ministry_app.html

Spotlight On (Continued)

Professorship in Philosophy ('04), the Grauel Faculty Fellowship ('03), and the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence ('97). She has also held a number of leadership positions at John Carroll, including: Chair of the Philosophy Department ('97-03); Director of the Program in Applied Ethics ('94-97); Founding Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning ('95-96); and Director of Perspectives on Sex and Gender, an Interdisciplinary Concentration ('90-96 and 03 - present). She has also participated on nine committees, as well as nine advisory boards.

When talking about her experience at JCU, she said "the ethos is still here. We are in a student-concerned environment; however, the 20th century is different in terms of technology and people are more sensitive to global issues." Dr. Wirkus went on further to state, "the John Carroll when I was young was a way to empower ethnic, first generation, working class Clevelanders. Then we began to focus on the middle class, and now we are moving back to reaching out to diverse populations, in a way, coming back to where we were."

Professionally, Dr. Wirkus has been published in books, journals, proceedings, and newsletters, as well as spoken at over 30 national or regional conferences/meetings or public lectures. Since 1993, Dr. Wirkus's professional service includes acting as an ethics consultant, ethics representative, external award evaluator, as well as a faculty representative. Her research interests focus on issues of individuation, or "how we become whoever we are within the constructs of our community/social class." In terms of community service, Dr. Wirkus has been an active member in the community participating in leadership/membership roles in the Church of Saint Martin of Tours in Maple Heights, the Ohio Catholic Credit Union, as well as the Bonneville Tower Condominium Association.

When she is not working at JCU, Dr. Wirkus spends time with friends and family, including her daughter, a 2002 alumni of JCU and chef at the Union Club in Cleveland. An avid movie viewer, as well a detective-fiction reader, Dr. Wirkus can also be found watching Cleveland sports in the hopes that "one day, before I die, the Cleveland Indians will win the World Series."

Important Dates

Spring 2011

Jan 18-24	Course changes and late registration
Feb 1	Last day to change to audit
Feb 15	LAST DAY TO FILE FORMAL APPLICATION FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED SUMMER 2011
Mar 5	Spring break begins after last scheduled class
Mar 14	Classes resume
April 11	Last day for presentation of essay or thesis to the Graduate Studies Office (CAS) for masters degrees to be conferred in May 2011
April 18	Last day for submission of comprehensive examination results for master's degrees to be conferred at May 2011 graduation
April 19	Deadline for course withdrawal
April 20	Friday classes meet
	Easter break begins after last scheduled class
April 26	Classes resume
	Monday classes meet
May 5	Last day of classes
May 9-13	Final examinations
May 22	Commencement

Important Deadlines

- **Spring 2011 graduation** - the following information needs to be provided to the Office of Graduate Studies
 - **Application:** November 22, 2010 (*Late applications will be accepted until February 15th and you will be charged an additional \$25 late fee if you plan on graduating Spring '11.*)
 - **Thesis, essay, or project:** April 11, 2011
 - **Comprehensive Exam:** April 18, 2011
 THESE DEADLINES ARE FIRM.
- **Spring 2011 course withdrawal:** the last day for course withdrawal is Tuesday, April 19th. You will receive a 0% refund for the course.
- **Summer 2011 Registration** for graduate students begins on Monday, March 14th. Look for the course schedule which is available at https://web4.jcu.edu:4459/PJCU/szqrterm.P_Dispterm.

Upcoming Events

- On February 3rd from 4:30-7pm the **2011 JCU Annual Career Fair** will be held in the Dolan Science Center. The Annual Career Fair at JCU is one of the most amazing recruiting events you could ever attend. Meet with representatives from over 100 organizations who want to make you a part of their team. Please register to receive a professional name badge and a speedy check-in at the fair. You may also visit www.jcu.edu/careercenter for specific strategies on making this event a success for you.
- **2010-11 Dr. Shirley S. Seaton Cultural Awareness Series:** "*Progress in the Age of Obama*" with Marc Lamont Hill, an associate professor of English education and anthropology at Columbia University. The lecture will be held on February 9th at 7:00pm in the Jardine Room, D.J. Lombardo Student Center. All lectures are free and open to the public.

- **Spring 2011 Tuohy Lecture Series:** "*Christian Triumphalism and the Creator God of the Bible*" with Professor William Campbell. The lecture will be held on February 8th at 7:30pm in the Donahue Auditorium, Dolan Science Center. All lectures are free and open to the public. Additional lectures are scheduled on 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15. For additional information on these upcoming events, visit <http://www.jcu.edu/religion/tuohy/Campbell/campbellelectureseries.htm>.
- The Department of Philosophy's Shula Program in Philosophy presents **The Don Shula Program Lecture** "Defining Morality: Why it is important...and why it may not be possible" on Friday, February 4, 2011. The lecture will feature Stephen Stich, Board of Governors professor of philosophy at Rutgers University. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. in the Donahue Auditorium of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.



John Carroll University and its educational departments offer many events and opportunities for graduate students to enhance their higher education experience. Make sure to take part!

- **Institute of Catholic Studies Lecture Series** presents Rev. Joseph Fortuna, Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Euclid, OH on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Rev. Fortuna will speak on "New Words to Pray with: Some Issues in Receiving and Implementing the Revised Roman Missal." The lecture will take place at 7:30 PM, in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center, LSC Conference Room.

Education Scholarship Awards: Deadlines for Grad Students

The Department of Education and Allied Studies announces that applications are available for the Wertheim and Hoffman Awards.

The Wertheim Award (\$5000) recognizes an outstanding Education graduate student who not only demonstrates scholarship, character, and commitment to others – qualities steeped in the Jesuit mission – but who also seeks to enhance, and shows promise for improving the educational experiences of children and youth. Candidates for the award must be enrolled in a graduate degree program in education at John Carroll. The deadline for applying for the Wertheim Award is Friday, February 25, 2011.

The Hoffman Award (\$1250) recognizes and supports an outstanding educational administration graduate student in the department each year in anticipation of the



contributions which the recipient will make as a future school administrator. The deadline for applying for the Hoffman Award is Friday, February 25, 2011. For more information, contact Michael Kimmell (mkimmell@jcu.edu; 397-4333). Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.jcu.edu/educatio/Main%20Page/awards.html> or picked up in AD 301.

Attention Education Graduate Students: Pi Lambda Theta Info

Pi Lambda Theta is an international honor society and professional association for students and professionals in the field of education. Pi Lambda Theta is currently accepting membership applications. Students admitted to our graduate degree program or post-baccalaureate certification or licensure program, with the intent of entering a career in education, must have completed at least two courses in that program prior to applying.

With our selective requirements, our purpose is to recognize individuals of superior scholastic achievement in undergraduate and graduate education programs who demonstrate high potential for professional leadership. Membership will instantly distinguish you from others in the field, and it offers various opportunities for personal and professional development at the chapter, regional, and international levels of the association.

We encourage you to visit PLT's website, www.pilambda.org, to learn more about the benefits and opportunities available to members of this organization. If you are interested in membership to this honor society, please contact Jennifer Feola at jenhomick@hotmail.com or at f.feola@csuohio.edu by February 19, 2011, with your name, college or university, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail, and she will provide you with the necessary materials.

Congratulations Winter 2010 Graduates!

Thirty-six students graduated from our various master's programs in the College of Arts and Sciences this winter. Twenty-one students received the Master of Arts; 13 received a Master of Education; and 2 earned the Master of Science. Students earning the Master of Arts and the Master of Science are required to complete a thesis, research essay or project as stipulated by the individual programs. CONGRATULATIONS to all for a job very well done.

First Name	Last Name	Degree	Program
Elizabeth	Arnold	Master of Arts	Communications Management
Marissa	Beechuk	Master of Arts	Communications Management
Sarah	Auger	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Loretta	Buell	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Ellen	Gerges	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Elizabeth	Goodwin	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Ashley	Hovancsek	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Joseph	Iarocci	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Nicole	Neiman	Master of Arts	Community Counseling
Andrea	Anderson	Master of Education	Educational Administration
Deanna	DePenti	Master of Arts	History
Megan	Eadeh	Master of Arts	History
Daniel	Cicora	Master of Arts	Humanities
Carl	Massey	Master of Arts	Humanities
Sandra	Gliga	Master of Science	Mathematics
Louis	Paumier	Master of Science	Mathematics
Sakeenah	Bari Harold	Master of Arts	Nonprofit Administration
David	Breslin	Master of Arts	Nonprofit Administration
Suzanne	Johnson	Master of Arts	Nonprofit Administration
Lori	Sebulski	Master of Arts	Nonprofit Administration
Xiaoyan	Zhou	Master of Arts	Nonprofit Administration
Kathleen	Campopiano	Master of Education	Professional Teacher
Jesse	Ebner (Radtke)	Master of Education	Professional Teacher
Elisabeth	Ruiz-Flint	Master of Education	Professional Teacher
Nancy	Szilagy	Master of Education	Professional Teacher
Mark	Bartholet	Master of Arts	Religious Studies
Sharon	Bramante	Master of Arts	Religious Studies
Taylor	McKay	Master of Arts	Religious Studies
Patrick	Frazier	Master of Education	School Counseling
Pamela	Gibson	Master of Education	School Counseling
Thomas	Lennon	Master of Education	School Counseling
Yolanda	Parker	Master of Education	School Counseling
Suzana	Petkovic	Master of Education	School Counseling
Jennifer	Shantz	Master of Education	School Counseling
Melissa	Pukay	Master of Education	School Psychology
Katherine	Saporito	Master of Education	School Psychology

A Note from the GSA President: Bridget Lind-Stahl

Greetings from the GSA!

We hope you all had an enjoyable winter break, and are looking forward to your spring semester. This semester the GSA has planned a number of events that graduate students have requested: such as a Graduate Student Retreat, Service Project, Professional Development event, a Fundraiser, among many social events!

To learn more information, and get our event dates, make sure to check out our Facebook page at "John Carroll Graduate Student

Association" and our website (jcu.edu/graduate/current/gsa)!

We are also currently looking for board members for the 2011-2012 academic year, as well as committee members to assist in the development and execution of our spring events. If you are interested in a leadership position, please contact the GSA at carroll.gsa@gmail.com.

Thank you, once again, for your support of the GSA, and we look forward to seeing you at our spring events!
~Bridget



The GSA is a great organization to get involved with, as we are here for you, the JCU graduate students.

Please contact the Office of Graduate Studies with any comments, concerns, or questions that you may have.

Celebration of Scholarship: Call for Proposals

The campus-wide celebration is scheduled for March 28-31. This week-long celebration features workshops, panel discussions, poster sessions, paper presentations, and other activities. It is a wonderful opportunity for graduate students to present their research to the John Carroll University community. The deadline for submission of paper, panel and poster abstracts for participation is Monday, February 7th. Additional information can be found at: www.jcu.edu/celebration

Join Us for the Autism and ABA Workshop

This event is hosted by the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism and will be held on Wednesday, February 2nd from 3 - 6 PM in Dolan East 352. A \$10.00 cash donation is asked of all participants, and all proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks™, an organization that funds autism research. If you are interested in attending, please visit: <http://abaworkshop.wufoo.com/forms/aba-workshop/> Register soon, as space is limited!

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