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New CAS Graduate Studies Website!



The Office of Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences has launched a new website. The staff of the office, in consultation with the Department of Integrated Marketing and Communication, created a website that we hope is more user friendly to both current and prospective students. The new Graduate Studies website is part of a broader initiative led by the Integrated Marketing and Communications Department to centralize

web content management at John Carroll through WordPress, which is an open-source system used to create and manage websites much more quickly and easily. If time permits, please peruse the website at your convenience. We would appreciate any feedback you might offer, particularly ideas that would make your access to the information important to you easier and more efficient. Visit our website: <http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies/>

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Graduate Student Spotlight: Kelly McCullagh

Every month the Graduate Student Newsletter will be highlighting one graduate student who, through their actions both on and off campus, encompasses the John Carroll ideals of scholarship, service, and loyalty.

Our graduate student spotlight for this month is on Kelly McCullagh. Kelly is enrolled in the Master of Arts program in Nonprofit Administration.

In her time as a graduate student at John Carroll, Kelly has been employed as a Resident Minister for the

Campus Ministry Department which has allowed her be involved with several programs and retreats. Kelly has also conducted a research project on "retreat centers across the country" through her Master's program.

Currently, Kelly is working as a Graduate Assistant for the Nonprofit Administration Program. In the future, as a result of both her graduate and undergraduate experiences with the Labre Project, Kelly has decided that she would like to work with the homeless. The Labre

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"The Labre Project is an outreach program that provides food and friendship to the homeless in Cleveland."

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Elizabeth Stiles, Nonprofit Administration



"I appreciate the personal touch here at John Carroll and the helpfulness of my colleagues and the staff."

Dr. Elizabeth Stiles began working at John Carroll University in 2001 as an assistant professor in political science. Currently, Dr. Stiles is the director of the Nonprofit Administration Program as well as an associate professor of Political Science. Dr. Stiles research interests include social movements; institutional interaction on the state level; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) movement; and state elections.

Dr. Stiles stated that she "enjoys the best of John Carroll, which is hands-down the people. Some of the best people I have ever met have been here." Dr. Stiles' went on further to say, "I appreciate the personal touch here at John Carroll and the

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Graduate Student Spotlight: Kelly McCullagh (Continued)

Project is an outreach program that provides food and friendship to the homeless in Cleveland.

Kelly has also considered pursuing a Ph.D. in Philanthropy, but "would like to take a few years off after completing my Master's Degree." Kelly also would like to study German over the next few years. "My husband is commissioning in the U.S. this May and we will be stationed in Germany at the end of 2012."

Originally from Wexford, Pennsylvania, a suburb north of Pittsburgh, Kelly graduated high school in 2006 from North Allegheny High School in Wexford, Pennsylvania, and she went on to earn her Bachelors from John Carroll University in 2009 with a degree in Religious Studies, and minors in Spanish and Economics. During her undergraduate program, Kelly also founded John Carroll's Club Field Hockey team and served as its coach.

We will be highlighting a graduate student in each newsletter edition. If you have any recommendations please contact blind11@jcu.edu.

Transient Petition Form: New Information

The university has created an online version of the Transient Petition, which undergraduate and graduate students use to get permission to take courses at other universities. We will be transitioning away from the paper petitions and to the online version, which is now available to students on the website at <http://www.jcu.edu/A&S/forms/transient/transientpetition.asp>

A grade of B (not B-) or better is required for transfer of courses. In such cases, only the credits are transferred; the grades received do not affect the student's GPA at John Carroll. Graduate students may NOT obtain credit from a two-year institution. The maximum allowance for transfer will be the equivalence in semester hours of two comparable courses at John Carroll. Courses used to complete requirements for other degrees will not be accepted for transfer. Official transcripts must be sent from the institution to the Graduate Studies Office of College of Arts and Sciences.

JOHN CARROLL HIGHLIGHTS



**Blue and Gold Grad
Finale Event: For Spring
and Summer 2011
Graduates**

The Blue and Gold Grad Finale is a one stop shop for John Carroll University seniors and graduate students planning to graduate this May and Summer 2011. This event is replacing the previous "cap and gown distribution."

The Grad Finale will be held in the Murphy Room and LSC Conference Room on Monday, April 4, and Tuesday, April 5. The graduate student's portion will be from 12:00-7:00pm. Potential graduates will be able to work their way through the room full of JCU departments, addressing any issues, concerns, or questions while preparing for post-graduation. If you have any questions/concerns regarding the event, please contact Deanna DePenti at ddepenti@jcu.edu.

Spotlight On (Continued)

helpfulness of my colleagues and the staff. I also appreciate that the people who are more experienced than I am regularly take the time from their busy schedules to help me along the way. I try to follow their example and help people when I am able."

In her professional career, Dr. Stiles has spoken at numerous conferences and currently speaks frequently on behalf of the Nonprofit Administration Program. She has also had several publications in both professional publications and newsletters. Dr. Stiles is an Assistant Editor for the Journal of Economics and Politics, and was Vice-President and President of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists (OAEPS).

In addition to her teaching and scholarship, Dr. Stiles is actively involved in service activities. She is currently the director of Allies and the Campus Democrats. She was also the Sailing Club Advisor for several years. Dr. Stiles has gone on a Cleveland Immersion trip which she stated "was amazing and eye-opening." She is currently serving on the

Advising Committee of the Academic Planning Task Force. In addition, Dr. Stiles is the Internship Director for the Political Science Department. She has taught FYS for four years, was on the Poverty and Solidarity Learning Committee, and a member of the Social Entrepreneurship Learning Community and the Harlem Renaissance Learning Community. Dr. Stiles has also moderated a couple of debates including the University Heights' Mayoral Race and the County Executive's Race. Most recently, she assisted in teaching the brand-new Queer Studies Course.

Born in Haines City, FL and raised in Greensboro, NC, Dr. Stiles received her Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from the University of North Carolina; her Masters in Public Administration from North Carolina State University; and her PhD in Political Science from Emory University. Currently living in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, with her wife Marissa Patsey, Dr. Stiles spends her free time enjoying yoga and cooking.

We will be highlighting a faculty member in each newsletter edition. If you have any recommendations please contact blind11@jcu.edu.

Important Dates

Spring 2011

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
April 26	Easter break begins after last scheduled class
	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
 - **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.
- **Fall 2011 Registration** for graduate students begins on Monday, March 18th. Look for the course schedule which is available at the above mentioned link.

Upcoming Events

- **Institute of Catholic Studies Lecture Series** presents Professor David O'Brien, the University of Dayton, on Thursday, March 24, 2011. Professor O'Brien will speak on "American Catholics and their Universities: Catholic and American Responsibilities." The lecture will take place at 7:30 PM, in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center, LSC Conference Room.
- The spring **2011 Graduation Ceremony** will be held on Sunday, May 22, at noon on the Rodman Hall Terrace of campus. For only the second time in the history of the institution, Commencement and Reunion will be combined May 20, 21, and 22, 2011 as one of the signature events of the University's 125th Anniversary year. This will be a unique opportunity to bring graduates, their friends and families, alumni, and our entire campus community together in one weekend. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of our talented people that all share in the Carroll experience in one way or another. For a schedule of events for Commencement and Reunion weekend please visit the following website:

<http://sites.jcu.edu/comme ncement/commencement-reunion-2011/schedule/> · Timothy P. Kesicki, S.J., the Provincial Superior of the newly combined Chicago-Detroit Province, is John Carroll University's 2011 keynote commencement speaker. For more information on Fr. Kesicki, please visit the Commencement website.

- The *tenth annual Celebration of Scholarship* will take place on the JCU campus from March 28-31, 2011. The Research Poster session will take place on Monday evening and will follow an opening reception that begins at 6:00 p.m. Panel and paper sessions will take place the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The schedule follows the class schedule hopefully allowing students and faculty to find a convenient time to participate in a presentation. We continue to honor and recognize the arts in a couple of ways. Our Arts at Lunch program will be held on Monday and Wednesday. Again this year the Scholarly Lunch Series where faculty members share the results of either their Grauel Faculty Fellowship or Summer



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!

Research Fellowship will be part of the *Celebration*. The lunches will take place on Tuesday and Thursday of *Celebration* week. For more information visit <http://www.jcu.edu/celebration/announcements.htm>

- **2011 Easter Break Schedule:** On Wednesday, April 20th Friday classes will meet, and Easter Break will begin after the last scheduled class. On Tuesday, April 26th classes will resume and Monday classes will meet.

Fight Back Against Cancer: Grizzly Grads Relay for Life Team

We are making a difference in cancer by teaming up to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. At the event, our team will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Saving lives from cancer starts one team, one participant, and one dollar at a time. Our team is doing our part to make sure that cancer never steals another year of anyone's life. Please join our team or make a donation. The impact we can make together is much greater than what any of us could do alone!

The time requirements are minimal and participating in this campus-wide event will provide a great sense of community. The requirements include participating in personal fundraising and/or one team fundraiser as well walking during the event on April 30-May 1,



2011. Register and join the Grizzly Grads team by following this link: (http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=32683&pg=teamlist). For more information, you can attend one of the upcoming interest meetings: Tuesday, March 15 at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 16 at 2 p.m. All meetings take place in LSC Conference Room. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Angie Weimer at aweimer13@jcu.edu.

Writing Center: Need Some Help with your Writing?

Are you looking for an extra set of eyes or some objective feedback on an assignment for your graduate-level course, or even your Master's Thesis, Essay, or Creative Project? The Writing Center consultants at JCU are available to help you at any point in your writing process – from starting outlines to final drafts. There are 26 consultants on the staff, both undergraduate and graduate, representing areas of study from English to Marketing.

During Fall Semester 2010, the Writing Center brought in 1,483 visits, and we'd love for you to be next! Consultants are available in our O'Malley Center location (OC207) Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and on Friday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We also have After-Hours sessions in Seminar A, on the Garden Level of Grasselli Library, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. (walk-in basis only). We recommend scheduling an appointment for the OC location; our appointments are scheduled on the hour or half-hour and typically last 30 minutes. To make an appointment, please e-mail the Writing Center (writingcenter@jcu.edu), call (216-397-4529), or stop in. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Soriano, Director of the Writing Center, at msoriano10@jcu.edu. We hope to see you soon!

A Note from the GSA President: Bridget Lind-Stahl

This semester the GSA has planned a number of events that graduate students have requested. On **March 27th** we will be holding a Graduate Student CLC group with Campus Ministry; on **April 5th** we will be holding a pizza social; and on **April 30th** we will be holding a Graduate Student Service Project. We are finalizing dates for our Professional Development event and social event!

To learn more and to 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/)!

Once again, we are currently looking for board members for the 2011-2012 academic year. 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.

2011-12 Tuition Increase

Graduate tuition will increase to \$685 a credit hour in the College of Arts and Sciences; \$845 per credit hour in the Boler School of Business for the 2011-2012 academic year (beginning with the fall semester). This change represents a 1.48% increase in the College of Arts and Sciences.

If you are planning on taking summer classes in 2011, your tuition cost will fall under the 2010-2011 rates of \$675 a credit hour in the College of Arts and Sciences; \$830 per credit hour in the Boler School of Business.

Join the Graduate Christian Life Community

The Graduate Christian Life Community group is starting up for spring semester. The group discusses relevant articles about growing spiritually, Bible passages, and takes time to pray for each other. Non-Christians and seekers are welcome! We will meet Sundays nights in the Murphy Room, carpet side at 9 p.m. and wrap up by 10 p.m. so that those interested can attend Mass. E-mail Angie Weimer with any questions at aweimer13@jcu.edu. Please e-mail before coming as time and location is subject to change.

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