Dear Colleagues:

As we approach the end of the fall semester I want to pass along some notes to you:

CONGRATULATIONS
Andrew Todd's (English) proposal entitled, "Undecidability and Reader Participation in Mark Danielewski's House of Leaves" has been accepted to the 20th Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville, February 2012. Congratulations Andrew!

LIBRARY HOURS
The Library Hours for exam week and the winter break are as follows:
Monday - Thursday, Dec.12-15, 7:30 a.m. - 2. a.m.
Friday, Dec.16, 7:30 - 6 p.m.
Vacation hours will apply from Dec. 17-Jan. 17, except for Dec. 23-January 2, when all university offices, including the library, will be closed. Please see the library home page at <library.jcu.edu> for more detail.

GRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGE
Please remember that there is a space on the ground level of the library for our graduate students. You can obtain a key for the lounge at the circulation desk. The Graduate Student Lounge provides a quiet and comfortable space to study or meet in small groups, and it's right next to Java City.

CAREER CENTER
Networking can be a very important consideration as you approach the end of your graduate degree. Check out Carroll Contacts sponsored by the Career Center. More information can be found at the Career Center's website.

REGISTRATION
If you haven't already done so, please register for your spring semester. Classes for spring 2012 begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

DEADLINES FOR SPRING and SUMMER
For Spring Graduation:
Comprehensive Exam: April 16, 2012
For Summer Graduation:
Application Deadline: February 15, 2012
Comprehensive Exam: August 6, 2012

These are firm deadlines so please meet them to the best of your ability.

WINTER BREAK OFFICE HOURS
The Office of Graduate Studies will be open for its usual hours, 8:30-5:00 through Thursday, December 22. The office will be closed December 23 through January 2. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 8:30-5:00.
I hope this has been a successful semester for you. I'm sure you are ready for a break. Best wishes for the Holidays. Enjoy the time off. If there is anything I can do for you in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, phone, or dropping by the office.

Best wishes,

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