

John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences

GRADUATE STUDIES NOTES #6
February 2012

Dear Colleagues:

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying this mild winter. As I do each month I want to share some information with you that I hope you will find interesting and useful.

NEWS FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Graduate Student Association is sponsoring a number of events as listed below. If you have interest in becoming more active please contact Angie Weimer at aweimer13@jcu.edu. I encourage you to get involved with your fellow graduate students. It's a great way to meet new people and to network.

- **General Interest Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. in AD226**
Interested in getting involved in John Carroll graduate student community? Come meet the Graduate Student Association leadership board and learn about social, service, and intramural events happening this semester. Share your ideas and sign up for a committee if you wish. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. E-mail Angie at aweimer13@jcu.edu with questions.
- **Ready, Set, Connect: Student & Alumni Speed Networking Event**, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Pickwick & Frolic's Hilarities 4th Street Theatre. \$10 per person. Graduate students are encouraged to sign up for an off-campus networking event. This event will bring together JCU students and alumni professionals from across NE Ohio. Based on the popular speed dating concept, this event is designed to introduce you to 10-15 alumni participants that will help increase your professional network. Students will learn how to make a good first impression, ask questions about different career paths and gain valuable networking experience. Alumni will talk about their post-college job experience, share networking tips and provide advice on this valuable career skill. [Register for the event here](#), or visit jcu.edu/backpacks for more information.
- **Claddagh Irish Pub Night, Thursday, Feb. 23 at 9 p.m., Legacy Village**
Join the Graduate Student Association for an informal gathering at Claddagh Irish Pub. Come with your classmates or cohort and enjoy 20 percent off food with a valid JCU ID. Learn how to get more involved in the Graduate Student Association and meet students in other programs. Ask for the John Carroll Graduate Student Association reservation. E-mail Angie at aweimer13@jcu.edu with questions.
- **Relay for Life Grad Student Team**
Join the Graduate Student team on April 14th to participate in the Relay for Life! The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Students interested in joining the team can sign up by emailing Colleen Bennett, team leader, at colleenmbennett@gmail.com or by visiting the [website](#).
- **Join a Dodgeball Team!**
Looking for something to help relieve some stress this semester? The Graduate Student Association is looking for graduate students to form a dodge ball team. Let's make a mark on

John Carroll University's intramurals this semester! Please contact Ruth Rachel Przybojewski at rprzybojewski14@jcu.edu by March 12, 2012 if you are interested. Hope to see you on the dodge ball court!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN HARRINGTON – Biology Department

Sean has been awarded a Charles Stearns Grant-in-Aid in Herpetology to visit the collections at the California Academy of Sciences this spring. This grant is offered to graduate students who have need to visit this world-class collection of reptiles and amphibians. Being in the bay area will also allow Sean to visit UC Berkeley for an on-site interview for their PhD program. Sean is the third student from Dr. Chris Sheil's lab to receive this grant.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA HINNERICHS – History Department

Lisa Hinnerichs, a graduate student in History will be presenting her research at the Ohio Latin Americanist Conference (Feb 18-19) and the Ohio Academy of History Conference (March 30-31). Lisa's research focus is on Mexican immigration in Ohio from 1980-2010.

DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR EDUCATION AWARDS

The Deadline for submission of materials for the *Wertheim Scholarship* and the *Hoffman Scholarship* are February 24, 2012. Applications for the awards can be picked up in AD 301 or 310 or can be found on the department's website. Contact Mr. Michael Kimmel (mkimmel@jcu.edu; 397-4333) if you have questions.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

You may be aware that there are Community Standards at John Carroll University that reflect statements of students' rights in light of responsible membership in a University community committed to inspiring individuals to excel in learning, leadership and service. If you aren't aware of these standards they can be found at the following site" <http://sites.jcu.edu/deanofstudents/pages/community-standards/>

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Mark your calendars: The campus-wide *Celebration of Scholarship* for students, faculty, and other University community members is scheduled for the week of March 26. *Celebration* features workshops, panel discussions, poster sessions, paper presentations, and other activities. This year *Celebration* takes place the week of March 26. The deadline for submission of proposals is February 20. Applications for submission can be found at the following website: <http://www.jcu.edu/celebration/applications.htm>. Graduate students are strongly encouraged to share their scholarship with the wider JCU community.

CONDOLENSCES

Please join me in offering our condolences to Vivienne Porter, Graduate Admissions Counselor, on the loss of her father this past weekend. Many of you know Vivienne as the person who assisted you with the admissions process.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 15	Application for Summer 2012 Graduation Due
March 1	Application for Graduate Assistantships for 2012-2013 Due
March 3	Spring Break begins
March 10	English MA exam (also March 17)
March 19	Summer Registration Opens
March 23	Fall Registration Opens
March 24	Education comprehensive examinations
April 10	Thesis/Essay/Project Deadline for Spring 2012 Graduation
April 16	Comprehensive Examination Deadline for Spring 2012 Graduation

Note: For future reference Deborah Drane (formerly Deborah Sample), our Records Management Assistant, has changed her email address to ddrane@jcu.edu.

If there are other news or event items that you would like to include in our monthly notes please send them along to me. As always, if there is anything our staff or I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Storz".

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