

**John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences**

**GRADUATE STUDIES NOTES #7
March 2012**

Dear Colleagues:

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying this beautiful summer-like weather. As I do each month I want to share some information with you that I hope you will find interesting and useful.

Congratulations are in order for . . .

Dr. Brenda Wirkus: Dr. Brenda Wirkus, Professor of Philosophy and Coordinator of the Master of Arts in Humanities, will receive the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award. The award will be presented at the Commencement ceremony on May 20, 2012. This award is given annually to a faculty member who has exemplified a quality classroom performance and a balanced contribution to scholarship, community service and the spirit of Jesuit education.

Father Maurice Emelu, a student in the Communications Management Master's Program has been invited to host a new show on the EWTN Network entitled *The Faith with Fr. Maurice*. This thirteen episode series will be aired on the EWTN Cable Network. The shows will be recorded from August 27 through August 30 at the Network's headquarters in Irondale, Alabama. Father Maurice is a citizen of Nigeria and is the first African to host a program on EWTN. The network is broadcast in over 125 countries. Please join me in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Father Maurice.

Relay for Life Grad Student Team

It's not too late to 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](#).

Celebration of Scholarship

Next week is John Carroll's eleventh annual campus-wide *Celebration of Scholarship* for students, faculty, and other University community members. *Celebration* features workshops, panel discussions, poster sessions, paper presentations, and other activities. The schedule for the week can be found at: <http://sites.jcu.edu/celebration/pages/2012-schedule/>.

Thesis/Essay/Project Deadline

Students who are planning to graduate in May 2012, you are reminded that if you are required to complete a thesis/essay/or creative project in partial fulfillment of your degree, the deadline for submission to the Office of Graduate Studies is Tuesday, April 10. This is a firm deadline. If you are not able to complete the paper by the stated deadline and want to walk in the May commencement ceremony, you will need to submit an academic petition requesting an extension with confirmation by your faculty advisor that the paper will be completed and submitted no later than July 30, 2012.

Position Available

The Center for Service and Social Action is still looking for a *Student Coordinator* Student Speakers Bureau. The Student Coordinator is responsible for the recruitment and training of new student speakers,

CESSB publicity/outreach to FSAs and the coordination of student panels with support from the Director of the Center for Service and Social Action. Student Coordinators are paid \$8.50/hr and are expected to commit up to 10-12 hours per week. Students eligible for Federal Work Study are preferred. For more information or to apply for the position, contact Maryellen Callanan at 397-2022 or mcallanan@jcu.edu.

Summer School

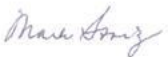
Registration for Summer School 2012 opened on Monday, March. You can visit the summer school website to check the summer schedule and to view the offerings. There is a special course being offered for Latin teachers, as well as a number of interesting offerings for counselors, teachers, and others pursuing degrees or personal enrichment. Counselors can earn graduate credit or CEUs. Please share information about JCU's summer offerings with friends and family who may be interested in taking classes.

Important Dates

March 23	Fall Registration Opens
March 24	Education comprehensive examinations
April 4	Easter break begins
April 10	Classes resume; Monday classes meet
April 10	Thesis/Essay/Project Deadline for Spring 2012 Graduation
April 16	Comprehensive Examination Deadline for Spring 2012 Graduation
April 17	Last Day for Course Withdrawal

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.



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