

John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences

GRADUATE STUDIES NOTES #9
May 2012

Dear Colleagues:

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the beginning of spring. This will be the last Graduate Studies Notes for the 2011-2012 academic year. Before we take leave for the summer, a few items to pass along to you.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER . . .

Hannah Kam (Education) has been awarded a prestigious Graduate Innovative Learning Fellowship from the Cleveland Clinic's Office of Civic Education. This fellowship program recognizes outstanding achievements of degree candidates in selected graduate programs that promote bringing their scholarship to benefit K through 12 education programming. Hanna will be engaged in this year long fellowship program developing and delivering informal science curriculum to local school districts.

Maggie Hantak (Biology M.S.) received a Gaige Award from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) to partially fund her field research project in Costa Rica this summer. She was granted this award based on a proposal that she wrote and submitted, which described her M.S. research project. Maggie's proposal was one of only a few selected from a pool of more than 60 applicants from around the country. ASIH is the largest scientific organization for the study of Ichthyology and Herpetology in the U.S.

Rachael Glover (Biology) will be spending her summer in Davis, CA working on a collaborative project with Dr. Brenda Grewell (USDA-ARS Exotic and Invasive Weeds unit). She will be studying clonal integration in the aquatic invasive weed, *Ludwigia hexapetala*.

Jennifer Stutzman (English 2012 graduate) will be teaching senior English classes at Triway High School in Wooster, OH, which will include teaching dual-credit (high school/college) first year composition courses through U of Akron Wayne College.

Jared Ward (Theology and Religious Studies 2012 graduate) has been accepted into a doctoral program in Asian Studies at Kent State University beginning fall 2012.

Albina Khasanova (Biology 2012 graduate) will be starting a position with the USDA-ARS in Temple, Texas as a research assistant. Duties will include operating and maintaining an experimental rainfall manipulation facility, measuring switchgrass growth and ecophysiological characteristics, operating and maintaining field instrumentation, and managing and summarizing data.

Gregory Nachman (Education) was awarded the *Sally Wertheim Scholarship* which recognizes an outstanding graduate student in one of the Education programs 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.

Luke Smrdel (Education) was awarded *The Hoffman Scholarship* which recognizes and supports an outstanding graduate student in the Educational Administration Program in anticipation of the contributions the recipient will make as a future school administrator.

CLEVELAND CLINIC INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The purpose of the Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives Graduate Innovative Learning Fellowship (the Cleveland Clinic OCEI Fellowship) is to recognize outstanding achievements of degree candidates in selected graduate programs (**sciences, mathematics, teacher education and leadership preparation in K-12 administration and communications/information technologies**) that promote bringing their scholarship to benefit K through 12 education programming offered by the Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives (OCEI) to the greater Northeast Ohio community. The Fellowship is designed to prepare outstanding graduate degree candidates in developing, implementing and evaluating innovative approaches to teaching and learning that connect and leverage the vast array of scientific and health care resources of the Cleveland Clinic to K-12 classroom settings and to teacher preparation. This is a 15 month, full-time fellowship, with a stipend of \$40,000. If you would like more information, send Dr. Mark Storz an email and he will send more detailed information. You may also contact Rosiland Strickland at the Cleveland Clinic's Office of Civic Education directly (216-297-8301; STRICKR@ccf.org).

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement will take place on the John Carroll campus on Sunday, May 20, beginning at noon. Graduates should meet in the Rec Plex between 9:00-10:00 am for seating cards and other information. Rehearsal begins at 10:15 in the varsity gym. Procession begins at 11:30. For more information, visit the Commencement webpage at <http://sites.jcu.edu/commencement/>. Please join me in congratulating the almost 250 students graduating from our College of Arts and Sciences graduate programs. A complete list of those who are graduating will be included in the first Graduate Studies Notes for 2012-2013.

SUMMER SCHOOL

There is still time to register for summer classes. Summer classes begin on May 14. Please contact the Graduate Studies Office if you have questions or if we can assist you with the registration process.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS' PICNIC – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

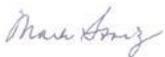
Looking ahead, all new and returning Graduate and Athletic Assistants are invited to a beginning of the year picnic on Tuesday, August 22, 4:30-7:00. The picnic will begin following the new GA orientation. The Graduate Student Association and the CAS Office of Graduate Studies is hosting the event. This will be an opportunity to get to know the new GAs and welcome them to our campus. Please plan on attending.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 14	Summer Session I begins
May 20	Commencement
June 18	Summer Session II begins
July 23	Summer Session III begins
August 27	Fall classes begin

I hope this has been a stimulating and rewarding academic year for each of you. As always, if there is anything our staff or I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.



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