

John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences

GRADUATE STUDIES NOTES #2
September 2012

Dear Colleagues:

I hope your semester is off to a great beginning. As I hope to do each month I'd like to share some information that you might find interesting and useful.

CONGRATULATIONS SUMMER GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students who completed their requirements for graduation this summer and whose degrees were conferred on August 31, 2012:

Biology (M.Sc./M.A.)

Lauren Baldarelli
Kayla Cierniak
Kurt Hauber
Michele Jullian
Albina Khasanova
Keneth Snider

Communications Management (M.A.)

Anne Doyle
Maurice Emelu
Krisztina Olah
Angela Weimer

Education (M.Ed.)

Jessica Gall	Tiffany Morikis
Joseph Onk	Nguyen Quynh
Michael Brunovsky	Lisa Patton
Steven Gatto	Gina Schwartz
Esther Yeh	Adrienne Brown Anna Siuda

School Counseling (M.A.)

Nicole McCroskey
Jack Zenz

Mathematics (M.Sc./M.A.)

Amie Irving
Todd Polak
Sahar Shouman

Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows (M.Ed.)

Timoth Baker	Colin Grindall
John Igrac	Kevin Landis
Liuyi Liu	Janet Majka-Crow
Anne Rollick	Timothy Roth
Sara Scott	Allison Wilson

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.)

Megan McConnell
Marc Finney

English (M.A.)

Annie Brust
Marc Urban
Jennifer Hecker
Jennifer Klee
John Lamm
Jennifer Roffey
Andrew Todd

Humanities (M.A.)

Carrie Huszczo
Siddiq Washington

Nonprofit Administration (M.A.)

Kenneth Fortuna
Lauren Kotmel
Margaret Matune
Brendan McLaughlin
Nicole Schmunk

Mackenzie Gross
Anna Levina
Ryan McNamara
Madeline Schultz

STUDENT NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following students are presenting papers at professional conferences in the coming months. Congratulations to them on this important professional accomplishment:

Ann Visintainer (English) is presenting two papers at the Midwest Popular Culture Association conference in Columbus in October. The titles of her papers are: "Bold Defiance: Frederick Douglass, Gangsta Rap and Resistant Masculinity," and "Performing Gender in *Law & Order: SVU* and *Ice Loves Coco*."

David Young (English) is presenting a paper titled "The Fifth Time Will Not Be The Charm, or, How Baz Lurhmann's *The Great Gatsby* Will Fail as a Cinematic Adaptation" at the Midwest Popular Culture Association conference taking place in Columbus in October.

From the Theology and Religious Studies graduate program, we congratulate graduate student *Sana Loue*, PhD, who will assume the newly created position of Vice Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine on September 17.

NEW IRISH STUDIES TRACK IN HUMANITIES ANNOUNCED IN DUBLIN

Dean Colleran will announce in Dublin this month a new Irish Studies track in the Humanities Master's Program. Visiting Ireland as part of a delegation led by county executive Edward Fitzgerald, Dr. Colleran will outline an interdisciplinary program that will be open to both degree-seeking and non-degree seeking students. In addition to courses in Irish history, politics, literature and culture, the track offers students the opportunity to participate in John Carroll's Belfast Summer Institute and in other study tours to Ireland. If you are interested, or if you have friends or colleagues interested in more information about this program, please contact Dr. Brenda Wirkus, coordinator of the Humanities graduate program (wirkus@jcu.edu).

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Thanks to Stephanie Darr (Counseling) and Ruth Rachel Przybojewski (Nonprofit Administration) for their efforts at leading the Graduate Student Association. They have been working hard to increase membership, encourage participation, and provide various avenues for graduate students to create a community on our campus. I encourage you to consider these upcoming events:

Wed, Oct 3 General Meeting, 5-6 in the Graduate Student Lounge in Grasselli Library
Sat, Oct 6 Homecoming Game Day Tailgate (12-2pm), kick-off at 2 and Block Party (4-7pm)
Wed, Oct 10 Grad-gab, 5-6 in the Graduate Student Lounge in Grasselli Library.

For more information feel free to email either Stephanie (sdarr14@jcu.edu) or Ruth Rachel (rprzybojewski14@jcu.edu).

NEW POLICY ON 'PR' (in progress) GRADES

For those students new to John Carroll this fall, the policy for *In Progress* (PR) grades has changed. The revised Graduate Studies Bulletin reads: *A PR grade (course in progress) is ordinarily reserved for a course in which a student is completing the thesis, essay, or creative project in partial fulfillment of degree requirements. If the PR is used in other courses, including independent studies, department/program chair approval is required. It is expected that all pending work should be completed in a timely manner. A grade of PR will be changed to a W (withdrawal without prejudice to standing) two years after it is given or at the end of the semester the student reaches the time limit for completion of the degree (the date specified in the acceptance letter), whichever comes first. Once the PR is changed to W, the W cannot be changed to a standard grade. If a student seeks to complete a course for which the PR has turned to a W, the student will be required to retake the course or its equivalent. Tuition rates at the time the course is retaken will apply. Policies and procedures regarding*

Readmission and Time Limits for Completion of Degree also apply. The section in bold print is new to the policy. If you have questions about this change in policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

GRADUATE STUDIES BULLETIN

The newly revised Graduate Studies Bulletin for 2012-2014 has been posted on line at the Graduate Studies website: <http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies/pages/current-students-2/bulletin-archive/>.

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

I want to be sure that you are aware of the various payment options for tuition available at John Carroll. The Bursar's Office does provide opportunities for payment plans, credit card payments, and automatic debit payments. Please visit the Bursar's website for more information:

<http://www.jcu.edu/business/bursar/paymentinformation.htm>.

WEEKEND CONFERENCE ON THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

We stand now 50 years from the start of the Second Vatican Council. The anniversary offers the opportunity to reflect on the role of the laity in the Church today – to see how far we have come and how far we still have to go.

A New Cloud of Witnesses: The Laity 50 years after Vatican II is a chance for dialogue, a chance for honest conversation about the state of things in the Church, and a chance to imagine a future that the whole people of God will help shape. This weekend conference is scheduled for October 5-7. For more information visit the following website: <http://sites.jcu.edu/laity/pages/conference-overview/>

IMPORTANT DATES

October 11	Fall Break begins after last class
November 2	Priority Registration for Spring 2013 begins for graduate students
November 19	Deadline to submit Theses/Essays/Projects for Winter graduation
November 26	Deadline to apply for Spring 2013 Graduation

Best wishes for a wonderful fall. If there is anything that I or my staff can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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