

John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences

GRADUATE STUDIES NOTES #4
November 2012

Dear Colleagues:

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching the Thanksgiving Holiday and that we are already beginning to see signs of Christmas! Once again this month I want to share the following information with you.

STUDENT NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please join me in congratulating the following alumni of our graduate programs:

Samantha Stroud Mealy ('11, Nonprofit Administration) has been named Director of Marketing and Communication of Catholic Charities, Cleveland.

Beth Lucas ('10, Nonprofit Administration) is now the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Development at Baldwin Wallace University.

Tracy Francescone ('08, Nonprofit Administration) has been named the Development Director for Community Services/Summit County at Catholic Charities, Cleveland.

Jared Ward ('12, Theology and Religious Studies) has been accepted into a doctoral program in Asian Studies at the University of Akron.

Shannon Edwards ('12, Theology and Religious Studies) is now a resident minister at JCU.

Maggie Hantak ('11, Biology) received a Gaige Award from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists to partially fund her field research in Costa Rica this summer. This grant was awarded based on a proposal that she submitted describing her Master's thesis research project.

CONGRATULATIONS Dr. JEFF JOHANSEN (Biology)

Dr. Johansen, Ph.D. will receive an honorary doctorate from the University of South Bohemia in the Czech Republic on November 22, 2012. Dr. Johansen has taught at JCU since 1988. His research focuses on phycology, the branch of botany concerned with algae and cyanobacteria.

FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Please take note of the following activities sponsored by our Graduate Student Association:

Thursday, Nov. 26 after class at Jake's Speakeasy, we'll have a happy hour gathering with discounts at the bar and some light food options. Come, bring friends, hang out, meet new people and possibly learn something new.

Our service project this semester is: **Saturday, Dec. 1st 7-9 pm- Quantum LEAP: Holiday Dance meet at JCU**. This organization works with adults with development challenges. Volunteers will help with registration, encourage LEAP participants to dance (and dance with them!), encourage general participation in any activities or games, assist those in wheelchairs, serve food and beverages, and help clean up. But the main thing is to provide interaction with the participants and have fun! Spots are limited so sign up now! You must register for the activity:

http://www.jcu.edu/service2/activity_detail.asp?id=2080

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:05 pm is our last General Meeting. We'll be in the Grad Student Lounge in the Library. Our primary goal of this meeting **will be electing the officers and directors for the following school year**. If interested in becoming more involved please see the attached document with a list of officer/director positions available and the duties that are required. If you are unable to be at this meeting but would still like to run for office please email me with the position and a brief statement and at the meeting we will vote on applicants. Remember being on GSA is a great, fun and easy way to build your resume and meet people...what did you do while in grad school??

If you ordered t-shirts you will be hearing from either Stephanie or Ruth Rachel about when/where to pick them up.

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

WINTER GRADUATION

If you submitted an **application for winter graduation**, you should have received via email an audit of your program of study. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact Deb Drane.

When **submitting your thesis/essay/creative project** to the Office of Graduate Studies it is recommended that you wait to print your work on the required paper until after you have received approval from your advisor and dean. You may submit it on regular paper along with the appropriate signatures. Essays and theses required for Winter graduation are due on or before November 19, 2012. Students who are not able to submit their work by the deadline will be removed from the Winter Graduation roster. Students are required to **submit a new application for Spring graduation** on or before November 26, 2012. Degrees for Winter graduation will be conferred on January 15, 2013.

CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES

The Center for Career Services is a very active division on our campus. They offer a variety of services for undergraduate AND graduate students. I want to encourage you to take advantage of all they have to offer our graduate students. For the next few months I will share a few of the programs available. This month I want to introduce you to **Carroll Contacts**. This is a network on *LinkedIn* which includes almost 400 Carroll Contacts including alumni, employers, faculty/staff, and other students. Here you can showcase your job skills and accomplishments, research companies, join discussions and read articles related to industry-related subjects, and get recommendations from colleagues and professors. The best features of this network allow you to learn about different companies, cities, industries, and positions; connect with classmates and alumni to build your network, and get your questions answered. Check this out at www.jcu.edu/careercenter.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE “CALL FOR PROPOSALS”

I am excited to share a “Call for Proposals” for The College at Brockport’s second annual Master’s Level Graduate Research Conference on **Saturday April 20, 2013**. (The College of Brockport is part of the State University of New York, west of Rochester, NY) This conference celebrates the scholarship of master’s level graduate students, their critical role in our higher education system, and their special civic and economic impacts. Like last year’s event, which attracted nearly 300 presenters, this one-day multidisciplinary conference is open to master’s level graduate students throughout New York, neighboring states, and nearby Canada. You will have the opportunity to hone professional presentation skills and network with peer scholars as you present original research and artistic endeavors in poster sessions, oral presentations, and creative performances.

In addition to a luncheon and keynote presentation, there will be seminars for students on career development and doctoral study. Visiting faculty can attend concurrent workshops with representatives from federal agencies and the SUNY Research Foundation on government and foundation grant opportunities.

For more information visit www.brockport.edu/gradconf to submit proposals and get more information about the conference. Proposals will be accepted until February 9, 2013. Please let your program coordinator know if you are interested in presenting at this event.

STUDENT RESEARCH REQUEST

An undergraduate student in the Marketing Department, Alyse Viggiano, is conducting research through an online survey in order to understand the potential of a new social business opportunity. The survey takes only 3-5 minutes to complete. You can access the survey at the following link:

[Community, Collaboration, and Coffee](#). I would encourage you to support Alyse’s research by participating in her study. All of us involved in any type of research know how important participation can be!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 19	Deadline to submit Theses/Essays/Projects for Winter graduation
November 26	Deadline to apply for Spring 2013 Graduation
December 8	Last Day of Fall Semester
December 10-14	Final Examinations
December 17	Fall Semester Grades Posted
December 24-January 2	Univeristy Offices Closed
January 14	Spring Semester Begins

RECRUITMENT

Last month I mentioned that current students and graduates of our programs are the best recruiters for new students. I actually had a few students comment on this expressing the fact that they had never thought of this role for themselves. Let me stress again how important your on-going support of our programs can be in insuring strong and robust graduate programs at the University. If you are so inclined, please suggest to your family, friends, and colleagues thinking about graduate school that they contact our office and learn about our many graduate programs.

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of all of us in the College of Arts and Sciences to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are grateful to you for being an important part of our University community. As always, if there is anything that I or my staff can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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