Dear Colleagues:

I hope this note finds you well as we move forward toward spring! I trust your coursework continues to be challenging and meaningful for you. This month I want to share the following information with you.

STUDENT NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **School Psychology** students presenting at the National Association of School Psychologists Conference in Seattle in February 2013: Kristen Powe Marvinney, Robert Richardson, Jennifer Lewis, Haley Bishop, Michelle O'Donnell, and Nicole Huzi are presenting a paper entitled: Teacher Knowledge and Perceptions of Emotional Disturbances: Improving Consultation.
- **English** students presenting at The Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference in Washington DC in March 2013: Rachel Hoag is presenting a paper entitled: A Kind of Nothing: Visual and Linguistic Difference in Ralph Fiennes’ Coriolanus; David Young’s paper is entitled: Love in Times of Chaos: Romance and Affection in the Films of Michael Haneke. Rachel is also presenting at the Midwest Intercollegiate Graduate Conference in Milwaukee in February. The title of this paper is A Thing Made of Actual Holes: Simon Armitage’s Modern Masculinity.
- **Victoria Giegerich**, a student in the Clinical Mental Health Program, is co-presenting two papers at the American Counseling Association’s Conference in Cincinnati in March. The titles of her papers are Shyness Types and Technology: University Students’ Experiences of Shyness and Use of Technology for Communication and Asperger’s Syndrome: A Systems Perspective for Working with Youth with Asperger’s and their families.
- **Carson Bay**, graduate student in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, was invited to participate in the Liberty and Markets conference February 14-17. In addition he presented a paper at the MidWest Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Bourbonnais, IL, on February 8.
- **Biology** graduate student, Radka Muhlsteinova, has been awarded a California Desert Research Grant from the Desert Legacy Fund. This award will help fund her biodiversity studies of biological soil crusts in south California wilderness areas.
- **Michele S. Freyhauf**, a graduate of our master’s program in Theology and Religious Studies will speak at the United Nations on the Commission on the Status of Women, March 9, 2013. Her paper is entitled Cyber Brides: Female Subjugation, Patriarchal Hegemony, and Economic Enslavement.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the JCU community comes together to celebrate the scholarship of its faculty, staff, and students. The campus-wide Celebration for students, faculty, and other University community members features workshops, panel discussions, poster sessions, paper presentations, and other activities. This year Celebration takes place the week of April 8. The deadline for submission of proposals is March 4. Applications for submission can be found at the following website: [http://sites.jcu.edu/celebration/pages/information-for-applicants/](http://sites.jcu.edu/celebration/pages/information-for-applicants/). Graduate students are strongly encouraged to share their scholarship with the wider JCU community. A number of our graduate students will be presenting.
GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming events sponsored by the GSA:

- **Grad Gab**: Monthly Grad Gab session will be held on March 13, 2013 in the Graduate Student Lounge in Grasselli Library at 5:10PM. Grad Gab is a time for graduate students to mingle and enjoy some appetizers before class. For more information please contact Stephani Darr at sdarr14@jcu.edu.

- **GSA Trivia Night**: Join the GSA at The Tavern Company on March 19, 2013 at 9:45PM for a night of fun. Come mingle with fellow graduate students and challenge your brain. The Tavern Company is located at 2260 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118. Contact Ruth Rachel Przybojewski for more information rprzybojewski14@jcu.edu

- **Service Project**: The Graduate Student Association is in need of 10 graduate students to participate in a service project at John Carroll University on Sunday March 24, 2013 from 12:15 PM-4:30 PM. The GSA will be working with US Together, a nonprofit agency providing education, advocacy, support services, information, referral, and networking opportunities to immigrants and refugees in our community. Activities at this event may include computer literacy workshops, children's educational activities, recreational events, and more. Contact Ruth Rachel Przybojewski for more information rprzybojewski14@jcu.edu

- **T-Shirts Still Available**: Are you a Grad? Show your support for Graduate Student Association at John Carroll University by purchasing a t-shirt. Shirts will be sold for $15.00 each. For more information and to see the design please contact Ruth Rachel Przybojewski at rprzybojewski14@jcu.edu.

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

John Carroll University recently received approval from the Ohio Board of Regents to offer the Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in the School Psychology Program (Department of Education and Allied Studies). The Ed.S. is an advanced terminal degree in the United States that is designed for individuals who wish to develop advanced knowledge and theory beyond the master’s degree level. This is the first degree beyond the master’s offered by John Carroll. Nine students will be eligible for the degree at the completion of their studies in summer 2013. Congratulations to the Department of Education and Allied Studies, and in particular to Dr. Jeanne Jenkins and Dr. Ryan Allen.

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. In the last two newsletters I provided information on Carroll Contacts and VAULT. This month I’d like to introduce you to Career Connection. This resource allows you to search for internships, summer positions, part-time, temporary or full-time entry level and experienced full-time positions. You can search by industry and location. One of the features allows you to save a specific job search and receive emails when new jobs are posted that fit the criteria requested. From the Career Center website follow the links to Career Connection.

WERTHEIM GRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGE

Check out the new furnishings in the Graduate Student Lounge located on the ground level of the Graselli Library. A key for the room may be obtained at the Circulation Desk. The lounge is meant to be a quiet space for graduate students to gather before, between, or after classes. Take advantage of this space when time permits.
IMPORTANT DATES

February 15
Application for Summer 2013 Graduation Due

March 1
Application for Graduate Assistantships for 2013-2014 Due

March 4
Applications for Celebration of Scholarship due

March 20
Summer school registration opens

April 2
Fall registration begins

April 8
Thesis/Essay/Project Deadline for Spring 2013 Graduation

April 15
Comprehensive Examination Deadline for Spring 2013 Graduation

If you have any news of accomplishments, promotions, research, and would like to share this with the CAS graduate student community, please send them to me and I will include them in March’s notes.

I hope you have a successful and fulfilling spring semester. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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