

John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences

Graduate Student Notes #1
August 2013

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you are each enjoying a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for another academic year. With the beginning of the semester only a week away, I want to share this information with you.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

I want to first welcome all of you who are new to the John Carroll community this summer and fall. At the writing of these notes we have over 250 newly accepted and registered graduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences. You are joining a long tradition of Jesuit education (over 450 years! And over 125 years here at JCU) that promotes academic excellence, honors and seeks to educate the whole person, and is committed to bringing about a more just society locally and in the world around us. We are pleased that you have chosen John Carroll as the institution of higher learning to pursue your graduate studies. We hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities the University provides you, not only academically, but also spiritually, socially, and physically.

CONGRATULATIONS SPRING GRADUATES

As I welcome one group of students, I want to highlight those who completed their degree requirements and graduated in spring 2013. Sixty-five students completed all of the requirements for the master's degree which was conferred in May. Please join me in congratulating the following graduates:

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

Maggie Hantak

Communications Management (M.A.)

Sydney Arnett

Maria Kacik

Allison Karolczak

James Perkins

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.)

Amanda Kolanz

Brian Fitts

Donald Tobul

Amanda Meade

Elizabeth Armstrong

Sara Unger

Anthony Catullo

Integrated Science

Taunya Young

Education (M.Ed.)

Jennifer Easley

Carol Diedrichs-Himes

Lisa Beer

Michael O'Keefe

Smantha Omilion

Melissas Swedlow

Jennifer Daly-Martin

Aria Doganiero

Matthew McHam

Annemarie Raham

Marla Berlin

Christa Lokiec

Victoria Lefelhocz

Emily Bertagnoll

Margaret Junkin

Meghan Keener

Elizabeth Lewis

Katherine Bataille

Maria Bertoncin

Emily Eddings

Kayleigh Brickman

Angela Germano

Kara Reiter

Jenna Rezac

English (M.A.)

Charmae Cottom

Ann Visintainer

History (M.A.)

Constance Sincaglia

Adam Gluvna

Megan Griffin

Cali Wesson

Elizabeth Seidel

Thomas Smith

Nur Karatas

Chamois Williams

Daniel Wakefield

Ryan Szymczak

David Young

Humanities (M.A.)

Mark Danford

Lisa Hardin

Terrence Kenneally

Theology and Religious Studies (M.A.)

Kristen Pungitore

Jurell Sison

Rachel Schmidt

Mathematics (M.Sc.)

Alketa Henderson

Nonprofit Administration (M.A.)

Fahad Alahmari

Daniel Calloway

Ross Carbone

Jessica Hagery

John Hagerty

Franceska Tucker

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation sessions for new graduate students are being held on Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 4 in the Administration Building, room 258, 5:00-6:00pm. Vivienne Porter and I will present on important policies and University procedures that will help you navigate your time at JCU. Please RSVP to Vivienne Porter at vporter@jcu.edu. We are looking forward to meeting you. Students who began their graduate studies in the summer session are welcome to join us at either of the orientations.

FALL REGISTRATION

If you have not yet registered for fall, there is still time! Fall classes begin on Tuesday, September 3. If you need assistance with registration, please feel free to contact Vivienne Porter, Deb Drane, or me.

KEEP UP WITH NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Each month I include a section in Student Notes that outlines dates that are important to graduate students (i.e. graduation deadlines) as well as a section on student accomplishments. This same information can also be found on the Graduate Studies website (<http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies/>). Please keep yourself up to date with this information. Deadlines are firm. Also, if you present at a conference, get accepted to doctoral programs, or secure new positions, please share this information with me so that I am able to share it with the wider graduate student community at John Carroll.

FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS/CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is an essential part of graduate education and central to our Jesuit identity as an institution of higher learning. We encourage students to engage in scholarship and share their research with the wider community. Monies are available for conference registrations for students who have had papers/posters accepted for presentation. Please email me for more information. John Carroll's Annual *Celebration of Scholarship* is a venue on our own campus in which to share your scholarship. Consider presenting at *Celebration* in spring 2014. All students who receive monies for conference presentations are expected to present at this event.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A rich aspect of the Jesuit tradition is to inaugurate each academic year with a "Mass of the Holy Spirit," an occasion for convening the community for the purpose of a shared, spiritual celebration of the challenging semesters ahead. This celebration takes place on all Jesuit high school, college and university campuses across the United States, as well as at numerous other Catholic and Jesuit educational institutions worldwide. While the John Carroll community represents many faith traditions, this celebration unites us in one communal quest for the gift of wisdom and compassion for our faculty, staff and students. The "Celebrate the Spirit" tradition is enriched at John Carroll by making the time of the Mass convenient and by adding a luncheon to the celebration immediately following the liturgy. In Fall 2013 "Celebrate the Spirit" will occur at noon on Thursday, September 12. Mass will be in Gesu Church located on Miramar Blvd., across from Rodman Hall. The luncheon will be served from the Schott Dining hall with seating in the dining hall, the Underground, the Inn-Between and upstairs in the LSC Conference Room and Murphy Room. Please consider attending this university-wide event.

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for the fall semester are now available for purchase. The evening permit (valid from 3pm-3am) is \$85. The all day permit (valid from 7am to 3am) is \$175. The permit for the entire all-day for the academic year is \$325. Applications for the parking permit can be found at the following link:

<http://sites.jcu.edu/parking/pages/purchase-your-permit/>

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

There are times when various life circumstances arise and we have to change our plans in midstream. If you find that you need to withdraw from all of your classes, either for one semester or permanently, there is a complete withdrawal process that we must follow. The first step is to inform me of your decision to withdraw. We will schedule a time for a face-to-face meeting or a phone conversation to complete a withdrawal form. The second step will be for you or me to submit the form to an enrollment service counselor who will then process the request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

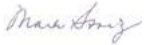
September 3	First day of fall semester; New Student Orientation (5:00-6:00pm, AD 258)
September 4	New Student Orientation (5:00-6:00pm, AD 258)
September 9	Last Day to withdraw from classes for full refund
September 13	Last Day to withdraw for 67% tuition refund
September 20	Last Day to withdraw for 33% tuition refund
September 12	Mass of the Holy Spirit (12:00pm; lunch to follow)
November 18	Deadline for submitting Thesis, Essay, Creative Project for Winter Graduation
November 25	Application for Spring 2013 Graduation due in Office of Graduate Studies

For other important dates, please check the John Carroll University website:

<http://www.jcu.edu/events/keydates.html>

On behalf of our Dean, Dr. Jeanne Colleran, I wish you success in the new academic year ahead. If I, or any of the staff in the Office of Graduate Studies can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us (Pat Pitingolo [Administrative Assistant; ppitingolo@jcu.edu; 397-4204:], Deborah Drane [Record Management; ddrane@jcu.edu; 397-1925], Vivienne Porter, [Admissions Counselor, vporter@jcu.edu; 297-4902]).

Sincerely,



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