

**John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences**

**Graduate Student Notes #4
November 2013**

Dear Colleagues:

Thanksgiving is a week away so I thought this was a good time to send the November Notes.

STUDENT NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

From the Biology Department:

Jennifer Murphy (GR '12) has been nominated for the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools' Distinguished Thesis Award for 2013. The title of her thesis was FUNCTIONAL TRAITS AND THEIR PLASTICITY IN INVASIVE AND NON-INVASIVE *ROSA SPP.* IN RESPONSE TO LIGHT AVAILABILITY. In her nomination letter, Jennifer's advisor, Dr. Rebecca Drenovsky, commented that "Overall, Jennifer's thesis was thorough, wide-ranging, and posed significant and important ecological questions. The scope of her project was very broad and much more detailed and complex than most projects that Master's level students develop. Her project spanned multiple disciplines and forced her (and me) to learn new data approaches, new software, and new methods. As a result, her project has the potential to be very high impact in the literature." Best of luck to Jennifer. Awards will be presented in April 2014.

GRADUATE INITIAL TEACHER LICENSURE INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Office of Graduate Studies, Department of Education and Allied Studies, and the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program are offering two opportunities in December for those interested in more information on the M.Ed. with Initial Licensure. An on-campus session will take place in the Dolan Center on December 10, 5:30-7:00pm; an on-line session will be held on December 12, 5:00-5:30pm. If you, or someone you know are interested in exploring this career path, contact Vivienne Porter (vpporter@jcu.edu; 216-397-4284) or visit our website (<http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies>) for more information.

SPIRITUAL WELLNESS AND COUNSELING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Applications for the new Spiritual Wellness and Counseling Certificate Program are being accepted through December 15, 2013 for a spring cohort. For more information, please contact Dr. Cecile Brennan (cbrennan@jcu.edu) or visit our website (<http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies>)

MASTER'S LEVEL GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE – THE COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT

The College at Brockport will host the third annual Master's Level Graduate Research Conference on Saturday April 26, 2014. This conference features the scholarship of master's level graduate students and celebrates their critical role in our society and higher education system. Like last year's event, which attracted nearly 400 presenters from 30 universities, this one-day multidisciplinary conference enables students to hone professional presentation skills and network with faculty and peer scholars as they present original work through posters, oral presentations, and creative performances. For more information visit www.digitalcommons.brockport.edu/gradconf. You can also direct questions about the conference to Adrian Safar at gradconf@brockport.edu or at 585-395-5812. Proposals must be submitted by February 2, 2014. The college is located in Brockport, NY, near Rochester.

SPRING REGISTRATION

Priority registration for graduate students for the Spring 2014 semester began on Friday November 2, 2013. The Spring 2014 class schedule is available on BannerWeb at https://web4.jcu.edu:4459/PJCU/szqrterm.P_DispTerm. If you have any questions about registration, please contact either Vivienne Porter or Deborah Drane. Registration will continue through the first week of classes in January.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Application for Spring Graduation

Students are responsible for submitting an application for graduation. **Those students who plan on graduating in spring 2014, the application is due on or before November 25, 2013.** The graduation application can be found on the Graduate Studies website at:

<http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies/pages/current-students-2/graduation/degree-application/>

Graduation Evaluations

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.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA *SPECIAL GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AWARDS*, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The University of Iowa is announcing the Special Graduate Assistantships Awards for those interested in pursuing the Ph.D. in Education beginning in academic year 2014-2015. The College offers a variety of doctoral degrees in 22 areas including Counselor Education, Counseling Psychology, School Psychology, and Special Education. For more information you can email george-karr@uiowa.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 25	Deadline to apply for Spring 2014 Graduation
November 26	Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Classes
November 26	Thanksgiving vacation begins after last class
December 14	Last Day of Fall Semester
December 16-20	Final Exam Week

On behalf of all of us in the Office of Graduate Studies, I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Continued success in your studies.

Sincerely,



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