

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

**Graduate Student Notes #6
February 2014**

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

Alicia Cornell, Emily Cox, and Stephanie Hartman (School Psychology) will present their research at the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference in February in Jacksonville, FL. The title of their presentation is “School Psychologists’ Perceptions and Use of Technology in the Consultation Process with Educational Personnel and Parents.”

Daniel Wasnick (Nonprofit Administration) has begun a nonprofit organization called Keep Playing Cleveland. The purpose of the organization is to collect used sporting goods and equipment for urban youth in Cleveland. Daniel has secured a fiscal agent in the Cleveland Police Athletic League, and three of his fellow graduate students, Laura Heaton, Chetan Kapoor and Tia Pearson, have joined the cause to become the organization’s board of advisors.

Graduate Alumni News:

Emily Gray (School Psychology ‘13) coauthored a paper with Drs. Kathy Roskos and Yi Shang entitled “Young children’s engagement with e-books at school: Does device matter?”

Franceska Tucker (NPA ’13), has been named Associate Club Director for Boys and Girls Club, East Cleveland;

Shalenah Williams (NPA ’09), is now the Communications Officer for Case Western Reserve University;

Beth Lucas (’09) was hired by United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland as its Chief Operating Officer;

Chantel Davis (’13) was recently named Development Coordinator for Broader Urban Initiative and Leadership Development (BUILD), Chicago.

CONGRATULATIONS DEAN COLLERAN

Dr. Jeanne Colleran, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will be one of the recipients this year for the “Walks of Life” Award from the Irish American Archives Society. The Walks of Life Award was instituted by the Irish American Archives Society in order to honor individuals of Irish descent who have made an extraordinary contribution to their community in their chosen profession. Dr. Colleran will receive the award and a dinner honoring the 2014 recipients on February 27. Congratulations Dr. Colleran.

SHAKER HEIGHTS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE FOR TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT

Twenty-three teachers from the Shaker Heights City School District completed JCU’s Teacher Leader Program in December. These teachers are now eligible for the State of Ohio’s Teacher Leader Endorsement which qualifies them for the state’s Lead Professional Educator License. This is a collaborative program between JCU’s Department of Education and Allied Studies and the school district focusing on building leadership capacity across the district and within buildings. Congratulations to: *Penny Weiss-Flynn, Ellen Battle, Brenda Kline, Kristina Hayward, Lena Paskewitz, Amy Hannah, Annie Haney, Eileen Sweeney, Patsy Lease, Jennifer Weisbarth, Jeremy Bishko, Lynn Sheilds, John Koppitch, Maureen Carroll, Addie Tobey, Mike Schwenn, Ellen Roberts, Sarah Manary, Emily Shrestha, Melissa Albrecht, Suzanne Gennillier, and John Morris.*

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 7. The deadline for submission of proposals is March 3. Applications for submission can be found at the following website: <http://inside.jcu.edu/2013/11/25/applications-for-the-2014-a-celebration-of-scholarship-are-now-available/> . I encourage the graduate students to share their research with the wider JCU community. Students writing theses or essays as part of their degree requirements would have a forum for sharing the work that celebrates the culmination of their academic pursuits. Other types of class projects and research papers would also be appropriate. A number of our graduate students will be presenting.

ANNUAL CAREER FAIR – THIS WEEK

Every year the JCU Annual Career Fair hosts **over 100 organizations** seeking all majors, undergrad, grad students, and alumni for internship, full-time, volunteer, and seasonal opportunities. The **2014 Annual Career Fair** will take place on **Thursday, February 6, 2014** from **4:30 to 7:00pm** in the **Dolan Center for Science and Technology**. For information visit the Career Fair website: <http://sites.jcu.edu/careercenter/events/annual-career-fair/>

IMPORTANT DATES

February 15 Application for Summer 2014 Graduation Due

March 1	Application for Graduate Assistantships for 2014-2015 Due
March 3	Applications for <i>Celebration of Scholarship</i> due
March 3	Spring break begins; classes resume March 10
April 7	Thesis/Essay/Project Deadline for Spring 2014 Graduation
April 14	Comprehensive Examination Deadline for Spring 2014 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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