

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

**Graduate Student Notes #9**  
**May 2014**

Dear Colleagues:

As we approach the end of the spring semester I want to pass along the following information to you. This will be the final copy of the Graduate Student Notes for 2013-2014. Please pay careful attention to Important Dates, particularly for those of you planning to graduate in Summer or Winter, 2014.

### **CONGRATULATIONS – STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### Presentations:

**Danny Caine, Chris McDonald, Chrissy Mihalic, and Paige Webb** (English) gave a poetry and prose reading at Loganberry Books on April 29. They read selections from their Masters Creative Projects to a packed and receptive house.

**Chris McDonald** (English) will present at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual David Foster Wallace Conference held in Bloomington, IN. The title of his paper is *Can the Midwestern Speak? David Foster Wallace's Midwestern Colony*.

**Paige Webb** (English) presented a collection of her original poetry, entitled *An Imperfect Machine* at the Writing by Degrees Conference in Binghamton, NY.

**Katheryn Hart, Ellen Gustafson, and Bradley Paramore** (School Psychology) will present *A Positive Psychology Approach to Consultation* at the Ohio School Psychologists Association Spring Conference in Columbus, OH, in May.

**Meagen Howe** (Theology and Religious Studies) will modify her thesis as a manuscript for supporters of her Kickstarter project "True Story: How Women Became Priests in Ireland," and is currently approaching prospective publishers. This summer she will move to Jefferson, Ohio where she plans to continue her work as an educator and consultant, and her volunteer activities as a catechist and tutor.

#### Awards:

**Aaron Babcock** (English) won the Ann Lesser Best Graduate Essay Award for his essay, "'Quite a Special Thing': Transgression, Transformations, and the Triumph of the Androgynous Self in *Winesburg, Ohio*."

**Demetrius Williams** (Nonprofit Administration) is this year's recipient of the *Nonprofit Leader of Tomorrow Award 2014*. Demetrius was honored for developing his own nonprofit organization - Vision of Angels Youth Foundation, which provides the youth of Greater Cleveland opportunities to explore and discover their highest potential through education, recreation and community outreach.

**Len Spacek** (Education) has been awarded the *Dr. Sally H. Wertheim Educational Leadership Award* which recognizes a graduate Education student for educational leadership.

The Department of Education and Allied Studies recognizes academic excellence with the *Golden Apple Awards*. This year's graduate student recipients are: **Roberta Blakeslee- Compton, Stacey Modarelli, Diane Wilkoff, Anna Bobby, Victor Puskas, and Cherise Johnson**.

**Alison Minerovic** received the *Outstanding Graduate Student Award* in the Biology Department. This award recognizes outstanding research and all around academic performance during thesis research.

*Daniel Dlugos* and *Kortney Jaworski* were awarded the Biology Department's *Excellence in Graduate Studies Award* which recognizes dedication to graduate studies, particularly graduate assistant work in the classroom.

Graduate School Acceptances:

*Danny Caine* (English) will be pursuing his M.F.A. at the University of Kansas.

*Stacey Litman* (Clinical Mental Health Counseling) will be pursuing her doctorate in Counseling and Supervision at Kent State University.

*Carson Bay* (Theology and Religious Studies) will be pursuing his doctorate in Theology at Florida State.

New Positions:

*Kara Krawiec* (English) will serve as an adjunct professor at Lakeland Community College in the fall. Kara will be teaching two courses: College Literacy and Reading for College.

*Jessica Hagerty* (Nonprofit Administration) has accepted the position of Development Communication Specialist at University Hospitals.

*Mary Paxton* (Nonprofit Administration) secured the position of Director of Development for The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland.

*Franceska Tucker* (Nonprofit Administration) is now the Associate Club Director for the new Boys and Girls Club in East Cleveland.

*Shalenah Williams* (Nonprofit Administration) has become the Communications Officer for Case Western Reserve University.

*Beth Lucas* (Nonprofit Administration) accepted the position of Chief Operating Officer at United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland.

## **FACULTY RETIREMENTS**

A number of faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences are retiring at the end of this academic year. Please join me in thanking these faculty members for their long and outstanding contribution to our University, graduate programs, and to our students:

*Dr. Doris Donnelly* (Theology and Religious Studies)

*Dr. Thomas Hayes* (English)

*Dr. Robert Kolesar* (History)

*Dr. Joseph Miller* (Communications, and former Dean of the Graduate School)

*Fr. Thomas Schubeck, SJ* (Theology and Religious Studies)

*Dr. John Spencer* (Theology and Religious Studies)

*Dr. Carl Spitznagel* (Mathematics)

*Dr. David Stenson* (Mathematics, Coordinator of Graduate Programs).

## **THE NONPROFIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Nonprofit Administration program has created its first student association (recognized on JCU campus as a student organization) - The Nonprofit Student Association. The purpose of the association is to support current and prospective Nonprofit Administration students in their nonprofit endeavors and to help create future opportunities for students. It will also create connections between current or prospective nonprofit students and alumni through social events, networking and workshops, with the hope that students are enriched with support, skill building and friendships with like-minded professionals whom they can call upon throughout their professional careers. We are hoping to have many events next year and tables at all of the major student organization fairs! Congratulations to the program's director, Dr. Elizabeth Stiles and Laura Heaton, Graduate Assistant, for their leadership in this effort.

## **DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING**

Dr. Jeanne Colleran, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has announced the creation of a new academic department within the College, the Department of Counseling. This department houses the Master of Arts in

Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Master of Education in School Counseling, and the Certificate Program in Spiritual Wellness and Counseling. These programs are currently part of the Department of Education and Allied Studies. Dr. Cecile Brennan, currently the coordinator of the counseling program, will be named chair of the new department as of June 1, 2014. The department will be welcoming a new visiting faculty member in the fall, Dr. Martina Moore, who specializes in chemical dependency. Congratulations to Drs. Cecile Brennan, Paula Britton, Nancy Taylor, and Nathan Gehlert.

### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S NAME TO CHANGE**

John Carroll University's The Department of Education and Allied Studies will change their name to the **Department of Education and School Psychology** beginning June 1.

### **COMMENCEMENT**

Commencement will take place on the John Carroll campus on Sunday, May 18, ***beginning at 11:00am***. Please take note of this change in time from previous years. Graduates should meet in the Rec Plex between 8:00-9:00 am for seating cards and other information. Rehearsal begins at 9:15 in the varsity gym. Procession begins at 10:30. For more information, visit the Commencement webpage at <http://sites.jcu.edu/commencement/>. Please join me in congratulating the almost 200 students graduating from our College of Arts and Sciences graduate programs.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

There is still time to register for summer classes. Summer classes begin on May 12. Please contact the Graduate Studies Office or your advisor if you have questions or if we can assist you with the registration process.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| May 12          | Summer Session I begins   |
| May 18          | Commencement  |
| June 16         | Summer Session II begins  |
| July 21         | Summer Session III begins                                       |
| <b>July 14</b>  | <b>Deadline for Application for Winter Graduation</b>           |
| <b>July 28</b>  | <b>Deadline for Thesis/Essay/Projects for Summer Graduation</b> |
| <b>August 4</b> | <b>Deadline for Comprehensive Exams for Summer Graduation</b>   |
| September 3     | Fall classes begin  |

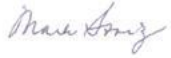
### **ON A PERSONAL NOTE**

On July 1, 2014, I will be stepping down as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and returning to the faculty in the Department of Education and School Psychology which had been my home for the previous ten years. These past six years have been wonderful and I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the University and its students, faculty, and staff, in this capacity. I am thankful for all of the support that the students and faculty have given me during my tenure as dean. I am particularly grateful to Pat Pitingolo, Vivienne Porter, and Terry Bradley, who daily work so hard for our graduate programs and students. Finally I want to extend gratitude to Dr. Jeanne Colleran, our Dean, for her trust, confidence, and support of my work.

There will be changes in the administrative structure of the College beginning in July which will affect the administration of graduate programs. The College will be comprised of three divisions and each of these divisions will have an associate dean who will oversee both undergraduate and graduate education. The Office of Graduate Studies will operate as it does currently. Two of the three deans have been identified and the third will be in place by July 1. Dr. Pam Mason, currently Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences will assume the role of Associate Dean for Social Sciences, Education, Counseling and Global Studies and will oversee the graduate programs in Counseling, Education, School Psychology, and Nonprofit Administration. Dr. Graciela Lacueva, currently chair of the Physics Department, will be the Associate Dean for Science, Mathematics, and Health and will oversee the graduate programs in Mathematics and Biology. The Associate Dean of Humanities will oversee graduate programs in Communication, English, Humanities, and Theology and Religious Studies. More information on this change will be forthcoming.

I hope this has been a stimulating and rewarding academic year for each of you. As always, if there is anything our staff or I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer.



Mark Storz, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Office of Graduate Studies Contacts**

Ms. Terry Bradley  
Records Management Assistant  
[tbradley@jcu.edu](mailto:tbradley@jcu.edu); 216-397-1925

Ms. Patricia Pitingolo  
Administrative Assistant  
[ppitingolo@jcu.edu](mailto:ppitingolo@jcu.edu); 216-397-4204

Ms. Vivienne Porter  
Admissions Counselor  
[vporter@jcu.edu](mailto:vporter@jcu.edu); 216-397-4902

Dr. Mark Storz  
Associate Dean  
[mstorz@jcu.edu](mailto:mstorz@jcu.edu); 216-397-4284