

John Carroll University
College of Arts and Sciences

Graduate Student Notes #1
August 2014

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for another academic year. With the beginning of the semester less than 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 2014 GRADUATES

As we welcome one group of students, I want to highlight those who completed their degree requirements and graduated in spring 2014. Sixty-two 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.)

Alison Minerovic
Kevin Stoltz
Sharon Turk

Counseling (M.A., M.Ed.)

Stephanie Darr	Krystal Redcross
Alexander Rigda	Sheila Weaver
Rosalyn Allen	Lauren Epprecht
Tameka Pollard	Tina Spielman

Communications Management (M.A.)

Anna Barnes	Helen Cestra
David Hoover	Howard Regal

Education (M.Ed.)

Gregory Nachman	Coreen Schaefer	Katharyn Battistone	Christine Hale
Allison Goldhammer	Rudy Kirbus	Christine Decapite	Hannah Novinc
Joshua Esenwine	Sarah Ignatz-Hoover	Morgan Vancuren	Katherine Peck
Jenna Bilyk	Roberta Blakeslee Compton	Kristen LaScola	Adam Joseph
Jaelyn Lupica	La'Verne Lynch	Cherise Kent	
Deanna DiGeronimo	Angelina French	Steven Elliott	
Michael Pukay	Amy Canan	Natalie Cummins	

English (M.A.)

Caleb Alpaugh	Noah Lamprecht
Aaron Babcock	Christina Mihalic
Daniel Caine	Robert Utrup
Kara Krawiec	Paige Webb

History (M.A.)

Christopher Kane	Joseph Roskos
Danielle Sharron	Alissa Bambarger
Jeffrey Hunt	

Humanities (M.A.)

Joan Peterson

Theology and Religious Studies (M.A.)

Meagen Howe	Carson Bay
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Mathematics (M.Sc., M.A.)

Kimberly Armstrong Louisa Catalano

Nonprofit Administration (M.A.)

Thomas Babb Ann Weber

Integrated Science (M.A.)

Joy Lee

CONGRATULATIONS TO LILA IBRAHIM

Lila Ibrahim (English), has had her paper, "Unauthorized Fragments: Eavesdropping As a Form of Storytelling in Fanny Fern's *Ruth Hall*" accepted to the Broken Narratives Conference to be held at the Ohio State University October 11, 2014. Congratulations to Lila.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation sessions for new graduate students are being held on Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3 in the Administration Building, room 258, 5:00-6:00pm. Vivienne Porter and I will present on important University policies and 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 2. If you need assistance with registration, please feel free to contact Vivienne Porter, Terry Bradley, 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 2015. 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 2014 "Celebrate the Spirit" will occur at noon on Tuesday, September 9. Mass will be in Gesu Church located on Miramar Blvd., across from Rodman Hall. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:15. Please consider attending this university-wide event.

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for the fall semester are now available for purchase. 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 2	First day of fall semester; New Student Orientation (5:00-6:00pm, AD 258)
September 3	New Student Orientation (5:00-6:00pm, AD 258)
September 5	Last Day to withdraw from classes for full refund
September 9	Mass of the Holy Spirit (12:00pm; lunch to follow)
September 12	Last Day to withdraw for 67% tuition refund
September 19	Last Day to withdraw for 33% tuition refund
November 17	Deadline for submitting Thesis, Essay, Creative Project for Winter Graduation
November 24	Application for Spring 2015 Graduation due in Office of Graduate Studies

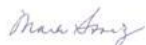
For other important dates, please check the John Carroll University website:
<http://www.jcu.edu/events/keydates.html>

On a personal note

You may recall in my last Graduate Student Notes in May I indicated that I was stepping out of my role as Associate Dean and returning to the faculty in the Department of Education and School Psychology. As it turns out I will continue to serve in this role for the 2014-2015 academic year. Dr. Graciela Lacuevea, Associate Dean for Science, Mathematics and Health (and Interim Dean of the College), Dr. Pamela Mason, Associate Dean for Social Sciences, Education, and Global Studies, and Dr. Rodney Hessinger, Associate Dean for Humanities, will assume responsibility for graduate programs in their respective divisions in summer 2015.

On behalf of our Interim Dean, Dr. Graciela Lacuevea, 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:], Terry Bradley [Record Management; tbradley@jcu.edu; 397-1925], Vivienne Porter, [Admissions Counselor, vporter@jcu.edu; 297-4902]).

Sincerely,



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