

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

**Graduate Student Notes #3  
October 2014**

Dear Colleagues:

Fall is upon us and we are already at the midterm of the semester. 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**

*Sarah Thomas* (Graduate of the Nonprofit Administration Program) has been named Loan Executive at United Way of Greater Cleveland. Sara will be fundraising for the annual Employee Campaign by deepening donor relations with companies across various industries, furthering United Way's goal to create a healthy community where all kids graduate from high school and individuals and families are financially stable.

*Francis Chishala, S.J.* (Communications Management) has published a book titled "A Robust Think Tank for Africa: Words of hope, ingenuity and faith," with Partridge Publishing. According to Fr. Chishala, "The book will inspire all those who have a heart for Africa and its many challenges and hopes. It will inspire those who want to understand the media in our modern age. Indeed, it will inspire all those who would want to tap on faith to learn the variable lesson that care and concern for the impoverished is a responsibility for all and an act of acting justly as individuals, corporate bodies, and governments."

*Eric Patterson* (Humanities) will present his paper entitled "Gessa: The Evolution of the Concept and Definition, and a Catalog of the Ulster Cycle" at the annual IMBAS Conference at the National University of Ireland in Galway which will meet November 28-30, 2014.

**COUNSELING FACULTY MEMBER SELECTED FOR AWARD**

*Dr. Paula Britton*, Professor of Counseling, has been selected to receive the 2014 Ohio Counseling Association (OCA) Charles "Chuck" Weaver Award. The individual chosen for this award "has and continues to show consistent and distinguished service to the counseling profession and exemplary caring for people." The members of the 2014-2015 OCA Awards Committee are grateful for the many ways in which Dr. Britton is contributing her time and talents to promote the counseling profession. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Britton on this important award.

**BIOLOGY FACULTY MEMBER WINS COLLEGE'S *Lucrezia Culicchia Award***

*Dr. Carl Anthony*, Associate Professor of Biology, was selected as the 2014 *Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence*. This award recognizes a faculty member from the College of Arts and Sciences each year for their outstanding work as a teacher. Dr. Anthony, an environmental and evolutionary biologist, teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in his department. He has served as a mentor and collaborator with many graduate biology students; many of whom have published their work with Dr. Anthony. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Anthony on this prestigious award.

**NEW SPECIALIZATION IN AUTISM**

The Education and School Psychology Department has developed a new specialization in Autism at the graduate level. This specialization, *Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder and Intervention*, provides teachers and other educational professionals with an in-depth understanding of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and ways to address the educational needs of children with this diagnosis. Participants may take only the sequence of four courses or integrate these courses into the M.Ed. in Advanced Studies. For more information contact Dr. Catherine Rosemary, chair ([crosemary@jcu.edu](mailto:crosemary@jcu.edu); 216-397-3080) or visit the website at:

<http://sites.jcu.edu/graduatestudies/pages/graduate-programs/masters-programs/education/professional-teacher/understanding-autism-spectrum-disorder-and-intervention-m-ed-in-advanced-studies/>

## **SPRING REGISTRATION**

Priority registration for graduate students for the Spring 2015 semester begins on Friday October 31, 2014. The Spring 2015 class schedule is now available on BannerWeb at [https://web4.jcu.edu:4459/PJCU/szqrterm.P\\_Dispterm](https://web4.jcu.edu:4459/PJCU/szqrterm.P_Dispterm). If you have any questions about registration, please contact either Vivienne Porter or Terry Bradley. Registration will continue through the first week of classes in January.

## **WINTER AND SPRING GRADUATION INFORMATION**

### **Application for SPRING Graduation**

Students are responsible for submitting an application for graduation. Those students who plan on graduating in spring 2015, the application is due on or before November 24, 2014. The graduation application can be found on the Graduate Studies website at:

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

### **WINTER Graduation Evaluations**

If you submitted an application for winter graduation, you should have received or you will be receiving via email an audit of your program of study. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact Terry Bradley.

### **Thesis/Essay Deadline for WINTER Graduation**

If your program requires the submission of a thesis or essay, the deadline for submitting your final draft to the Office of Graduate Studies is **November 17, 2014**. When submitting your thesis/essay/creative project to the Office of Graduate Studies it is recommended that you wait to print your work on the required paper until after you have received approval from your advisor and dean. You may submit it on regular paper along with the appropriate signatures.

## **THESIS/ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP**

A workshop for those writing a thesis or essay will be held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**. This workshop will be helpful to students at any stage in the writing process. Dr. Debby Rosenthal, English Department, and Ms. Maria Soriano, Writing Center, and I will facilitate the workshop. It will be held in the O'Malley Center, first floor, room 114. Please RSVP to Pat Pitingolo at [ppitingolo@jc.edu](mailto:ppitingolo@jc.edu) or 216-397-4284.

## **EDUCATION STUDENTS – WERTHEIM AWARD APPLICATION**

The Sally H. Wertheim Educational Leadership Scholarship applications will be available beginning October 27, 2014 through the Department of Education & School Psychology. This scholarship recognizes an outstanding graduate student who not only demonstrates leadership, scholarship, character, and commitment to others—qualities steeped in the Jesuit mission—but who also seeks to enhance, and shows promise for improving, the educational experiences of children and youth. Candidates for the award must be a currently active student in a graduate degree program in education at John Carroll. Deadline for applications and supporting documentation is **Monday, November 17, 2014**. The winner of this scholarship receives up to \$5,000 towards JCU tuition and will be announced in December.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

We are attempting to update and add emergency contact information on all of our graduate students in Banner. Sometimes situations arise and it is important for us to be able to contact a family member or friend if we are not able to contact you, or if some situation arises with you while on campus and we need to notify a family member or friend. May I please ask that you take a few moments, if you have not done so already, and add your emergency contact information in Banner using the following procedure. We greatly appreciate you responding to this request.

- Go to [www.jcu.edu/bannerweb](http://www.jcu.edu/bannerweb)
- **Enter Secure Area** with Banner User ID and Pin

- Click on **Personal Information**
- Click on **View Emergency Contacts** to determine if any are available
- Click on **Update Emergency Contacts** and follow the directions at the top of the screen; this option will allow you to edit any contacts that are present or add new contacts

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 31	Priority Registration for Spring 2015 begins for graduate students
November 5	Thesis/Essay Workshop
November 17	Deadline to submit Theses/Essays/Projects for Winter graduation
November 24	Deadline to apply for Spring 2015 Graduation

## RECRUITMENT

Current students and graduates of our programs are the best recruiters for new students. When we ask prospective students how they heard about graduate studies at JCU, the most common answer is a family member, friend, or colleague. Your support of our programs is very much appreciated. If you are so inclined, please suggest to your family and friends thinking about graduate school that they contact our office and learn about our many graduate programs.

Best wishes for continued success this semester. If you have any accomplishments you wish to share with the JCU graduate community, please send them to me. If there is anything that I or my staff can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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