Dear Colleagues:

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

**STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**From the Biology Department:**

The 4th Annual Herpetology Symposium for John Carroll University and Ohio University was successfully organized by **Meaghan Gade** and **Julie Ziemba**. There were 48 faculty and graduate and undergraduate students in attendance.

**Danny Dlugos** (‘14G) was accepted to a PhD program in Plant Pathology at Michigan State University.

**Albina Khasanova** (‘12G) was accepted to a PhD program at University of Texas, Austin.

**From the Department of Education and School Psychology**

The following students had presentations accepted for this Spring’s annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists: **Tara Buxton**, **Gina Miller**, **Christina O’Keefe**, **Melissa Wingler** and **Marissa Drake**.

**From the Counseling Department**

**Wendy Dingman** (‘00G), began the Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral program in June at Kent State University. Wendy continues in her position as a Professional School Counselor at Solon High School.

**COUNSELING PROFESSOR RECEIVES AWARD**

John Carroll University Professor of Counseling Paula Britton, Ph.D., recently received an award from the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES). The 2014 NCACES Outstanding Supervisor Award honored Dr. Britton for her outstanding service as a supervisor in a university, community/mental health counseling, or school setting. Dr. Britton has served on the JCU faculty since 1993 and is practicum/internship coordinator for the clinical mental health counseling graduate program. She is a licensed psychologist and professional clinical counselor with more than 20 years of clinical experience. Britton has led more than 100 local, state, and national professional workshops and presentations in the areas of supervision and ethics.

**THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Dr. Paul Lauritzen** has received the 2014 Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society Ethics book award for his recent monograph, *The Ethics of Interrogation: Professional Responsibility in an Age of Terror* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2013). In his book, Lauritzen takes on ethical debates about counterterrorism techniques that are increasingly central to US foreign policy and discusses the ramifications for the future of interrogation.

CAREER SERVICES GRADUATE SURVEY
The Center for Career Services at John Carroll University is committed to providing effective career services to graduate students enrolled in the various programs offered within the College of Arts and Sciences. The Center has created a survey that will help identify specific areas that would meet the unique job and career needs of graduate students. The survey will be sent to you in a separate email. I hope you will take the 15-20 minutes to complete the survey.

NEW GRADUATE SPECIALIZATION IN UNDERSTANDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
The Department of Education and School Psychology announces a new and exciting graduate program in Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This new program is designed for teachers, school psychologists, school counselors, intervention specialists, principals, and other educational professionals who are interested in learning more about autism spectrum disorder. The specialization in ASD consists of a four course sequence that will provide participants with in-depth understandings of ASD and evidence-based approaches to address children’s needs. Clinical experiences at various sites working with children of various ages and professionals in the field will be integrated in the curriculum. The ASD coursework may be applied to the M.Ed. in Advanced Studies or may be taken outside of the degree program. The first course in the sequence, Autism and Children’s Learning, is being offered in our Spring 2015 semester on Tuesday evenings, 5:00-7:40, beginning January 13, 2015. For information you can contact Dr. John Rausch (jrausch@jcu.edu) or Vivienne Porter (vporter@jcu.edu).

SPRING REGISTRATION
The Spring 2015 class schedule is available on BannerWeb. 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.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THESES/ESSAYS/CREATIVE PROJECTS COMING
Beginning with the spring 2015 semester, all theses, essays, and creative projects required in partial fulfillment of the Master’s Degree will be electronically archived in Carroll Collected, JCU’s Institutional Repository. When archiving, students may elect one of the following options: permanent online open access, embargoed archive, and permanent embargo. There will be many advantages to this new system: (1) The student gains experience in electronic document preparation and an understanding of digital libraries (i.e. useful for teaching, research, grant submission); (2) Electronic submission provides opportunities to include color diagrams and images, hypertext links, audio and video, simulations, animations, spreadsheets, databases, etc.; (3) Electronic archiving ensures preservation of content, is immune to theft and physical deterioration; (4) Electronic submission enables wider dissemination and access than a paper copy. Google and other search engines are now indexing OhioLINK’s ETD. ETD content is also available through the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), an international consortium that seeks to improve graduate education by developing accessible digital libraries of theses and dissertations. We know that publishers troll the ETD/NDLTD for content suitable for publication; (5) Global access to the work of JCU student scholars raises our institutional visibility; and (6) OhioLINK provides statistics on downloads of papers by institution, data that could serve as an indicator of the value/impact of student scholarship. More information will be coming regarding the process for submissions.

GRADUATION INFORMATION
Application for Spring Graduation
Students are responsible for submitting an application for graduation. For 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/graduateresources/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 Terry Bradley.
Winter 2015 Graduation
Degrees will be conferred on January 15, 2015 for those students eligible for Winter 2015 graduation.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 24       Deadline to apply for Spring 2015 Graduation
November 25       Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Classes
November 25       Thanksgiving vacation begins after last class
December 12       Last Day of Fall Semester
December 15-19    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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