Dear all:

As you are winding down the Fall semester, you may well have noticed things have been a bit different in the CAS Graduate Studies Office in the reallocation of responsibility among three Associate Deans. After seven years of dedicated service, Dr. Mark Storz, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies returned to the Department of Education and School Psychology where he also runs the Early College Program. Everyone who has worked with Dr. Storz knows what a wonderful colleague he is, and while he is missed in Grad Studies, he is doing great things in his new position.

Programmatic responsibility for Graduate Studies has been divided by discipline, so that Communication Management, English, Humanities, and Theology and Religious Studies report to Dr. Anne Kugler, Associate Dean of Humanities; Non-Profit Administration, Education, and Counseling report to Dr. Pamela Mason, Associate Dean of Social Sciences, Education and Global Studies; and Biology, Math, and Health Sciences programs report to Dr. Graciela Lacueva, Associate Dean for the Sciences. Dr. Kugler oversees the overall coordination of Graduate Studies and office management, but these changes may not have been evident, since Vivienne Porter continues her work as Assistant Dean for Graduate Admission and Retention, Terry Bradley continues as Records Management Assistant, and Pat Pitingolo continues as Administrative Assistant.

I hope the Fall has been successful and fulfilling--best of luck as you finish your final projects, papers, and exams. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS


Sarah Bolton (Biology) presented her thesis research entitled, “Are variable alkaloid defenses in the dendrobatid poison frog *Oophaga pumilio* perceived as a ‘palatability spectrum’ to an arthropod?”, at the Annual Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Reno, Nevada (July 15–19, 2015). She also presented at the 5th Annual Ohio University/John Carroll University Herpetology Symposium in Athens, Ohio (October 16-18, 2015).

Kyle Hovey (Biology) presented his non-thesis research entitled, “Do variable alkaloid defenses in the red-belly toad *Melanophryniscus simplex* provide equal protection from microbial pathogens?”, at the Annual Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Reno, Nevada (July 15-19, 2015). He also presented his thesis research entitled, “Do variable alkaloid defenses in the strawberry poison frog *Oophaga pumilio* provide equal protection from microbial pathogens?, at the 5th Annual Ohio University/John Carroll University Herpetology Symposium in Athens, Ohio (October 16-18, 2015).

Emily Rogers (English) presented "Call Me Tyler Durden: an Examination of Immaculate Masculinity in *Moby-Dick* and *Fight Club*” at the Second Annual Women's Empowerment Conference held at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio on November 14th.

Sarah Johnson LaBarbera's (English) paper, “Hegelian Dynamics in Edith Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence* and A. A. Milne’s *Two People.*", has been accepted for the 2016 Edith Wharton Society Conference in Washington D.C. this coming June 2-4.

Laura Heaton (NPA '15) accepted a position with Cancer Research UK, one of the United Kingdom's largest nonprofits. Laura is part of the Central Fundraising Team that looks after individuals and businesses in Northern Ireland that register to get involved with fundraising for the Cancer Research UK. She consults and advises supporters on how to organize successful fundraisers and advocate for the organization.

Victoria Giegerich (CMHC '15) and Dr. Nathan Gehlert presented “Motivational Interviewing: A New Medium for Teaching Counseling Techniques” at the ACES (Association for Counselor Education and Supervision) 2015 Conference in Philadelphia.
Congratulations to the following Counseling graduates who have been accepted for further graduate study into the specified programs:

**Wendy Dingman**, '00G, Kent State University, Counselor Education

**Victoria Giegerich**, '15G, Kent State University, Counselor Education

**Andrew Graf**, '15G, Duquesne University, Counseling Psychology

**Stacey Litam**, '14G, Kent State University, Counselor Education

**Orit Rubin**, '15G, The University of Akron, Counselor Education

**Seymanur Saritoprak**, '15G, Case Western Reserve University, Clinical Psychology

**Sharon Schwam**, '15G, The University of Akron, Counselor Education

**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Department of Education and School Psychology received a generous bequest from the estate of **Dr. Patricia Ann Kearney**, Professor Emeritus, which will be used to establish an endowment fund for the department.

John Carroll University hosted the Greater Cleveland Drug Court’s 50th graduation ceremony on October 14, 2015. The Greater Cleveland Drug Court is a specialized docket that gives individuals with a drug addiction an opportunity to receive treatment and other services, in an effort to remain sober and improve their overall life. Graduates of this yearlong program receive expungement of their records for completing the program successfully. Keynote speaker was former Cleveland Browns head coach Sam Rutigliano, a pioneer in professional sports in providing addiction recovery services to players.

Slide show photos are on the Cleveland Municipal Court's website:
IMPORTANT DATES
December 11 Last day of Fall classes
February 15 Summer graduation application deadline
April 4 Thesis, essay or project deadline for Spring 2016 graduation
April 11 Comps deadline for Spring 2016 graduation

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