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A newsletter for the faculty and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

CSB Commencement Set for May 9

Belinda Jensen, chief meteorologist for KARE 11-TV, the NBC affiliate in Minneapolis and St. Paul, will deliver the commencement address during the 94th annual commencement ceremony at CSB at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Clemens Field House/Haehn Campus Center on the CSB campus.

During the commencement ceremony, CSB will present its President's Medal to Tony Reveles, director of college and financial aid counseling at Bell High School in Los Angeles, and Tom and Joyce Schlough, owners of Park Industries in Waite Park, generous community philanthropists. Andrea Carrow, a Spanish major from Marshall, Minn., will be the student commencement speaker, as selected by this year's CSB senior class.

The 2009 CSB graduation class includes 511 women, which is the largest class in school history. When combined with SJU's 419 undergraduate men, this year's combined undergraduate graduating class of 930 is the second-largest class (tied with the 2005 combined undergraduate class).

Jensen joined KARE-11 TV as a meteorologist in September 1993 and became the station's chief meteorologist in December 2005. In addition, she also serves as a co-host of KARE-11's Saturday program and is the morning meteorologist for K102 (KEEY 102.1) and Cities 97 (KTCZ 97.1) radio stations.

Jensen obtained her AMS Seal of Approval for broadcast meteorology and has worked for the National Weather Service. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in atmospheric science. She has also done graduate work in secondary education through the University of Utah. Jensen enjoys serving her community through involvement in the schools and works hard to involve students, particularly girls, in science.

Reveles, one of the President's Medal honorees, has helped many students realize they have the ability to be the first in their family to receive a higher education. Students view Reveles as an advocate for their future. He helps them find solutions to the obstacles, often financial, they encounter as they apply for college. In the last four years, more than a dozen Bell High School graduates have attended CSB or SJU.

Tom and Joyce Schlough, the other President's Medal honorees, have an unwavering interest in philanthropy and have

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Saint John's Commencement Set for May 10

Sharon Daloz Parks, director of Leadership for the New Commons at the Whidbey Institute, will deliver the SJU commencement address at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10, in the Saint John's Abbey Church.

Parks will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Also during the commencement ceremony, Saint John's Abbey and University will present its Pax Christi Award to the Rev. John P. Foley, SJ, executive chairman of the Cristo Rey Network.

Joe Kane, a political science major from Golden Valley, Minn., will be the student commencement speaker, as selected by the Saint John's senior class.

The 2009 Saint John's graduating class includes 419 undergraduate men and 29 School of Theology•Seminary graduates. When combined with the College of Saint Benedict's 511 graduates, this year's combined undergraduate graduating class of 930 is tied for the second-largest class.

Parks is an author and teacher on issues related to the formation of leadership and ethics in a changing world. Her doctorate is from Harvard University, where she subsequently served for more than 16 years in faculty and research positions in the schools of Divinity, Business and the Kennedy School of Government (Center for Public Leadership). She has served as associate director at the Whidbey Institute, where she now directs the initiative "Leadership for the New Commons" and leads a seasonal leadership retreat cycle, "Powers of Leadership." She also teaches in the Executive Leadership Program and in the Pastoral Leadership Program at Seattle University.

Her most recent books are *Leadership Can Be Taught: A Bold Approach for a Complex World* (Harvard Business School Press, 2005) and *Big Questions, Worthy Dreams: Mentoring Young Adults in Their Search for Meaning, Purpose, and Faith*. She is co-author of *Common Fire: Leading Lives of Commitment in a Complex World*.

A Chicago native, Foley entered the Society of Jesus in 1954. He earned a bachelor's in Latin from Xavier University in Cincinnati and holds

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promoted three areas of giving to Park Industries employees: community, families and education, as demonstrated through their generosity to CSB and many other community organizations. They created the Thomas and Joyce Schlough Family Scholarship Fund at CSB and have supported Fine Arts Programming, Blazer athletics, the Annual Fund, construction of the Ardolf Science Center and student scholarships. Currently, Tom serves as the secretary of CSB's Board of Trustees.

The President's Medal is awarded to those members of the CSB community who have demonstrated extraordinary loyalty, dedication and service to the college and its mission of liberal arts education in the Benedictine tradition. Recipients receive a symbolic representation of the President's Medal that exhibits the seal of the college. Last year, the medal was presented to Nancy Ehlen, an artist, nature enthusiast and philanthropist who has been a strong voice for the importance of art education and the value of public engagement in the fine arts.

Additional past winners of the award have included the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, founders of the college; and Jacquelynn and Sylvester "Shorty" Haehn, long-time supporters for whom the S. L. Haehn Campus Center is named.

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a master's in sociology and M.Ed. from Loyola University in Chicago. From 1961 to 1995, he served the Jesuit missions in Peru, working primarily in education. He served as president of two of Peru's Jesuit K-12 schools.

Foley returned to Chicago in 1995 to collaborate in establishing Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. He was named president of the school in 1996 and served for eight years. During his tenure, he oversaw the effort to establish the school, hiring of all personnel, student recruitment and the construction of 150,000 square feet of classroom and recreation space. Foley raised more than \$26 million during this

eight-year term and left Cristo Rey Jesuit High School with a \$2 million endowment. More importantly, he established the tradition and spirit of a school that has become a national model. In January 2005, he assumed the presidency of the Cristo Rey Network and is responsible for managing its day-to-day programs and activities.

As the highest honor awarded by Saint John's, the Pax Christi Award recognizes those who have devoted themselves to God by working in the tradition of Benedictine monasticism to serve others and to build a heritage of faith in the world. The award has been presented to 56 individuals. Past recipients include the late Cardinal Leo Jozef Suenens of Belgium; Archbishop Jean Jadot, the former representative of the Holy See in the United States; Eugene McCarthy, the late former senator and presidential candidate; the late Archbishop John Roach of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis; Mary Jo Copeland, founder and director of Minneapolis' Sharing and Caring Hands; Amy Grant, a contemporary Christian singer; and the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of the Chicago Archdiocese.

Br. Dietrich Honored Posthumously

A tribute was held for the late SJU President Emeritus Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, at the annual Saint John's Day on April 17, in Sexton Arena on the Saint John's campus.

The evening included the presentation of several posthumous awards, including the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award and honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from SJU and the University of St. Thomas.

A musical tribute in honor of Reinhart was provided by George Maurer, SJU '88. The SJU Men's Chorus performed, and Bela Petheo, professor emeritus of art, unveiled a portrait of Reinhart.

The Fr. Walter Reger Award is the highest honor presented by the Alumni Association and recognizes an alumnus for his outstanding volunteer service to

the Saint John's community. Reinhart is the 40th alumnus to receive the award.

The Fr. Walter Reger Award is named after the longtime secretary of the Saint John's Alumni Association. Known as "Mr. Saint John's," Reger was a dean, history professor, prefect, member of the university orchestra and purveyor of Johnnie Bread. He befriended hundreds of Saint John's students and kept up personal correspondence with many of them after they graduated. Reger died in 1971, and the Alumni Association Board of Directors launched the award program later that year.

The Doctor of Laws honorary doctorate is regarded as the most appropriate award for a person distinguished in general service to the state, to learning and to humankind.

On March 24, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann honored Reinhart for his lifelong dedication to service in Collegetown and the Catholic collegiate community. Bachmann published a statement in the *Congressional Record*, the official record of the proceedings of the House of Representatives.

CSB/SJU Virtual Tour Receives Recognition

The "College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University Virtual Tour" was selected as an official Adobe Site of the Day April 3. The site was featured in the Showcase section of the Adobe Web site.

Adobe recognizes Web sites based on their use of strong visual designs, superior functionalities, and innovative uses of Adobe products. CSB/SJU project team members Tom Voller-Berdan, Sarah Simpson, Heidi Ruprecht and Barbara Hein assisted in the design of this site.

Threats to Global Food Production Focus of Spring Under-Told Stories Forum

Mounting threats to the global food production system and the challenge of reporting them were the subjects of the Spring Under-Told Stories Forum April 7 at SJU.

“Growing Peril: Reporting the Under-Told Stories of Global Food Production” presented documentary footage with reporting from Nigeria, India and East Africa, in addition to a panel discussion. The event was sponsored by the Project for Under-Told Stories and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.

The five-person panel was highlighted by special guest William F. Baker, senior research fellow at the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Harvard University and president emeritus of PBS flagship station WNET/Thirteen, New York.

An author and lecturer, Baker is a well-known advocate for the educational potential of television. Baker previously served a dual role as president of Westinghouse Television, Inc., and chairman of Group W Satellite Communications, where he was instrumental in establishing five cable networks, including the Disney Channel and Discovery Channel.

Also on the panel were:

- Jon Sawyer, director of the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., that funds independent reporting with the intent of raising the standard of media coverage of global affairs. He became the center’s founding director after a 31-year career with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper.

- Sharon Schmickle, who currently covers science and foreign affairs for MinnPost.com after covering science, foreign affairs, politics and other issues for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

- Fred de Sam Lazaro, director for the Project for Under-Told Stories, a program that combines international journalism and teaching at CSB and SJU. He has served with “The Newshour” since 1985, and is a regular contributor and substitute anchor for PBS’ “Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly.”

- Katie Johnson, associate professor of communication at CSB and SJU. One of her academic specialties is the critical analysis of news.

Jay Phillips Center Adopts New Name, Expands Mission

The Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning has a new name, the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning, to reflect an expanded mission to encompass Islam and other world religions in its efforts to promote understanding and combat prejudice. The center is sponsored jointly by SJU and the University of St. Thomas.

Dr. John Merkle, CSB/SJU professor of theology, is the center’s interim director. A scholar who has been involved in Jewish-Christian dialogue for more than 30 years, Merkle served as the center’s associate director for the past 13 years. Rabbi Barry Cytron, who served as the center’s director since 1996, retired in January.

“Interfaith dialogue between Christians and Jews remains a burning issue worldwide,” Merkle said, “and our center’s commitment to that dialogue is unwavering. But it also is imperative that Christians and Jews engage with others in combating prejudice of any sort and in fostering appreciation for religious diversity.

“We at the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning want to do whatever we can to promote such appreciation.”

The center is involved with a host of interfaith activities: sponsoring congregational, college and high school programs; hosting retreats for clergy and religious educators; and sponsoring art exhibits and public lectures. The events are held at the two sponsoring universities as well as at seminaries, schools, churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship.

Cytron, who before his retirement had begun to expand the center’s interfaith efforts, also held the Jay Phillips Chair in Jewish Studies at Saint John’s and was associate professor of theology at St. Thomas. A national search will be conducted to fill the professorship.

Poets Ravi Shankar and Tina Chang Visit CSB

Poets Ravi Shankar and Tina Chang read selections from their latest work, *Language for a New Century: Contemporary Poetry from the Middle East, Asia and Beyond* April 16 at CSB. The presentation was sponsored by the Literary Arts Institute at CSB.

Shankar, Chang and Nathalie Handal edited the book, which is a compilation of hundreds of poets from various parts of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, America and elsewhere. Seeking a response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the U.S., the three editors — who are poets and teachers of Asian-American descent — hoped to “share an alternate vision of the new century in which words, not weapons, could define our civilization,” according to a starred review in *Publishers Weekly* magazine.

The collection includes over 400 unique voices. Some poets in the book are acclaimed worldwide and may help draw attention to other poets unknown in the U.S.

Student Research Team Places Second at National Conference

Five students from CSB and SJU participated on a case study research team that placed second in its division at the Society for the Advancement of Management (S.A.M.) Conference March 23-24 in Las Vegas.

The team consisted of CSB students Marta Gago, Rachele Kirchner and Meghan Lynch, and SJU students Peter Banick and Mitch Hallan.

Fourteen schools competed in the Joseph L. Bush Jr. Division for undergraduate programs, including CSB and SJU. Each school presented a case study of Wynn Resorts, which owns and operates three properties — Wynn Las Vegas, a luxury hotel and destination casino resort located on the Las Vegas Strip; Encore, located adjacent to Wynn Las Vegas; and Wynn Macau, a destination casino resort in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China.

On March 23, the team from CSB and SJU gave a 15-minute presentation to three judges, followed by a 20-minute question-and-answer session. The team's recommendations included a revised mission statement, a sustainability plan, an expansion plan in Southeastern Asia, a succession plan and paying off debt with stock dividends.

The place finishers were then announced at a banquet March 24. Millersville (Pa.) University won the Bush Division, with CSB and SJU taking second and Villanova (Pa.) University taking third. Other teams in the division included Texas A&M University, the University of South Carolina and Stephen F. Austin State University.

"The team did a fantastic job researching the industry and presenting very in-depth recommendations," said Steve Schwarz, adjunct assistant professor of management at CSB and SJU and the faculty advisor for the S.A.M. program.

The student team was part of a group of 15 CSB and SJU students who are members of S.A.M. The remaining 10 students advised the team, helped brainstorm ideas and critiqued their presentation.

The students who traveled to Las Vegas each received a grant from the CSB and SJU Undergraduate Research Committee.

Herzfeld Addresses Conference on Religion and Science

Noreen Herzfeld, CSB/SJU professor of theology and computer science, was the keynote speaker at the ninth annual Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science, held March 27-29. Herzfeld spoke on "Perfection of the Work" March 27 and on "Does Perfection Exist?" March 28 in the Goshen College Church-Chapel.

Herzfeld holds master's degrees in computer science and mathematics from Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree in spirituality and monastic studies from SJU, and a doctorate in theology from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif.

Herzfeld is the author of *In Our Image: Artificial Intelligence and the Human Spirit* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2002), *Technology and Religion: Remaining Human in a Co-Created World* (forthcoming, spring 2009) and *Computer Concepts and Applications for Non-Majors*, (2000). She has also published numerous articles on such diverse topics as cyberspace as a venue for spiritual experience, embodiment as an indispensable condition for personhood, the religious implications of computer games and social networks and the prospects for reconciliation among Christians and Muslims in Bosnia.

The conference is designed to provide maximum interaction with one of the principal thinkers in the dialog between religion and science. A single invited speaker presents three lectures, two of which are open to the public. Small moderated discussion sessions provide conference participants an opportunity to address topics from the lectures, and others, in conversation with the speaker. Conference participants include pastors and interested lay persons, as well as academic scientists, mathematicians, theologians and students.

CSB and SJU Host Annual Caritas Award Ceremony

Two students and three graduates from CSB/SJU were honored during the Caritas Award Ceremony April 6 at CSB.

This year's recipients were Ashleigh Leitch, CSB senior and political science major; John Smith, SJU senior and environmental studies major; Marilyn and Joe Schmit, CSB alumna '56 and SJU alumnus '55, respectively; and Nick Davis, SJU alumnus '02.

The Caritas Awards were established in 1995 with support from an anonymous donor. Each year, a CSB alumna, a SJU alumnus, one upperclass student from CSB and one upperclass student from SJU are chosen to receive the Caritas Award, which recognizes commitment to both service and social justice. The alumnae/i receive \$1,500 to give to a volunteer organization in their name, and

each student receives \$500 for a volunteer organization of their choice.

Leitch is passionate about addressing international women's issues from social, economic and legal standpoints. As Women's Issues Representative for the CSB Student Senate, Leitch organized the Women's Month 2007 initiatives. Through her service experience while studying abroad in Chile during fall semester 2007, she developed the idea of Banco Mariposa, a student-run micro-lending organization in partnership with CSB, which has since matured into an internship program for CSB and SJU students to work with Fondo Esperanza, a Chilean micro-lending organization. Leitch believes in using governmental and legal structures to work toward social justice. She interned for Sen. Amy Klobuchar in Washington, D.C., during summer 2007, and later volunteered with Anna Marie's Alliance as a Court Monitor. Leitch applied to the Peace Corps, and hopes to attend law school to become an international women's human rights attorney.

Smith has been involved with volunteering for several years. As a high school student in his hometown of Stillwater, he helped lead a mission trip to Guatemala and worked with his dad to build and maintain houses for single mothers in transition. At CSB and SJU, Smith has been a tutor-mentor for the Fast Forward Youth Program and a co-leader for an Alternative Break Experience trip. As a former president and treasurer of Echo, a CSB and SJU environmental action club, he led CSB and SJU into the original Campus Energy Wars in 2007 and has worked to involve CSB and SJU with state and nationwide opportunities through the Trans-campus Energy Action Movement (TEAM MN). He is currently running two independent projects: to raise \$100,000 for the CSB and SJU Green Funds, and a business solution for city-scale sustainability networking and communication titled The Whole City Research Group.

The Schmits have spent their entire

52 years of married life working for social justice on a local, national and global level. They pressured their elected representatives in the 1980s to stop funding the contra rebels in Nicaragua and spoke out against the production of land mines and nuclear weapons. Marilyn was arrested three times for protesting aid to the contra rebels and is a member of Women Against Military Madness. She gave 30 talks after her trip to Nicaragua in 1985. Joe raised eyebrows at a San Francisco physics conference in 1985 when he asked his colleagues for a moment of silence on the 40th anniversary of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, Japan. Currently, Joe is an electrician for Habitat for Humanity, and has done taxes for low income and elderly people for 18 years. They both actively support efforts to close the School of the Americas, Fort Benning, Ga., provide supplies for needy school children in Nicaragua and struggling families in Mexico, and sponsor the Marilyn Scholl Schmit Scholarship for Peace Studies at CSB.

Davis has been an advocate for educational justice for many years. Upon graduating from SJU, he entered the Peace Corps in Guinea in July 2003. There, he taught English at a rural high school and undertook a number of projects with the help of his Guinean friends and colleagues in Yembering. They planted trees, established a gardening co-op, cleaned up the local market and organized student theater productions and regional youth conferences. Davis extended his Peace Corps contract in Guinea for a third year, working as a consultant for a small grassroots organization in the city of Kankan. During this time, he helped the organization *JADE* create a center for homeless street children. Since his return to the U.S. in late 2006, Davis has been teaching adult basic education and English as a second language with Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Arizona. He is currently applying to MBA programs to pursue a career in international nonprofit management.

Haile Delivers HMML's Ex Oriente Lux Spring Lecture

Getatchew Haile, renowned scholar and Regents Professor Emeritus of Medieval Studies and Cataloguer of Oriental Manuscripts, delivered HMML's "Ex Oriente Lux (Light from the East): Eastern Christians Illuminating Global Events" Spring Lecture. He presented "Ethiopia: Endangered Garden of Christianity's Earliest Traditions" March 31 at SJU.

Ethiopia adopted Christianity as its official religion in the fourth century and was the second nation to do so. Prior to the arrival of Christianity, Judaism was the most influential religion in Ethiopia. Because of its relative isolation, Ethiopia retains many ancient Jewish and Christian practices, rituals and traditions that are no longer practiced elsewhere. Among these is the tradition of hand copying religious manuscripts. This tradition preserves some of the earliest copies of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles and the only surviving copies of many early religious texts other churches lost or discarded over time.

Unfortunately, unknown numbers of Ethiopian manuscripts are lost or destroyed every year due to poverty and regional instability. HMML is working to digitize Ethiopia's manuscripts, continuing a commitment that began with microfilming projects HMML carried out in the 1970s.

Since the 1970s, HMML has partnered with Ethiopian scholars and officials of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church to photographically preserve Ethiopia's manuscripts. The most prominent of these scholars is Haile. He escaped Ethiopia during the Marxist revolution, after being shot by the new government's soldiers.

Haile had helped HMML microfilm manuscripts in Ethiopia and so HMML invited him to settle in the St. Cloud area, offering him the position of Curator of Ethiopic Manuscripts at the library. He accepted and worked at HMML until his retirement in 1995.

A MacArthur Fellow, Haile studied theology at the Coptic Theological Col-

lege in Cairo, Egypt (B.D., 1957), social sciences at the American University in Cairo, Egypt (B.A., 1957), and Semitic philology at the Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany (Ph.D., 1962). He also taught for over 10 years at the Haile Sellassie I (now Addis Ababa) University, Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), before he moved to the United States in 1976. Haile is also a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.

"Dr. Haile is a great scholar and a great man who uniquely appreciates the incredible value of Ethiopia's incomparable manuscript legacy," said Columba Stewart, executive director of HMML and vice president, religion and culture, who in January appeared with Haile on American Public Media's program "Speaking of Faith with Krista Tippett."

HMML's Ex Oriente Lux speaker's series seeks to educate members of the CSB/SJU and surrounding community about the lives and legacies of the Christians of the East. The series title refers both to the fact that Christianity itself came from the East, and to the conviction that Eastern Christian perspectives and insights about world events have much to offer to Western understanding.

Renowned Poet Speaks at SJU

Renowned poet Michael Dennis Browne presented the lecture "A Different Kind of Belonging: Hearing the Voices of Interfaith" April 1 at SJU. The lecture was sponsored by the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning.

Browne is the author of the text of the widely acclaimed Holocaust memorial oratorio "To Be Certain of the Dawn," performed last year at SJU and St. Cloud State University, as well as in Europe, by musicians from CSB, SJU and St. Cloud State University.

In his SJU presentation, Browne discussed some of the main elements of what he, as a Christian, learned from Jews and Judaism while working on the oratorio. He gave special emphasis to what Judaism taught him about God and about living in relationship with God.

A Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of English at the University of Minnesota, Browne has twice won Minnesota Book Awards for his volumes of poetry. His most recent book is a collection of his essays, "What the Poem Wants: Prose on Poetry."

Miguel Díaz and the Rev. Gary Riebe-Estrella, SVD, Featured Presenters for Changing Faces Series

Miguel H. Díaz, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology, Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary, and the Rev. Gary Riebe-Estrella, SVD, were featured presenters for the 2009 Changing Faces Series April 2-3 at SJU.

Díaz delivered the main address, "Jesus on the Border," April 2 at SJU. In his address, Díaz highlighted the identity of Jesus, the Galilean, as someone who engages in border-crossings for the sake of transforming and creating inclusive communities within the Catholic Church and society.

Riebe-Estrella led a workshop, "Crossing Borders: Cultural Diversity in Ministry," April 3. This workshop examined some of the pastoral challenges of cross-cultural communications and included discussions with local pastoral ministers.

Díaz is an associate professor of systematic theology at Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary and CSB/SJU. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he is past president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS). He recently served as a member of Barack Obama's Catholic advisory group during the 2008 presidential campaign.

Riebe-Estrella, a native of Los Angeles, has spent the majority of his ministry dealing with the challenges of cultural diversity in formation for religious life and in theological education and ministerial preparation. He is president-elect of ACHTUS, and holds a doctorate in practical theology from the Pontifical University of Salamanca in Spain. He currently serves as vice president and

academic dean of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

The Changing Faces Series is sponsored by Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary and Companions on a Journey at CSB, which is funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. The Changing Faces Series seeks to engage more people in transformative approaches to intercultural ministry. The series invites members of local and regional communities, including students, faculty and staff at CSB and SJU, to experience all ministry and service as intercultural.

Faculty/Staff Notes

Arrogant Bones, a book of poetry written by **Larry Schug**, CSB Recycling Coordinator, has been nominated for a Midwest Book Award. The awards are given out by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association, and winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on May 13 at the Minnesota Humanities Center. (Additional information is available at: <http://www.mipa.org/Awards.html>)

Scott Richardson, CSB/SJU professor of classics and Blecker Chair in the humanities, delivered a paper on April 4 entitled "The Swedish *Odyssey*" at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Midwest and South in Minneapolis. He delivered a revised version of the same paper on May 1 at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study in Madison, Wis.

John Hasselberg, CSB/SJU associate professor of management, was recommended through the peer review process of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars for a Fulbright Lecturing/Research Award in Sweden for the 2009-2010 academic year. The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States and Sweden officially granted this award on March 25. The project for which Hasselberg received this award is entitled "Liberal Education, Collaboration and Sustainable Commu-

nity Development on Gotland." Under its auspices, during 2009-2010 he will work with the faculty, staff and students of Gotland University, and the broader Gotland communities, to help them to develop the first fully integrated liberal arts/liberal learning university education system in Sweden. He expects to be housed with the faculty of the Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development.

This grant is made under the Fulbright-Hays Act, the basic purpose of which is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational and cultural exchange. The Fulbright Commission is a bi-national organization established by an executive agreement in 1952 between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden. In Sweden, the governmental sponsors of the Fulbright Program are the Ministry of Education and Research and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and in the United States the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

Michael Hemmesch, SJU director of media relations, gave two presentations at the IACLEA Mid-America Regional Conference April 20, at the Grand Casino Hotel in Hinckley. The presentations were titled "Marketing Your Department" and "What Do You Do When the Media Calls?" The conference was intended for campus law enforcement and security personnel. The IACLEA Mid-America region includes campuses in 13 states (Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin).

He will also be presenting "PR excellence with shrinking budgets" at the national Vocus Users Conference on Thursday, June 4, in Washington, D.C. Vocus is an on-demand software package for public relations management.

Ramona Robinson-O'Brien, CSB/SJU assistant professor of nutrition, recently published the article, "Adolescent

and young adult vegetarianism: Better dietary intake and weight outcomes but increased risk of disordered eating behaviors,” in the April 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* (Volume 109:4) by Elsevier publisher.

Brandl Scholars Announced

The John Brandl Scholars selection committee is pleased to announce that CSB students Heather Cederholm and Anna Schumacher have been awarded a John Brandl Scholarship. As Brandl Scholars, each will be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to complete a full-time research project paired with a part-time internship.

In making the announcement, Matt Lindstrom, CSB/SJU associate professor of political science and director of the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement, said the selection committee was impressed with their involvement and leadership in areas of public policy and community service.

This summer, Claire Haeg, CSB/SJU assistant professor of political science, will serve as faculty mentor to Heather, and Lindstrom will serve as Anna's faculty mentor to assist the students in their research design in collaboration with their community partner and to offer feedback on the research and writing throughout the summer. In addition, the faculty mentors will assist the students in selecting appropriate venues for public dissemination of their research.

The Brandl Scholarship was established by SJU President Dan Whalen in memory of Dr. John E. Brandl.

In the Media

Manju Parikh, professor of political science, had published a commentary April 12, in the *Pioneer Press*, “Pakistan, through a different lens.”

Ramona Robinson-O'Brien, assistant professor of nutrition, was quoted April 4, in a TIME.com story “Study: Is Vegetarianism a Teen Eating Disorder.”

Andrea Carrow, CSB senior, was featured April 7, in a *The Georgia Bulletin*

story “Student documentary spotlights effort to help poor with microlending.”

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted April 7, in a *St. Cloud Times* article, “Bright spots seen in St. Cloud-area home sales.”

Saint John's Arboretum was featured in April 2009 *Yard & Garden News* article “The Mystery of Maple Sap Flow,” written by Stephen Saupe, professor of biology.

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was interviewed April 6, for a Minnesota Public Radio *Morning Edition* segment “‘Buy local’ can be bad economic.”

Nick Hayes, professor of history and University Chair in Critical Thinking, was a featured guest April 3, in a Minnesota Public Radio *Midday* program “President Obama stresses importance of US-European relationship.”

Saint John's Arboretum was featured April 3, in a *St. Cloud Times* article “Scouts get a sweet education.”

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted April 2, in a Minnesota Public Radio article “Head of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve to retire.”

CSB and SJU were mentioned April 2, in a *USA Today* article “Colleges are the ones fearing rejection letters,” including a photo of the Saint John's Abbey Bell Banner.

Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science, was quoted April 2, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article “Stakes for Coleman climb with next move” and MSNBC.com article “What does Norm do?”

CSB Clemens Library's second annual Edible Book Festival was featured April 2, in a *St. Cloud Times* story “Food, books combine for tasty event.”

Ramona Robinson-O'Brien, assistant professor of nutrition, was quoted April 1, in an ABC News-Online story “Vegetarian teens may face higher eating disorder risk” and *U.S. News & World Report-Online* (HealthDay News) “The Dark Side of Vegetarianism.”

Saint John's was featured April 1, in a *Catholic News Service* article “Say never

again to Holocaust, Holocaust denial, Cardinal Kasper urges.”

Derek Larson, associate professor of history and environmental studies program director, was featured April 1, in a *St. Cloud Times* Writers Group piece “‘Taxes are bad’ is disingenuous.”

Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning was featured April 1, in a *St. Cloud Times* article “SJU faith center to expand mission.”

Matthew Haas, SJU senior, was quoted March 27, in a *St. Cloud Times* article “More student volunteers head to flooded region.”

Saint John's Arboretum was featured March 26, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article “Tap into spring.”

Saint John's Arboretum was featured March 26, in a KSTP-TV *Twin Cities Live* segment about maple syrup.

Caritas Award was featured March 26, in a *St. Cloud Times* article “CSB/SJU event to honor 5 for service.”

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted March 25, in a *St. Cloud Times* article “St. Cloud area jobless rate hits 9.8%.”

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted March 24, in a *USA Today Online* story “Job fair draws crowd in Ohio region hit by layoffs.” The story also ran in *Examiner.com* and *Columbus Dispatch-Online* (Ohio).

John Doman, CSB bus driver, was featured March 23, in a *Metro Magazine Online* story “The Trivia Man challenges his passengers.”

Sam Johnson, assistant professor of art, was quoted March 23, in a *St. Cloud Times* story “Empty Bowls has filling goal.”

Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow presentation by retired Park Service historian Dwight Pitcaithley was featured March 23, in a WJON radio story “Historian to speak on Civil War.”

Miguel Diaz, associate professor of theology, was featured March 23, in a *St. Cloud Times* article “Lecturer focuses on Jesus, borders.”

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and Jamie Streine were quoted March 21, in a *St. Cloud Times* story "CSB student-run fund gives support to philanthropy projects."

CSB/SJU Ballroom Dance Club was featured March 21, in a *St. Cloud Times* story and photo gallery "OSB competes on dance floor."

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted March 19, in a *St. Cloud Times* article "The big question for task force: Who is the middle class?"

The Saint John's Bible was featured March 17, in a WYPR *Maryland Morning* (Baltimore) radio program.

Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement discussion with former Vice President Walter Mondale and former Sen. Dave Durenberger was featured March 17, on a Minnesota Public Radio *Midday* program "Two senior statesmen reflect on public life and civic engagement" and March 17, in a *St. Cloud Times* article "Mondale, Durenberger discuss public service."

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was a featured guest March 17, on a Minnesota Public Radio *Midday* program "Federal Reserve meets this week."

Saint John's power outage was covered by the *Saint Cloud Times* story "Powerless SJU campus makes best of life in dark."

Saint John's Arboretum was featured March 17, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* Web video "Saint John's maple tappers."

Aubrey Immelman, associate professor of psychology, was quoted in April 2009 *The Oprah Magazine* article "The Secret to Obama's Success: He's Boring?"

Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics, was quoted March 14, in a *Washington Post* article "A Trashed Economy Foretold" (The Article was reprinted in the *Seattle Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Concord, N.H. Monitor* and *The Truth* in Elkhart, Ind.)

Dan Steck, professor of physics, was quoted March 14, in a *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article, "Is that granite counter in your home emitting radon?"

Events Calendar

SPRING 2009

May 9, CSB Commencement, Belinda Jensen, KARE-11 Chief Meteorologist (Campus contact: Emily Cook), 2 p.m., HCC Field House, CSB.

May 10, SJU Commencement, the Rev. John P. Foley (Pax Christi Award), Dr. Sharon Daloz Parks (Campus contact: Doris Matter), 2 p.m., Abbey Church, SJU.

CSB/SJU CAMPUS SPEAKERS SCHEDULE FOR 2009-10

Oct. 5, Stefano Zamagni, 2009 Clemens Lecture, SJU, time and specific location TBA (Campus contact: Judy Shank).

Oct. 9, S. Joan Chittister, SJU (Campus contact: Bernadette Dunn).

Oct. 19, Dr. Ivone Gebara, former professor at the Theological Institute of Recife, Brazil, "Human Aspirations and Christian Belief," Koch Chair in Catholic Thought Lecture, 7:45 p.m., Gorecki 204 A&B (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann).

Oct. 26, Senator Chuck Hagel, 3rd Annual McCarthy Lecture, SBH, SJU (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom or Stacy Penk).

Nov. 14, Eighth Annual Red Mass, Sacred Heart Chapel, CSB.

April 28, William Cronon, Scholarship and Creativity Day (Campus contact: Annette Atkins).