Inauguration Set for Fr. Robert Koopmann, SJU President

The inauguration of Fr. Robert Koopmann, OSB, as 12th president of Saint John’s University will be at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 1, at the Abbey Church, SJU.

Fr. Bob, a 1968 SJU graduate, was appointed president of SJU by the university’s Board of Regents and began his official duties on July 1.

“I’m honored and excited to be president,” he said. “Saint John’s has wonderful students, a first-rate faculty, a dedicated and highly competent staff, very committed board members, alumni, benefactors and friends, an amazing and creative partnership with the College of Saint Benedict, and a mission, together with Saint John’s Abbey, to serve the church and the world. I am eager to lead this institution which I love so much.”

He succeeded Dan Whalen, who served as interim president of the university Oct. 21, 2008 through June 30, after the resignation of the late Br. Dietrich Reinhart, president emeritus of SJU.

Fr. Bob has been a CSB/SJU professor of music since 1975, and served as fine arts division head from 2006-09. For the past four years, he served on the Saint John’s Board of Regents, and served nine years in a previous term on the board.

Commenting on Fr. Bob’s appointment as president, Jim Frey, chair of the Saint John’s Board of Regents, had this to say: “He is an extraordinary man who understands keenly and lives fully the mission, vision and values of Saint John’s. He has demonstrated genuine leadership in the several roles he has played at Saint John’s and Saint Ben’s. I fully expect that this demonstrated leadership will be a hallmark of his tenure as president.”

Abbot John Klassen, SJU chancellor, summarized Fr. Bob’s gifts in his nomination letter to the Saint John’s Board of Regents: “I rejoice in Fr. Bob’s selection because I know him to be a solid, energetic and creative member of the monastic community, a monk and priest with deep pastoral sensitivity and a seasoned administrator.”

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, Fr. Bob professed as a monk of Saint John’s Abbey on Sept. 21, 1971, and was ordained a priest on June 6, 1981. He has advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (master of music), the University of Iowa (doctor of musical arts) and a master of divinity degree from Saint John’s SOT. He did post-doctoral study with faculty of the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. Fr. Bob is active as a concert pianist both in the U.S. and abroad, and has released a number of recordings since 1994.

He was chair of the CSB/SJU music department from 1977-83 and 1985-86. He has served as a faculty resident in the student residence halls at Saint John’s since 1981. Since 1998, he has served as a men’s spirituality group leader, and, since 2000, has worked with the Saint John’s Benedictine Volunteer Corps. He also served as director of international studies programs to Salzburg, Austria, and South Africa.

“Fr. Bob is a quiet, humble and effective leader,” said Whalen. “He has a knack of getting difficult things done without drawing attention to himself. He is a true Benedictine.”

“I enthusiastically congratulate Fr. Bob on his appointment as president of Saint John’s University,” said MaryAnn Baenninger, CSB president. “He is a wonderful man who loves both Saint John’s and Saint Ben’s. His long experience as a faculty member and mentor in the music department and his more recent success as division head in the fine arts will give him a firm foundation upon which to begin a successful presidency. As president of College of Saint Benedict, I look forward to working with him as a partner to secure the future of these great institutions.”
Diaz Confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See

Miguel Diaz, Ph.D., a member of the graduate faculty of the SOT of SJU and undergraduate faculty of the CSB/SJU department of theology, was confirmed Aug. 4, by the U.S. Senate as the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See (Vatican).

“I am very grateful to the Senate for this confirmation and to President Obama for the confidence he has invested in me,” Diaz said. “I am honored to be given the responsibility of representing the people of the United States to the Holy See. I very much appreciate the support of all those who have reached out to me and to my family with their prayers and best wishes during this process.”

During his tenure in Rome, Diaz has taken leave for public service from CSB and SJU. He has served on the SOT; CSB and SJU faculty since 2004. He has served as chairperson of the SOT’s Multicultural Committee; as co-chairperson of the CSB/SJU Intercultural Directions Council; and, along with his wife, Marian Diaz, D. Min., established the Changing Faces: Intercultural Ministry and Hospitality series.

“Professor Miguel Diaz is a skilled Trinitarian theologian who is passionate both as a teacher and a scholar,” said Abbot John. “He is a strong proponent of the necessity of the Church to become deeply and broadly multicultural, to recognize and appreciate the role that culture plays in a living faith. Born in Havana, Cuba, he is a leading Hispanic theologian in the United States.”

He earned his bachelor’s degree from St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., and his master’s and doctorate in theology from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind. He taught previously at Barry University, Miami Shores, Fla.; St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fla.; University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio; and the University of Notre Dame. He also served as the academic dean at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary and is fluent in Italian, Spanish and French.

“The College of Saint Benedict is enormously proud that Miguel has been named to this important post,” said MaryAnn Baenninger, CSB president. “Miguel is a highly-respected theologian and scholar, and an excellent teacher. Most importantly, he has a deep commitment to Catholic social justice and to inclusiveness in the Catholic Church. He truly lives a life of faith. He is ideal for this post.”

Diaz’s theological areas of interest include the Trinity, theological anthropology and Latino/a theologies. He is the author of On Being Human: U.S. Hispanic and Rahnerian Perspectives (Orbis Books, 2002), for which he received the Hispanic Theological Initiative’s 2002 Book of the Year award from Princeton Seminary. In addition, he has had articles published in a number of theological journals and in manuscripts, and is co-editor of the book, From the Heart of Our People: Latin/o Explorations in Systematic Theology (Orbis Books, 1999).

“Miguel is a valuable member of the faculty of the School of Theology-Seminary,” said William Cahoy, dean of the SOT. “His students and colleagues appreciate his passion and commitment to the Church as well as his knowledge of theology.”

“I cannot think of anyone who would be more suited to be the Ambassador to the Holy See than Miguel,” said Fr. Bob Koopmann, SJU president. “He is a distinguished Catholic theologian who loves the Church and his country. For the past five years, Saint John’s has benefited from his considerable skills and abilities, and I know that he will work tirelessly in Rome to positively strengthen the relationship between the Vatican and the U.S.”

Diaz is active in numerous professional associations. He serves on the board of the Catholic Theological Society of America, is past president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, and is a past member of the steering committee of the Karl Rahner Society. He is a theological consultant to the Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics and was appointed to the task force overseeing the review and revisions of the accrediting standards for the Association of Theological Schools.

Fr. Hilary to Lead Benedictine Institute at Saint John’s

Fr. Hilary Thimmesh has been named director of the Benedictine Institute at Saint John’s.

The Benedictine Institute at Saint John’s was established by the University’s Board of Regents in 2008 to honor the late Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, president emeritus of SJU.

Fr. Hillary is president emeritus and a 1950 graduate of SJU.

“The Benedictine heritage is deeply rooted in ancient cultures and we often think of it as one of the great civilizing forces in European history,” said Thimmesh. “There is also a contemporary Benedictine world that stretches around the globe. We at Saint John’s and Saint Ben’s are part of that world. The Benedictine Institute will help us see our mission as teachers and learners from the rich perspective of the world we come from and awareness of our world today.”

The purpose of the Benedictine Institute is to strengthen the Catholic, Benedictine character of SJU that has been its hallmark since its founding in 1857. It will do so by fostering an understanding and appreciation of Benedictine tradition, spirit and values among students, faculty and staff, as well as alumni, parents and friends to maintain and support a lively, rich and authentic Benedictine character and conversation on campus; fostering interaction among the monks of Saint John’s Abbey and students, faculty and staff of SJU; and promoting linkages between the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, the Collegeville Institute and The Saint John’s Bible with the academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Theology •Seminary. Programs associated with the Benedictine Institute will include: visiting scholars who bring Catholic intellectual tradition to bear on teaching and the curriculum; symposia on Saint John’s Catholic,
Benedictine character and identity; faculty development and research grants on the Catholic, Benedictine tradition; study trips for faculty, staff and alumni to Catholic and Benedictine sites; and student programs that convey Benedictine values, promote vocational reflection and prepare students for leadership and service in church and society.

“Fr. Hilary’s long experience in academic affairs, student development and monastic leadership makes him the ideal director of our new Benedictine Institute,” said Fr. Bob Koopmann, SJU president. “Saint Benedict was concerned for every aspect of the well being of his communities. This wonderful project will encourage ever new and timely methods to share our Benedictine charism throughout the Saint John’s and Saint Benedict’s community.”

“I am thrilled that Fr. Hilary has accepted the position of director of the Benedictine Institute,” said Abbot John Klassen of Saint John’s Abbey. “He is a highly respected teacher, thinker and leader on our two campuses, with a seasoned and integrated view of the dynamic interaction between being Catholic and Benedictine.”

Thimmesh came to Saint John’s from Osakis, Minn., as a college freshman in 1945, entered the monastery as a novice in 1947, was ordained as a priest in 1954 and began teaching in the English department in 1956.

In 1956 and 1963, respectively, Thimmesh completed master’s and doctoral degrees in English literature at Cornell University, N.Y. Since then, his life has been a mix of teaching and administration as academic dean from 1967 to 1969; apostolic administrator of Saint Martin’s Abbey in Olympia, Wash.; from 1978 to 1980, and prior of Saint John’s Abbey from 1980 to 1982. Thimmesh served as the 10th president of SJU from 1982 to 1991.

Now professor emeritus of English and president emeritus, Thimmesh retired from full-time teaching in 2008. Almost continuously from 1954 to the present, Thimmesh has served as a faculty resident in the student residence halls at Saint John’s. He was the editor of Saint John’s at 150, a book published in 2006 to mark the Saint John’s sesquicentennial celebration.

CSB and SJU Receive National Award at Bonner Summer Leadership Institute

CSB and SJU were awarded a Serve 2.0 Star Community Partner Profile award during the Bonner Summer Leadership Institute June 3-6 at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla. The event was sponsored by the Bonner Foundation.

The award was presented to CSB and SJU and honored the video made by SJU sophomore Brian Long, a communication and English double major. He assembled a video on hunger and homelessness, set in the context of Place of Hope Ministries in St. Cloud and posted on Youtube, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApaB78auFkY. The CSB/SJU Bonners Program, administered through the Service Learning Office, works in partnership with Place of Hope.

Marah Jacobson-Schulte, service learning coordinator and director of the Bonner Leaders at CSB and SJU, also attended the institute, along with four Bonner Leaders from CSB and SJU: Long, and CSB students Adia Zeman, communication major; Jacqueline Carlson, peace studies major; and Lindsey Cermak, humanities major.


The Bonner Foundation sponsors the Bonner Scholars and Bonner Leaders Program. Its programs engage students in service and civic work with the goal of building a broader campus culture, while building mutually beneficial relationships with community partners.

Academic Affairs

Appointments Announced

CSB/SJU Provost Rita Knuesel has announced the following appointments in Academic Affairs:

- S. Mary Reuter, OSB, has been appointed interim director of the CSB Companions on a Journey and the SJU CORAD—Heart Speaks to Heart, the colleges’ partner vocation programs sponsored through the Lilly Foundation, replacing Marian Diaz.
- Dr. Kathleen Twohy has been named director of Learning Enhancement Services. She served as chair of the nursing department from 1998 through this past year.
- Dr. Gregory Walker has been appointed division head of fine arts and Dr. David Bennetts named division head of humanities. Walker served as chair of the music department in 2000-2001. Bennetts just completed a second tour as chair of the history department, having served previously in this capacity from 2000-2003. He had also served as division head of humanities in 2005-2006.
- Dr. Janet Grochowski has been appointed as the inaugural Marie and Robert Jackson Professor of Education at CSB. She joins the campuses from the University of Saint Thomas, where she is professor emerita of education. She received her Ed. D. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. She will also serve as chair for the education department, replacing S. Ann Marie Biermaier, who retired this last year.

Nine CSB and SJU Students Named Jackson Fellows

Nine CSB and SJU students have completed summer service work through the Marie and Robert Jackson Fellows program.

Established in 2008 through an anonymous donation to CSB, the Jackson Fellows program creates summer work with goals of building leadership skills, enhancing social development and improving community life by engaging
fellows in both political and community service activities. Jackson Fellows work at civic affairs organizations and attend group seminars on civic engagement and leadership.

The fellows program is open to students of all majors and includes a highly competitive application and selection process.

The program is co-directed by Matt Lindstrom, CSB/SJU associate professor of political science and director of the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement, and Marah Jacobson-Schulte, CSB/SJU service-learning coordinator.

CSB Jackson Fellows:
- Christen Beckstrand, a German and music double major, worked for the St. Cloud Symphony. Beckstrand developed a curriculum template for the fourth-grade elementary school outreach program, executed an educational music program for children ages 7-12 at the St. Cloud Public Library and wrote a grant to secure funding for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Emily Bina, a communication major, worked for the “Midday” show with SJU graduate Gary Eichten on Minnesota Public Radio News in St. Paul. Bina was responsible for updating the Web site, helping with production by writing scripts and editing audio.
- Jacqueline Duchschere, a political science major, worked for the Office on the Economic Status of Women for the Minnesota Legislature. She worked on an archiving project and on a pay equity project.
- Catherine Hansen, a biology major, worked for The Center for Cross-Cultural Health in Minneapolis. Her assignment to engage the Somali community included anatomy education for women, and an interview study examining the patient-health care professional interaction.
- Laura Huiras, a political science major, worked for Minnesota 2020 in St. Paul. Huiras’ duties were keeping up with educational news, identifying problems and recommending solutions targeting the success of Minnesota’s educational policy.
- Yesenia Murillo, a sociology major, worked for Anna Marie’s Alliance in St. Cloud. At the shelter she worked with the women’s advocates and criminal justice advocates. Additionally, she was one of the committee members working on a civic engagement project called “CONNECT,” also known as Healthy Relationship Community.
- Ashley Verburg, a biochemistry and environmental studies double major, worked for 1000 Friends of Minnesota in Brainerd. She worked in the Brainerd Lakes Area on projects pertaining to conservation design development, natural resource protection and citizen involvement in land-use processes.
- SJU Jackson Fellows:
- Michael Johnson, a political science major, worked for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services in St. Paul. His job as an intake screener, court courier and researcher required him to deal with cases in family, housing and benefits law while supplying legal services to the poorest in the community.
- Brian Long, a communication and English double major, worked for PrideAlive through the Minnesota AIDS Project in Minneapolis. PrideAlive is an outreach program that works to educate young gay men about HIV prevention, the risks of HIV and STDs, plan special events for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and provide free HIV testing.

IMHO: We Need to Talk

By Glenda Isaac Burton
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Communication and Marketing

“We are all educators.” – Rita Knuesel, CSB/SJU provost

Last spring Carol Guardo, former CSB president, returned to the campuses to lead retreat sessions with the CSB Board of Trustees and the SJU Board of Regents, separately and together. The good news, she said, is this: “You’re not broke,” and she cited examples of success: enrollment of high-achieving students, enviable student retention rates and a smooth accreditation process.

However, in characteristic blunt style she concluded with this admonition to members of each board: “You need to talk with each other.”

If asked, she might have offered the same directive to members of the CSB/SJU community. We need to talk with each other.

As editor of the Community newsletter for CSB/SJU faculty and staff, my goal is for Community to facilitate that conversation; and, to keep the discussion fresh, timely and dynamic, the Office of Communion and Marketing will introduce later this year a new version, e-Community.

It’s time. After nine years of publication, Community will take a flying leap into the digital domain. There are two reasons. First, it will save money. More than that, it will take advantage of the many digital gadgets that allow us to interact online.

A personal note: I began my career in newspapers. My fingers are ink-stained. I am slow to embrace new technology. But we all know that newspapers must evolve or they will die. So it is with Community, or rather, e-Community.

When Community began nine years ago, one reason was because faculty wanted a printed newsletter. As a compromise, we plan to continue publishing four print versions during the academic year. Also, each online issue will include an option to download a PDF file, so that issues can be posted for our employees who do not have computer access.

Meanwhile, your input will help us make this a communication instrument that meets individual, departmental and institutional needs. We have many different communication needs and challenges. We have three identities: the College of Saint Benedict, Saint John’s University and the coordinate relationship. We are labeled by our contracts, yet we work together to create a unique educational experience for our students.

In an essay on the liberal arts, William

To paraphrase Paul Wellstone: we all succeed when we each succeed. Community and e-Community will both report on our efforts, aspirations and successes. As the e-Community planning continues, I hope to hear your comments and ideas. You can reach me at gburgeson@csbsju.edu

Mosley Named to Lead Admission and Financial Aid

Cal Mosley has assumed the role of vice president for admission and financial aid at CSB and SJU, effective June 1. For the previous year, Mosley had worked with the Admission and Financial Aid offices in an advisory role, under the leadership of Jon McGee, vice president for enrollment, institutional planning and public affairs.

Structurally, the Admission and Financial Aid offices will report to Mosley, and he will report directly to the two presidents. The Communication and Marketing Services office and the Institutional Research office will continue to report to McGee in his new role as vice president for planning and public affairs.

Presser Scholar Named

SJU student Jonathan Gregoire is the recipient of the Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award for the 2009-10 academic year. Gregoire, an organ performance major, was selected by the CSB/SJU music faculty in recognition of excellence and merit. He will receive a certificate and a $4,800 scholarship for his senior year, and be known as a Presser Undergraduate Scholar. Funding for the scholarship was provided by The Presser Foundation, in recognition of the quality of the CSB/SJU music department.

At SJU, he has accompanied many of his peers for studio classes, lessons, recitals, juries and competitions such as Saint Cloud Symphony Concerto Competition, Thursday Musical, and Schubert Club. He takes lessons in organ, piano, and voice, and plays for Saint John’s Campus Ministry.

He played for the world premiere of “Praise for Organ and Steel Drum” by Carol Barnett at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. This included a recording, which is sold with the score through Augsburg Fortress. He’s worked with many outstanding international and national organists in master classes held in Minneapolis/Saint Paul.

This fall he is studying abroad in France and has made connections with prominent organists in France to learn about the French organs, style of playing, and first-hand knowledge of repertoire by working with living organ composers. He will use his Presser Scholarship to help fund the travel, lessons and final year of undergraduate study.

After graduation, Gregoire plans to complete a doctorate and would like to study abroad on a Fulbright Scholarship. The Presser Foundation was established in 1916 by Theodore Presser for the purpose of promoting music education in institutions of learning. Presser also founded the Theodore Presser Company, the oldest continuous music publisher in the United States.

Women’s Walk Raises $39,000

Rain did not dampen the spirits of CSB/SJU faculty, staff, students, alumnae, families and friends who turned out for the third annual Women’s Walk at CSB April 26. The benefit for CSB athletics and recreation raised $39,000.

Blazer Athletic Department fund raising provides almost 40 percent of the operating budget for 12 varsity teams. Recreationally, over 80 percent of CSB students use facilities and services provided by campus recreation.

Clemens Library Sponsors Summer Reading Group at CSB

Clemens Library launched a community summer reading group, St. Joe Reads, that included readers from CSB, SJU and St. Joseph.

The group read Thomas Maltman’s Night Birds, a historical novel about the clash between Dakota Indians and immigrant settlers in the early years of Minnesota statehood, with a focus on the interactions between a family of German immigrants and their Dakota neighbors.

The group met for a brown bag discussion July 23, at Clemens Library, and then met with the author for a reading and discussion Aug. 6, at the Teresa Reception Center, CSB.

Clemens Library also sponsored a summer reading program, Just for Kids! The program welcomed children from kindergarten through sixth grade for programs on Wednesdays.

SJU Graduate Awarded National Fellowships

Jeffrey Bandar, who recently graduated from SJU, has received two prestigious national fellowships.

He received a 2009 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) and a 2009 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship. Each is worth approximately $30,000 annually and is funded for a maximum of three years.

Bandar, who has already begun graduate school at Columbia University to pursue a doctorate in chemistry, will take the NDSEG award for the first three years. In year three, he will begin the NSF award but will not receive a stipend for it. Then, in years four and five, he will receive the NSF stipend.

Bandar graduated egregia cum laude (a perfect 4.0 grade-point average) Mary 10 from SJU with a degree in chemistry.

“I had him in class as a first-year student and could tell he had great potential...
even then,” said Brian Johnson, CSB/SJU professor of chemistry. “He has that highly desirable combination of an excellent intellect, great laboratory instincts and a strong work ethic. He is very curious and is motivated to learn more.”

Bandar’s experience in undergraduate research played a role in his success, Johnson said. “He started work with Nicholas Jones and me in the spring of his sophomore year and has continued his research project to this day. He gave a poster on his research at the Spring 2008 national meeting of the American Chemical Society. He also spent the summer of 2008 doing research at Columbia.”

The NSF award is based on an individual’s abilities and accomplishments as well as their potential to contribute to strengthening the vitality of the U.S. science and engineering enterprise. It also included an original research proposal.

Initiated in 1952, the GRF enables American scientific competitiveness by investing in exemplary graduate students pursuing research-based degrees in NSF relevant fields. Over 43,000 fellowships have been awarded since 1952, including 1,236 awardees from over 9,000 applicants in 2009.

According to the NDSEG Web site, Bandar is one of 200 awardees out of more than 2,000 applicants for the NDSEG Fellowship, which is sponsored and funded by the Department of Defense (DoD). The America Society for Engineering Education administers the NDSEG Fellowship.

Administrative and Support Staff Honored at Employee Recognition Events

Employee recognition events last May honored CSB, SJU and OSB administrative and support staff. Employees were recognized for retirement and years of service. In addition, several special awards were presented:

Retirement – Sandy Belanger, CSB culinary services; Gary Bradford, CSB culinary services; Eileen Haeg, health center; Ardell Koehn, SJU custodial; Mary Reischl, Liturgical Press; Addy Spitzer, international student programs; Kathryn Tschakert, health center.

Five years:

CSB/SJU — Terri Barreiro, McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship; Judy Bednar, human resources; Addy Spitzer, international student programs; Alan Christenson, admission; Steve Gradin, information technology services; Barbara Hein, communication and marketing services; Ryan Kutter, academic assessment; Brent Schloe, registrar’s office; Jennifer Schwichtenberg, library.

CSB — Marianne Koenig, culinary services; Dave Kon, custodial maintenance; Katherine McNiel, athletics; Christine Munger, Companions on a Journey; S. Janelle Sietsema, OSB, media services; Joseph Vaughn, institutional advancement.

OSB (includes SJU, Saint John’s Abbey, Liturgical Press and Saint John’s Preparatory School) — Nancy Beutz, custodial; Pam Broughton, dining service; Jeffrey Chouard, dining service; Russ Kilanowski, Abbey physical plant-plumbing; Cindy Maile, School of Theology; Donald Ottenhoff, Collegeville Institute; Mary Lou Rausch, Abbey housekeeping-laundry; Gail Schneider, Saint John’s Preparatory School; Timothy Ternes, The Saint John’s Bible project; Wayne Torborg, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library; Pam Wilder, custodial.

Ten years:

CSB/SJU — Laurie Birr, information technology services; Susan Douma, academic affairs; Michael Ewing, counseling and health promotion; Karla Lauer, information technology; Jon McGee, institutional planning and research; Ganard Orionzi, environmental and health safety; Christine Sales, bookstore; Lynn Schultz, physics; Karen Storkamp, student accounts; Jeanne Terres, academic advising; Adam Wicklund, information technology services.

CSB — Shelly Athmann, student development; Sharon Braegelmann, facilities management; Michael Juntener, transportation; Barbara Ries, culinary services; Marilyn Schindler, culinary services; Martha Schnitz, culinary services; Jane Schulzetenberg, custodial; James Schumann, facilities management.

OSB — Eileen Daniels, dining service; Robert Ellenbecker, Prep School; Kris Fremo, Prep School; Mary Ellenbecker Johnson, Prep School; Ralph Petersen, Abbey physical plant-plumbing; Mary Pflueger, Abbey housekeeping-laundry; Connie Rosenberger, Prep School custodial; Gail Studinski, dining service; Lisa Weyer, dining service; Jeff Wubbels, dining service; Joseph Vardas, athletics.

Fifteen years:

CSB/SJU — Barbara Busing, counseling and health promotion; James Gramke, information technology services; Nicole Joos, information technology services; Jason Kelly, academic advising; Mary Kron, bookstore; Vivian Krueger, communication and marketing services; David Malone, library; Neecy Terhaar, bookstore.

CSB — Gordon Smith, custodial; Cynthia Weymouth, president’s office.

OSB — Jim Gagliardi, athletics; Boni Heinen, Abbey housekeeping-laundry; Ginger Hoffman, dining service; Gerard Huhne, Abbey physical plant-electrical; Mary Kaasa, custodial; Mary Jo Leighton, Prep School; Lance Nydeen, Prep School; Todd Vierzba, life safety services.

Twenty years:

CSB/SJU — Greg Becker, communication and marketing services; Jacqueline Hampton, academic advising; Norma Koetter, history/Asian Studies; Mo Laube, registrar’s office; Don Renshaw, library; John Rocky, information technology services; Mark Shimota, academic advising; Mary Jo Waggoner, academic affairs.

CSB — Susan Palmer, business office; Luella Strand, culinary services.

OSB — Peter Dwyer, Liturgical Press; Janet Merdan, Abbey seamstress; Nancy Mitchell, Abbey retirement center; Lori Pfannenstein, Prep School; Dianne Rademacher, Abbey retirement center; Mary Sagissor, institutional advancement; Ralph Shay, custodial; Mary Streit, custodial; Benedict Trettel, Abbey garage.
25 years:
CSB/SJU — Deb Baggenstoss, admissions; Liola Dold, natural science; Judy Eggert, management, economics, accounting and finance; Sarah Pruett, modern and classical languages.
CSB — Roger Lutgen, power plant.
OSB — Richard Froehle, grounds; Jim Ficker, Liturgical Press; Eva Haber, Abbey physical plant-custodial services; Michael Roske, Abbey woodworking; Rev. Columba Stewart, OSB, Hill Museum & Manuscript Library; Cathy Wieme, institutional advancement.

30 years:
CSB/SJU — Mary Harlander-Locke, career services; Jane Haugen, financial aid; Pam Reding, academic affairs; Sue Zimmer, accounting, finance, management, economics.
CSB — Patricia Bogard, institutional advancement; Doris Gangl, purchasing.
OSB — Gary Braun, Abbey physical plant-carpentry; Barbara Frank, campus life; Betty Marquette, Liturgical Press; Jo Ann Myers, dining service; William Patefield, business office; Michael Percuoco, Prep School; Dave Philippi, dining service; Ann Sand, Abbey retirement center; David Schoenberg, dining services; Colleen Stiller, Liturgical Press.

35 years:
CSB/SJU — James Koenig, information technology services.
OSB — Patrick Haws, athletics.

45 years:
OSB — Br. Kelly Ryan, OSB, Abbey.

50 years:
CSB/SJU — Br. Andrew Goltz, OSB, library.
OSB — Rev. Thomas Gillespie, OSB, Abbey physical plant-signage.

55 years:
OSB — John Gagliardi, athletics.

Special awards
OSB Outstanding Administrator Award — Rob Culligan, institutional advancement. The award, named in honor of Fr. Vincent Tegeder, OSB, recognizes service and excellence within the Saint John's administrative community — someone who embodies the spirit of Saint John's, provides quality service and makes a powerful contribution to Saint John's. Culligan, a St. Paul native, began his career at Saint John's as an admission counselor 27 years ago. Following several years working for Catholic organizations in Ohio and Colorado, he returned to Saint John's. Since 1999, he has served as vice president for institutional advancement.

WOW Awards — This was the inaugural presentation of the awards, which were given to seven people who were recognized for their contributions to the CSB campus. The recipients were: Joan Pfannenstein (culinary services), who was recognized for her cheery disposition as a cashier at Gorecki Dining and Conference Center; Mike Durbin (athletics), who was recognized for winning his 500th career game as coach of the Blazers' basketball team; Robin Balder-Lanoue (athletics), who was recognized for being named the MIAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year; John Doman (transportation), who was recognized for his unique approach to making bus transportation between campuses a unique learning experience by asking trivia questions to students; Larry Schug (recycling coordinator), who was recognized for receiving one of four 2008 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Writers for his work in poetry; and Chris Brake and Mary Plombon (grounds), who were recognized for their work in keeping the campus grounds beautiful.

Hasselberg Awarded Fulbright Grant

John Hasselberg, CSB/SJU associate professor of management, has been awarded a Fulbright Lecturing/Research grant for the fall semester at Gotland University, Visby, Sweden.

“Liberal Education, Collaboration and Sustainable Community Development on Gotland” is the title of Hasselberg's project. He will work with the faculty, staff and students of Gotland University and the broader Gotland communities to help develop the first fully integrated liberal arts/liberal learning university education system in Sweden.

He is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals selected to travel abroad this academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program. The Fulbright program in Sweden is co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Swedish Ministry for Higher Education and Research.

CSB Student Receives NASA Scholarship

CSB sophomore Juliana Vievering has been selected by NASA to receive a one-year Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology (MUST) Project scholarship. She was one of 100 undergraduates to be honored from an applicant pool of 600 students nationally.

This program awards scholarships and internships to students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. It is open to all students but particularly focuses on engaging students from underserved and underrepresented populations. MUST, which is funded by NASA, is a joint partnership between the Hispanic College Fund, the United Negro College Fund Special Programs and the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers.

Each student receives up to one-half of a year's tuition, not to exceed $10,000. Additionally, the scholarship recipients benefit year-round from tutoring, attendance at lectures series and mentoring from STEM faculty and peers. Vievering attended a week-long orientation and leadership symposium in Orlando, Fla., in August.

Vievering is majoring in physics and math, maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average. At CSB, she is involved in several student choirs, Students for Life Club and serves as an Admission ambassador. This coming year she will take part in a problem-solving seminar which is part of a new program designed to enrich the experiences of women in sciences and...
Six with Ties to CSB and SJU Receive Fellowships

Four recent May graduates from CSB and SJU have received Upper Midwest Human Rights Fellowships from the University of Minnesota’s Human Rights Center.

CSB graduates Kathryn Green and Johanna Grefsrud, and SJU graduates Brandon Drazich and Nicolas Nadeau received the fellowships. Elizabeth Super, a 2008 graduate of CSB, and Paul Walters, a 2005 graduate of SJU, also received fellowships. A total of 39 people were selected to fellowships this year.

The fellowship program is designed to promote social justice by providing practical training in aspects of human rights work worldwide. 

• Drazich graduated magna cum laude from SJU with a degree in English. As a fellow, he joined Pax Christi International in Brussels, Belgium, for the summer. Drazich’s work focused on human rights research and advocacy; peace spirituality and peace theology; and non-governmental organization fund raising.

• Green graduated from CSB with degrees in peace studies and environmental studies. She will complete her fellowship with the Karenni Development Research Group (KDRG), a coalition of 10 Karenni community-based organizations. As an intern with KDRG, Green will translate KDRG reports into English, network with other human rights non-governmental organizations in Thailand, assist in organizing training and workshop sessions for human rights activists and participate in all planned KDRG campaign projects.

• Grefsrud graduated summa cum laude from CSB with a degree in peace studies. She will complete her fellowship with ISAIAH’s Great River Interfaith Partnership of St. Cloud. Grefsrud hopes to explore the role a human rights framework can play in community organizing and to use community organizing to promote human rights.

• Nadeau graduated summa cum laude from SJU with a degree in English. As a fellow, he will be working at Global Overseas Adoptees’ Link (G.O.A.’L.) in Seoul. Nadeau’s work will focus on G.O.A.’L’s Dual Citizenship Campaign, Korea’s ratification of the Hague Convention on International Adoption, and meetings with the Korean National Assembly.

• Super graduated from CSB in 2008 with a degree in political science. She will complete her fellowship at the Transition- al Justice Institute in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Super will work on the Inquiries Observation Project, with which she will monitor and evaluate governmental inquiries into the deaths of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland during the “Troubles,” a period roughly from the late 1960s to 1998.

• Walters graduated from SJU in 2005 with degrees in psychology and English. As a fellow, he will be working at a nonprofit organization called The Friends of Ngong Road in Nairobi, Kenya. The organization provides education and support for Nairobi children living in poverty whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS so they can transform their lives.

Over the past 20 years, the Human Rights Center has sponsored 426 interns and fellows to work with human rights organizations in more than 80 countries.

Two SJU Graduates Earn Fulbright Commissions

Two May SJU graduates have received Fulbright commissions to work in South Korea and Austria.

Nikolas Nadeau has been awarded a 2009-10 Fulbright English teaching assistant position in South Korea. Robert Mevissen has been awarded a 2009-10 Fulbright teaching-study grant in Austria.

Nadeau, who graduated summa cum laude with an English major, will teach English to secondary school students at a school outside of Seoul, South Korea.

For Nadeau, it marks a homecoming. He is a Korean adoptee who was brought up in Minnesota.

“Living in my birth country for a long-term period will be exhilarating, but at times exhausting, too!” Nadeau said.

“I think all adopted people, and transnational adoptees in particular, have questions about their past that don’t allude to ready-made answers. While in Korea, I expect that I will sometimes feel frustrated as I attempt to maneuver my way into Korean culture. But I feel privileged to take this next step forward, and to experience my birth country through such a reputable program as the one Fulbright offers.”

He prepared for his trip by taking an intermediate Korean language and Korean literature and film classes at the University of Minnesota.

In addition to his teaching assignment, he said he looked forward to “living with my host family, improving my Korean skills and continuing to practice traditional Korean percussion, which I began learning in 2006.”

Mevissen also graduated summa cum laude with a triple major in French, German and history. He will have split duties while in Austria. Half the week, he will be a U.S. teaching assistant tutoring at an Austrian gymnasium. The other half, he will take classes at the University of Vienna, researching ideas for a project, "Understanding the Modern Dichotomy of East and West Europe: Historical Perspectives and Current Trends.”

“At the school (gymnasium), I will have responsibilities of an English-teaching assistant, helping the teacher with activities and engaging the students in conversational dialogue,” Mevissen said.

While attending SJU, Mevissen made two study abroad trips — to Salzburg, Austria, as a sophomore, and to Cannes, France, as a junior.

“Both experiences, while radically different, expanded my international awareness as they exposed me to a variety of cultural nuances,” Mevissen said. “In Austria, I struggled initially with the country’s dialectic differences, which are sometimes difficult even for other Austrians to understand. That semester prepared me for another year of living in...
Austria, as I already feel comfortable in the culture and with the people.”

Mevisen plays the violin, and would like to find a community orchestra to perform with while in Austria. He also wants to get involved in his community.

**Priory Nancy Bauer and Abbot John Klassen Honored**

The University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., awarded Doctor of Leadership honorary degrees to Priory Nancy Bauer of Saint Benedict's Monastery, Abbot John Klassen of Saint John's Abbey and Sister Joanne Graham of Annunciation Monastery in Bismarck during its commencement ceremony May 2. The ceremony celebrated the 50th anniversary of the university by recognizing its Benedictine heritage. An honorary doctorate is the highest honor bestowed by the University of Mary, which awards both bachelor and master's degrees.

Priory Nancy and Abbot John also co-delivered the commencement address, “Never Turn Away When Someone Needs Your Love: A Benedictine Outlook on the World.” Sister Joanne is a former vice chancellor of the Diocese of St. Cloud.

**CSB Students Receive Asian Studies Honor**

The Asian Studies Program is pleased to announce that Kathryn Hauff (CSB ’12), Pa Nhia Lee (CSB ’11) and Hannah Nelson (CSB ’11) have been awarded the Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wang and S. Telan Hu Scholarship in Asian Studies for the 2009-10 academic year. This scholarship is intended to help recipients cultivate an interest in the culture and with the people of China and the United States.

Also studying at Southwest University this fall, Lee has studied Chinese language since high school, and will complete a minor in Chinese and Asian studies. She has volunteered both in the Twin Cities and at CSB.

The Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wang and S. Telan Hu Scholarship in Asian Studies was established by Margaret Man-Hwa Wang in loving memory of her parents, Mr. Jung-Chun Wang and Mrs. Jui-Chin Liao Wang, who spent a lifetime supporting needy students in high schools and colleges around the island of Taiwan. This endowed scholarship also honors the three decades of dedicated service by S. Telan Hu to Asian studies at CSB/SJU.

**Faculty Honored at Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition Ceremony**

CSB/SJU faculty and staff members were honored at the Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition Ceremony May 5 at the Alumni Lounge, SJU.

In addition to recognition for years of service, promotions, contributions as department chairs and leaders, the following awards were presented:

- **S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award** — Cynthia Malone, professor of English. S. Mary, a noted biologist, served students at CSB and SJU for more than 35 years with intelligence, dedication and affection. The difference S. Mary made in her lifetime of teaching at CSB is celebrated through the recognition each year of a faculty member who represents the best teaching and learning at CSB and SJU. S. Mary served as president of CSB from 1963-68. This award has been presented yearly since 1995.

- Malone has taught at CSB and SJU since 1990. She received her bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University in 1980, and master's and doctorate degrees from Boston University. Malone also serves as the faculty director of the Literary Arts Institute at CSB. Her areas of interest include autobiographies and British novels.

- Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award — Tom Sibley, professor of mathematics. This award is named in honor of Spaeth, who served as dean at SJU for nine years in addition to service as a professor of liberal studies from 1979 until his death in 1994. Each year, Spaeth's commitment to excellent teaching is remembered by honoring a faculty member who brings a special passion and mastery to the classroom and the learning community. This award has been presented yearly since 1995.

- Sibley has taught at CSB and SJU since 1984. He previously taught at Beloit (Wis.) College; Cuttington University, Liberia; St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.; and Boston University. He also taught high school in Africa from 1973-75. He received the Distinguished Teaching Award from the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America in 2003, and the Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award from CSB and SJU in 2004.

- **Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award** — Martha Tomhave Blauvelt, professor of history. The Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award is given annually to a faculty member who exemplifies demonstrated excellence in scholarship as well as teaching, conducts student/faculty collaborative research or creative work and excels in the mentoring of students. In recognition of the late Linda Mealey's contributions to the CSB and SJU community, this award is named in honor of Mealey, who received the award in 2002. The award, which was established as the Teacher-Scholar Award in 2000, was renamed for Mealey in 2004.

- Tomhave Blauvelt also received the
initial S. Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award. This new award recognizes a member of the CSB/SJU faculty whose work has been especially important to gender education development. S. Linda, CSB’s vice president for academic affairs from 1977-85 and professor emerita of education, was a pioneer in the college’s earliest efforts to integrate gender into the curriculum.

Tomhave Blauvelt has taught at CSB and SJU since 1981. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, and her master's and doctorate degrees from Princeton University. Her 2007 book, The Work of the Heart: Young Women and Emotion, 1780-1830, received the Society for Historians of the Early Republic’s Best First Book Award.

Tom Creed Memorial Award for Effective Electronic Pedagogy — Andrea Shaker, associate professor of art, and Bob Hesse, associate professor of mathematics. This award is given for effective electronic pedagogy and is named in honor of Tom Creed, the late professor of psychology at CSB and SJU and founder and first director of the Learning Enhancement Service. Shaker has taught at CSB and SJU since 1995. She received her bachelor’s degree from Georgetown University in 1986, and her master's in fine arts from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Hesse has taught at CSB and SJU since 2001. He has a bachelor's degree from SJU, and a master's and doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

Recognition was given as follows:

Advising awards: Humanities, Sophia Geng, instructor of modern and classical languages; Social Science, Claire Haeg, assistant professor of political science; Natural Science, Kris Nairn, assistant professor of mathematics; Cross Divisional, Lisa Scott, adviser (international), academic advising; Fine Arts, Greg Walker, professor of music theory and composition.

Tenure and promotion to associate professor: Jon Armajani, theology; Pam Bacon, psychology; Mark Hennigs, theater; Carrie Hoover, nursing; Adam Houghton, theater; Kris Nairn, mathematics; Br. Simon-Hoa Phan, OSB, art; Aric Putnam, communication.

Tenure and promotion to professor: Miguel Diaz, theology.

Promotion to associate professor: Bernardette Elhard, nutrition.

Promotion to professor: Terry Check, communication; the Rev. Dale Launderville, OSB, theology; the Rev. Michael Patella, OSB, theology; Andrea Shaker, art.

Professor Emerita: S. Ann Marie Biermaier, OSB, education; Lynn Moore, education.

Professor Emeritus: Joe Friedrich, economics.

Outgoing department chairs: Dave Bennetts, professor of history; S. Ann Marie Biermaier, OSB, professor of education; Gary Brown, associate professor of mathematics; Willene Mangham, professor of theater; Mike Opitz, professor of English; Kathy Twohzy, professor of nursing.

Service as acting department chair: Lynn Ziegler, professor of computer science.

Outgoing division head: Annette Atkins, professor of history; the Rev. Bob Koopmann, OSB, professor of music.

Outgoing director of gender and women's studies: Meg Lewis, associate professor of economics and director, gender and women's studies.

Outgoing Joint Faculty Senate Chair: Katie Johnson, associate professor of communication.

10 years of service: Matt Callahan, adjunct instructor, English; Bruce Campbell, associate professor of Hispanic studies; Denise Meijer, adjunct instructor, nursing; Ron Pagnucco, associate professor, peace studies; Corey Shouse Tourino, associate professor, Hispanic Studies; Linda Tennon, associate professor of psychology.

15 years of service: Richard Bohr, professor of history and director of Asian studies; Patricia Bolanos-Fabres, associate professor, Hispanic studies; Gordon Brown, associate professor of biology; Jayne Byrne, associate professor of nutrition; Terry Check, associate professor of communication; Kate Graham, associate professor of chemistry; Janet Hope, professor of sociology; Paul Marsnik, associate professor of management; the Rev. Luke Mancuso, OSB, associate professor of English; Sheila Nelson, associate professor of sociology; Vilma Walter, instructor of Hispanic studies.

20 years of service: Jeanne Cook, professor of communication; Margaret Cook, professor of modern and classical languages; Jennifer Galovich, associate professor of mathematics; John Hasselberg, associate professor of management; Richard Ice, professor of communication; Chikako Keymer, instructor of modern and classical languages; Marcus Webster, professor of biology.

25 years of service: Noreen Herzfeld, professor of computer science, theology; Wendy Klepetar, professor of management; Willene Mangham, associate professor of theater; Anna McKenna, associate professor of chemistry; Scott Richardson, professor of modern and classical languages and Blecker Professorship; Tom Sibley, professor of mathematics; Steve Wagner, professor of philosophy; Kay Wolsborn, professor of political science; Liz Wurdak, professor of biology.

30 years of service: S. Mara Faulkner, OSB, associate professor of English; Clayton Gearhart, professor of physics; James Makepeace, professor of sociology; Ozzie Mayers, professor of English; Chuck Rodell, professor of biology; Dale White, professor of music.

35 years of service: Jim O’Meara, professor of accounting and finance.

40 years of service: Axel Theimer, professor of music.

45 years of service: Jim Smith, associate professor of physical education.

Retirement: S. Ann Marie Biermaier, OSB, professor of education; Rabbi Barry Cytron, director of Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning; Ellen Ellickson, adjunct instructor, nursing; Joe Friedrich,
Faculty/Staff Notes

Jean Keller, CSB/SJU associate professor of philosophy, presented “Sara Ruddick, Transracial Adoption, and the Goals of Maternal Practice” at the Philosophical Inquiry into Pregnancy, Childbirth and Mothering conference at the University of Oregon, on May 16. It’s the third in a series of essays she’s written that re-examines feminist philosopher Sara Ruddick’s classic work, Maternal Thinking, from the perspective of adoptive mothering.

Thorpe Running, CSB/SJU professor emeritus of Spanish, recently published two articles. In an issue of the Argentine journal, “Palabra y Persona,” dedicated to the topic “El apagón de la etica” (The dying out of ethics), he wrote the article, “Another configuration of ethics” (Otra configuracion de la etica). The essay focuses on the approach to ethics by Roberto Juarroz, a noted Argentine intellectual and poet. He also translated to Spanish the following article by his colleague, Rene McGaw, CSB/SJU associate professor of philosophy: “Ethical Considerations on the Trial of Eichmann” (Consideraciones eticas del proceso a Eichmann).

Nick Hayes, CSB/SJU professor of history and SJU Chair in Critical Thinking, was Gary Eichten’s guest on MPR’s “MIDDAY” on June 23, giving a commentary on President Obama’s press conference, and on July 6, providing commentary on Obama’s visit to Moscow. His article on the Moscow summit — “Is Russia Having Second Thoughts About Inviting Obama?” — appeared in MinnPost.com on July 6.

He also gave a reading from his book in progress, And One Fine Morning Memories of My Father, and a paper on modernism in Midwestern religious architecture on June 18, at a conference on “Catholicism and Public Space” at the Institute for Art, Design and Technology (IADT), Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. Excerpts from his memoir and his presentation will be published in a forthcoming collection of essays — Re-imagining Ireland, to be published in Ireland.

Aaron Raverty, OSB, presented a paper entitled “Monastic Gender Status: Beyond the Polarity of Masculine and Feminine” July 20, as a member of the panel “Gender and Shamanisms in the Americas” at the 53rd International Congress of Americanists held at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

The 2008-09 SJU basketball and football game-day programs were recently honored as “Best in the Nation,” NCAA Division III, by the College Sports Information Directors of America as part of its annual publication contest. In addition, the SJU basketball game-day program received the “Best Cover” award. The 2008-09 SJU hockey game-day program was voted “Second in the Nation.”

The SJU football program has now received “Best in the Nation” honors three consecutive years and five times overall. The football game programs were voted “Best in the Nation” in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007, and “Second in the Nation” in 2002 and 2005. The “Best in the Nation” award is the first for the basketball program.

SJU’s game programs are produced by Tom Stock, John Biasi, Ryan Klinkner and brace Hemmelgarn in the sports marketing and athletic media relations offices at SJU.

Ron Pagnucco, CSB/SJU associate professor and chair of peace studies, has been appointed co-coordinator of Pax Christi USA’s Task Force on Africa. He has represented Pax Christi USA to the Pax Christi Horn of Africa Network of NGOs for the past four years. The network comprises faith-based NGOs from Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Sudan. Pax Christi USA is a section of Pax Christi International, the international Catholic peace movement. The Task Force provides guidance on ways that Pax Christi USA can join its African partners in working for peace, justice and reconciliation.

Krissy Petersen, CSB residence director in Brian & Margreta Halls, had a story published in More Stories of Inspiration: 51 Uplifting Tales of Courage, Humor, Healing, and Learning in Student Affairs, Sarah M. Marshall, ed., published this summer by NASPA, an organization of student affairs administrators.

The book is a follow-up volume to Stories of Inspiration (NASPA, 2006), and features uplifting stories, conversations, and poems that convey the joys and challenges of working on campus, and reinforces the significance of student affairs work.

In the Media

News stories of the nomination and confirmation of Miguel Diaz as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See was carried in major news outlets throughout Minnesota and nationwide, including the Associated Press Wire Service, the Catholic News Service and the Hispanic press. Links are available at csbsju.edu/news/

Derek Larson, associate professor of history and chair of environmental studies, was featured Aug. 5, in a St. Cloud Times story, “Clunker to class: Auto rebates spark sales.”

Nick Hayes, professor of history and SJU University Chair in Critical Thinking, was featured Aug. 3, in a MinnPost.com article “Ireland and Frank McCourt: a painful struggle continues;” July 27, in a MinnPost.com article “Biden travels, talks and ticks off the Russians;” July 20, in a MinnPost.com article “From Minneapolis to Russia: What a historian’s Cold War journey tells us about today.”

Rachel Melis, assistant professor of art, was quoted July 30, in a St. Cloud Times story, “Modern meets old school.”

CSB/SJU I-LEAD program was featured July 29, in a Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder story, “Attitude Change.”

For the latest and archival information about media coverage of CSB and SJU, visit the Communication and Marketing Media Relations Web page: csbsju.edu/news/
Events Calendar

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Sept. 3, Kip Fulbeck, artist, slam poet, filmmaker, and author, 7:30 p.m., BAC, CSB (Campus contact: Gwen Schimek).

Sept. 9, Terry Gips, president, Alliance for Sustainability, “How Caring for Creation Benefits our Spiritual Life, Finances, Business, Community, and Planet,” sponsored by the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning, SBH, SJU, 8 p.m. (Campus contact: John Merkle).

Sept. 12, Dedication of the McKeown Center in Flyntown, 11 a.m., SJU (Campus contact: JoAnn Matheny).

Sept. 16, Dr. Gary Prevost, “Cuban Revolution,” sponsored by the Latino/Latin American Studies Program 7 p.m., location TBD (Campus contact: Corey House).


Sept. 21, Ruth Rogers, special collections librarian, Wellesley College, “Artists Books and the Liberal Arts,” location and time TBD (Campus contact: Kathy Parker).

Sept. 22, Carlos Olivia, University of Havana, “50th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution,” sponsored by the Latino/Latin American Studies Program, 7:30 p.m., Quad 264, SJU (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell).

Sept. 23, Sen. Chuck Hagel, third annual McCarthy Lecture, 7:30 p.m., SBH, SJU (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom or Stacy Penk) Class visits on Sept. 24.

Sept. 28, Dr. Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Moral Theology Lecture, 7:30 p.m., Goreck 204A, CSB (Campus contact: Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman).

Sept. 28, 22nd annual Peace Studies Conference, 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.: Jeb Middlebrook, director, Solidarity Institute and anti-racist organizer, 7 p.m., Quad 264, SJU (Campus contact: Kelly Kraemer).

Sept. 30, David Rehr, ’81, former president & CEO, Natl. Association of Broadcasters, “Is the Media ‘Fairness Doctrine’ Fair?” 7 p.m., Alumni Lounge, SJU (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom or Stacy Penk).

Oct. 1, Inauguration Fr. Robert Koopmann, OSB, as 12th president of SJU, 2:30 p.m., Abbey Church, SJU (Campus contact: Marie Eli).

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

Oct. 9, S. Joan Chittister, “Monasticism and Radical Christianity,” 8 p.m., SBH, SJU (Campus contact: Bernadette Dunn).

Oct. 12, Jay Phillips Chair Anniversary/Colman Barry Award Program (Campus contact: Marie Eli).

Oct. 13, Cheryl Thomas, director, Women’s Human Rights Program at Advocates for Human Rights, Minn., Global Awareness Series, 7 p.m., location TBD (Campus contact: Manju Parikh).

Oct. 15, Kalia Yang, author of The Latehomecomers, Book Lovers Night, 6 p.m. optional dinner, 6:45 community readers discussion, 7 p.m. author presentation, CSB (Campus contact: Kathy Parker).

Oct. 19, Dr. Irene 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., Goreck 204A & B (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann).

Oct. 20, Ellen Bryant Voigt, Sister Mariella Gable Series Presentation, 7:30 p.m., location TBD (Campus contact: Mark Conway).

Oct. 21, Ellen Bryant Voigt, 4 p.m., location TBD (Campus contact Mark Conway).

Oct. 28, Joleen Steyn Kotze, professor of political science, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, “The Significance of the Victory of Jacob Zuma in the 2009 South African Elections,” sponsored by Global Awareness Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Quad 264, SJU (Campus contact: Gary Prevost).

Nov. 6-7, National Conference for Campus Based Men’s Gender Equality and Antiviolence Groups, presenters include Michael Kimmel, Michael Kaufman, and Jackson Katz, time and locations TBD, SJU (contact Ozzie Mayers or Gar Kellom) http://www.csbsju.edu/menscenter/projects/equality.htm

Nov. 14, eighth annual Red Mass, Sacred Heart Chapel, CSB.