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

## *Committee Seeks Ways to Strengthen Intellectual Climate*

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A self-study committee is drafting a recommendation to strengthen the collaboration between Academic and Student Affairs, in order to create an intellectual climate consistent with the academic aspirations of CSB and SJU.

The Committee on Criterion Four: Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge is chaired by Kathy Parker, CSB/SJU director of libraries and media, and is one of five committees conducting the self-study in preparation for the accreditation site visit scheduled for Oct. 13-15, 2008. The Committee on Criterion Four is exploring how CSB and SJU prepare their students for life after graduation.

"This is a challenging subject, but one that gets to the heart of what we aspire for all our constituencies," she said. "When we answer the questions of Criterion Four, we'll know where we really make a lasting difference."

On the issue of campus intellectual climate, the committee has identified areas of strength and weakness, based on the 2004 National Survey of Student Engagement. Survey results show that CSB and SJU students take part in many academic and intellectual experiences at about the same rate or slightly more than students at other liberal arts colleges participating in the same survey.

"Our students ask questions in class, prepare multiple drafts of papers, integrate ideas from various sources, include diverse perspectives and put together ideas from different courses as often as those from other liberal arts colleges and significantly more than the average for all students participating in the NSSE survey," Parker said.

CSB and SJU students are somewhat more likely than their peers at other liberal arts colleges to credit their college's role in advancing their educational and personal growth, according to the survey. In fact, CSB and SJU seniors report at significantly higher rates that the institutions contributed quite a bit or very much in nearly every category of educational and personal growth questions.

As the committee looked beyond the primary indicators of students' learning behaviors, such as assigned tasks and structured activities, it found evidence that the intellectually challeng-

ing environment of the classroom does not always persist to the same degree in students' out-of-class experiences.

"In the broadest sense of campus intellectual climate, we fall short of what we would expect from 'the very best residential liberal arts education' to which our mission aspires," Parker said.

For example, while CSB and SJU students are comparable to those of other liberal arts colleges in the frequency with which they discussed ideas with others outside of class, they are less likely to have had serious conversations with students who are from different religious, political or philosophical backgrounds, and much less likely to have had a serious conversation with students of a different race or ethnicity.

In addition, CSB and SJU students are significantly less likely to have read books on their own for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment.

"And, while our first-year students are much more likely than students at other liberal arts colleges to have attended an art exhibit, gallery, play, dance or other theater performance, thanks to the mandatory Fine Arts Experience, by the time they are seniors our students are significantly less likely to take in one of these experiences," Parker said.

CSB/SJU Provost Rita Knuesel said one of the benefits of the self study is that it provides the opportunity to identify areas that need improvement.

"By doing this carefully and honestly the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University are able to gather evidence and reflect on it with a collective mindset. This process inevitably, and ideally, leads to opportunities for institutional self-improvement as well as celebration of success," she said.

A preliminary self-study report will be available for review after Dec. 17. Self-study information is available and continuously updated at [www.csbsju.edu/2008accreditation/](http://www.csbsju.edu/2008accreditation/).

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## CSB and SJU Ranked No. 1 Nationally in Semester-Long Study Abroad Participation

CSB and SJU are ranked No. 1 nationally among baccalaureate institutions because of the high number of their students who take part in semester-long study abroad programs, according to the annual report on international education, *Open Doors 2007*, published by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and released Monday, Nov. 12.

The two schools had 393 students study abroad in what the report called "mid-term duration" programs during the 2005-06 school year, according to data released by the IIE. The colleges' 16 study abroad programs are led by its faculty, very unusual among baccalaureate colleges like CSB and SJU.

The IIE defines mid-term duration as study abroad programs that take place during one semester, one quarter or two quarters. CSB and SJU operate on the semester system.

The report also found that CSB and SJU are ranked No. 4 nationally among baccalaureate institutions for total number of study abroad students with 515 students who studied abroad in 2005-06.

"Students who have studied overseas gain a competitive advantage among employers," said MaryAnn Baenninger, president of CSB. "Taking part in a semester-long program that's led by college faculty is the best preparation for careers in industry and government where an international perspective is valued.

"However, too many college students think they cannot afford the extra cost and time required to study overseas," Baenninger said. "At CSB and SJU, most of the cost for studying overseas is covered by regular student tuition and fees."

Fully 62 percent of CSB graduates and 55 percent of SJU graduates study abroad. Over the past 25 years, CSB and SJU have developed and together operate 16 semester-long and faculty-led study abroad programs in 13 countries. In addition, the colleges mount dozens of

short-term and service learning overseas trips.

Saint Benedict and Saint John's have been among the top four undergraduate liberal arts colleges nationally in the number of students participating in international study programs for each of the past four years, according to IIE.

"The colleges have worked diligently over the years to develop and evolve our programs to allow students to participate on a wide scale without delaying their graduation. I am very happy to see that this attention to students' needs is reflected in this year's Open Door report," said Joe Rogers, interim director of international education at CSB and SJU.

"Though we have also seen an increase in the number of students participating in short-term study abroad programs, as is consistent with the national trends, we are very proud of our continued strength with semester-long programs. Our commitment to faculty-led programs brings value to our students and our campuses many times over," Rogers added.

According to *Open Doors 2007*, 8,614 students from Minnesota studied overseas in 2005-06. Among Midwestern states, Michigan was second with 8,293 students, Illinois third with 8,039 and Wisconsin fourth with 6,318. A total of 223,534 U.S. students studied abroad in 2005-06, an increase of 8.5 percent from the previous year. The total number of American students receiving academic credit for their study abroad has increased 150 percent in the past decade, from fewer than 90,000 students in 1995-96.

The *Open Doors* report is published annually by the IIE with funding from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The complete *Open Doors 2007* report is available at [www.opendoors.iienetwork.org](http://www.opendoors.iienetwork.org).

## SJU Awarded Lilly Grant to Identify Ways to Increase Men's Involvement

SJU has been awarded a \$599,900 grant from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. to identify ways to increase men's involvement in volunteering, leadership training and vocational decision-making activities.

The grant runs from Jan. 1, 2008, to Dec. 31, 2009. Gar Kellom, vice president for student development at SJU and executive director of the Center for Men's Leadership and Service at SJU, will serve as the project director.

There has been a growing concern nationally that men who attend liberal arts colleges are less involved than women in internships, study abroad, volunteering and other experiential learning activities. Fewer men than women are also participating in Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation (PTEV), an initiative of Lilly Endowment Inc. A total of 88 colleges and universities have the PTEV programs, including SJU and CSB.

Although there are research projects underway that explore why this is happening, this project is designed to contribute to the larger issue by focusing specifically on the gender balance of PTEV programs, and successful ways to improve it.

"This may be the first time a major foundation has decided to focus on the issue of men's involvement," Kellom said. "This will no doubt contribute to our understanding of what works and why."

SJU will convene teams from 14 colleges and universities to experiment with pilot projects to identify the best ways to increase college men's involvement. The schools are Davidson, Morehouse, Georgetown, Hastings, Wabash, Hope, Saint Norbert and Luther colleges, and SJU, Duke, Wake Forest and Furman universities. Two colleges have yet to be named.

The SJU pilot project is a service and study trip in July and August, 2008, to India, Nepal and Tibet. More informa-

tion about that trip can be found at: [www.csbsju.edu/menscenter](http://www.csbsju.edu/menscenter).

High school programs, seminary leaders, experts from a broad range of disciplines and all PTEV programs will also be invited to two national conferences to be hosted by the Men's Center at SJU, where "think tanks" will develop conceptual models to better understand what is happening with men (and boys) in vocational exploration activities and what will increase their involvement.

The first of those two conferences will be the fifth annual Conference on the College Male Feb. 15-16, 2008, at Saint John's. It is the largest college men's conference in the country.

"We are looking for the best ways to help college men get in touch with who they are as men and what their hearts are telling them to do with their lives," Kellom said. He believes such a joint effort may also generate ideas that apply to other areas of college men's involvement, such as health prevention.

Magazine articles, conference presentations and at least two books will disseminate the findings to a broad national audience working with youth, college students and church congregations.

SJU is uniquely positioned to tackle this project as one of four remaining men's colleges in the country. It will also provide an opportunity for two other men's colleges (Wabash in Crawfordsville, Ind., and Morehouse in Atlanta) to articulate what works in a single sex environment and why.

The goal is to "achieve significant improvement in the gender participation programs and perhaps to get it to the point where it at least is even with the gender balance of the school," Kellom said.

The Center for Men's Leadership and Service seeks to create a safe and respectful environment for students to share their stories and discern who they are. It is a place for women and men to explore the masculine condition, foster personal and spiritual growth and raise awareness of the consequences of gender roles.

## Nursing Department Receives Accreditation

The CSB/SJU nursing department has received a 10-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The accreditation, received Oct. 13, extends through Dec. 31, 2017.

Officially recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, the CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency that assesses and identifies programs that engage in effective educational practices.

This is the second accreditation bestowed upon the schools by the CCNE. The CCNE initially awarded accreditation to CSB and SJU on Sept. 28, 2002, for a term of five years. At that time, the schools voluntarily switched their accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., to the CCNE, which is offered through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

"We decided that the AACN – plus the CCNE accrediting body – were more in line with who we are, in terms of being a four-year baccalaureate program," said Lu Ann Reif, associate professor of nursing and acting chair of the department.

The accreditation process included the collection of materials that led to a self-study document of how the schools are addressing the standards of nursing; the establishment of a resource room that collects those documents; and a three-day on-site visit, which included classroom visits, going to clinical sites, interviews with students, faculty and administrators, and the collection of data.

What does it mean to have the nursing program accredited at CSB and SJU?

"For the student, it's an acknowledgment of the quality of the program," Reif said. "If our students want to move on into higher degree programs, they need to be a graduate of an accredited nursing program. So, that's a very significant qualification for our students.

"For the faculty and for the institution, I think it is an affirmation of the

quality of the program that we have designed and delivered, and that outside bodies recognize that yes, this is a quality program, we meet the established national standards in our current nursing curriculum," Reif added.

## HMML Acquires Two Landmark Titles for Its Rare Book Collection

Fr. Columba Stewart, executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML), has announced that HMML has acquired two new books of critical importance for its renowned collection of rare books and manuscripts: one of the most significant Bibles of all time, and the first edition of a major Benedictine text.

The *Ostrib Bible*, sometimes known as the "Slavonic Gutenberg," is the first complete printed Bible in Church Slavonic, the common liturgical language of Slavic Christianity. Printed in the Ukraine in 1581, this was in its day by far the largest Cyrillic printing project ever undertaken.

HMML has acquired a rare first print edition of *The Dialogues of Pope Gregory the Great*, the only source of information about the life and deeds of Saint Benedict. A copy of the first edition, printed in Strassburg in 1472-73, became available recently for the first time in decades.

"Our two principal areas of focus in rare books are Bibles and Benedictina," Stewart said. "Other areas in which HMML has significant strengths are liturgy, typography, paleography and, because of *The Saint John's Bible*, calligraphy. Our collections in these areas support HMML's holdings of manuscript images, making HMML a unique resource for the study of both handwritten and printed books."

## Sandra Keating Presents Koch Chair Lecture on Catholic-Muslim Relations

It has been over a year since Pope Benedict XVI made what some considered controversial comments about Catholic-Muslim relations.

Recently, the Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture at CSB presented a lecture about what led up to Pope Benedict's address, and what has happened since then.

Sandra Keating, an assistant professor of theology at Providence (R.I.) College and a 1986 graduate of CSB, spoke on the current state of Catholic-Muslim relations with a lecture entitled, "After Regensburg: Where Catholic-Muslim Dialogue is Today," Nov. 8 on the CSB campus.

On Sept. 12, 2006, Pope Benedict spoke at the University of Regensburg in Germany — a school where he was a professor of theology for many years before becoming pope. Addressing the scientific community, Pope Benedict quoted a medieval Byzantine emperor who said the prophet Muhammad had brought "things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword of his faith."

The pope later said he was merely citing and not endorsing the criticism of Islam, but he conceded that the speech was open to misinterpretation, according to a story from the Catholic News Service (CNS).

"The widespread Muslim indignation that followed clearly went beyond anything the pope or his aides were expecting," CNS reported. "Twice, the pope publicly expressed his regret that his words had offended Muslims, emphasizing that he did not share the assessment of Islam he had quoted."

In late September, the pope invited Muslim representatives to a meeting so he could personally explain himself.

Keating's scholarly focus has been on theological issues in early and medieval Muslim-Christian relations, particularly in Iraq, Iran and Arabia. She is currently attentive to contemporary Catholic-Muslim dialogue, participated in the 2005 meeting of the Vatican's Islamic-Catholic Liaison Committee, and has served as a consultant to the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims.

Keating is the author of the book, *Defending the 'People of Truth' in the Early*

*Islamic Period: The Christian Apologies of Abu Rai'tah.*

Her lecture was co-sponsored by the Renaissance Speakers Series at CSB, and the Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning at SJU and the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul.

The Koch Chair brings visiting scholars distinguished by their knowledge of and commitment to bringing the Catholic intellectual tradition into dialogue with the academic disciplines and with culture. This approach supports a full range of expertise, from science to the arts and humanities. The Koch Chair aims to extend the legacy of Catholic thought to all constituencies on the CSB and SJU campuses.

### **Film Brings Stories of Saint John's to Life**

A narrative film revolving around the ghost stories, myths and history of Saint John's was premiered Nov. 15 in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater at SJU.

"Save Benedict" is a film that tells the story of a detective who upon his return to SJU uncovers a 30-year-old murder mystery.

The 35-minute film tells the history of Saint Benedict while visiting the legendary folklore of Saint John's.

Over 100 individuals from the community — including CSB and SJU students, faculty and local businesses — have supported the film during its one and one-half year production.

The project was sponsored by the CSB/SJU Undergraduate Research Program and Sommers Digital Film Studio. The Sommers Digital Film Studio is supported by SJU alumnus Stephen Sommers, director of "The Mummy" and "Van Helsing."

### **CSB Hosts Annual Festival of Cultures**

The CSB/SJU Festival of Cultures 2007 featured music, entertainment and food Nov. 10 at Clemens Field House, Haehn Campus Center, CSB. This year's theme was "Open Your Eyes."

The event annually celebrates and recognizes the diversity that exists on the CSB and SJU campuses.

Dozens of display booths presented information about the culture of a country represented by students on campus. Many of the presenters wore traditional clothing or costumes representing their culture, and many booths included traditional food for people to sample.

Entertainment was provided by CSB and SJU students, as well as Jawaahir, a professional Middle Eastern dancing group from the Twin Cities area.

There are 186 international students studying at CSB and SJU representing 39 countries, including United Arab Emirates, the Bahamas, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Sri Lanka, China, Chile, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, Ireland, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Cote D'Ivoire, Iraq, Japan, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, South Korea, Latvia, Mongolia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Malaysia, Nepal/Tibet, Poland, Rwanda, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Serbia and Kosovo.

### **CSB Welcomes New Grounds Supervisor**

Submitted by Jim Fredricks  
CSB chief of physical plant and facilities

The CSB community welcomes Chris Brake to campus as our new grounds supervisor. Chris holds a degree in horticulture from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg. His education, experience and a passion for public gardening will make him an asset to the college.

As grounds supervisor, Chris will oversee the college's lawns, plants, landscapes, sidewalks, turf and parking lots. His expertise will maintain and improve the campus's vibrant environment, keeping it beautiful and functional for the entire community.

As a parks technician for the City of Brookings, S.D., Chris was responsible for the care and maintenance of the grounds on a wide variety of public



properties. Previous employment at nurseries and gardens across the Midwest has provided extensive experience in plant care, garden maintenance, turf care and safety management.

Please join the facilities management division in welcoming Chris and his family to central Minnesota.

### **John Butt Presents Keynote Address of Asian Studies Residency**

Fr. John Butt presented the keynote address of the 2007 Asian Studies Residency Nov. 14 on the SJU campus.

Butt's speech, entitled "A Christian Looks at Buddhist Religion," addressed the perils and promise on inter-religious dialogue in today's volatile world.

Butt is a senior advisor at the Institute for Religion, Culture and Peace, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. He is also a professor at the university's McGilvary College of Divinity.

He has spent over 30 years living in Thailand also serving as a mission worker for the Presbyterian Church. About 94 percent of Thailand's population is Buddhist, followed by 5 percent Muslim and about 1 percent Christian.

Butt received his bachelor's degree from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., and two masters' degrees from Harvard Divinity School. He was also associated with Harvard University's Center for the Study of World Religions. He is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

### **College of Saint Benedict Presents Minnesota Dance Theatre's *Nutcracker Fantasy***

Fine Arts Programming presents Minnesota Dance Theatre's performance of the "Nutcracker Fantasy" at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in Petters Auditorium, Benedicta Arts Center of the College of Saint Benedict.

This performance brings Loyce Houlton's beautifully crafted choreography to the stage in a time-honored clas-

sic. Hear Tchaikovsky played live by the 72-piece CSB/SJU Symphony Orchestra, conducted by J. David Arnott, with vocal accompaniment by the regional girl's choir, Cantabile, and the Saint John's Boys' Choir.

Minnesota Dance Theatre's production of *Nutcracker Fantasy* holds the distinction of being the longest running arts event in Minnesota history; 2007 marks the 46<sup>th</sup> year of this event. This performance will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to witness several of Minnesota's cultural gems collaborating for a tour-de-force performance complete with pyrotechnics, a cast of 60 dancers, and a live orchestra.

For ticket information, call the Benedicta Arts Center Box Office at 363-3577 or 363-5777 or visit [www.csbsju.edu/finearts](http://www.csbsju.edu/finearts).

### **Saint John's Concludes Sesquicentennial Celebration**

Friends and members of the Saint John's community capped the celebration of the Saint John's Sesquicentennial Nov. 9, at the Great Hall. The event, emceed by Fr. Timothy Backous, headmaster at the Preparatory School, featured music by the Saint John's Men's Chorus, a Sesquicentennial slideshow and remarks by Annette Atkins, CSB/SJU professor of history, division head of humanities and author of *Creating Minnesota: A History from the Inside Out*.

Minnesota Housing Commissioner Tim Marx '79, representing the Office of the Governor, presented a gubernatorial proclamation declaring Nov. 9 Saint John's Abbey and University Day in the state of Minnesota, in honor of the contributions of the abbey and university to the community, state and world.

The celebration concluded with Mass in the Abbey Church.

### **FACULTY/STAFF NEWS**

**Terence Check**, CSB/SJU associate professor of communication, published an essay, "The Voices of Katrina: Ethos,

Race, and Congressional Testimonials," in the anthology, *Through the Eye of Katrina: Social Justice in the United States*, Eds. Kristin A. Bates and Richelle S. Swan, Carolina Academic Press, 2007. He also presented a paper, "Environmental Devils," at the Ninth Biennial Conference on Communication and the Environment, held in Chicago, June 22-25.

**Jeff Kamakahi**, CSB/SJU chair and associate professor of sociology, had his book review of Richard Alba and Victor Nee's *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration* published in the *International Review of Modern Sociology* (Vol. 33, No. 2).

**Marina Martín**, CSB/SJU associate professor of Hispanic studies, recently published the following articles: "Perspectivas irreverentes de España en su historia: El silencio como agresión." *Palabra y persona. Tiempo de violencia. Buenos Aires (Argentina) II*, 2 (2007), and "Tras el rumbo de Hume en la invención de Tlön. Versiones paródicas de El otro, el mismo." *El fragmento infinito. Estudios sobre Tlön, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius* de J. L. Borges. Eds. Iván Almeida, Cristina Parodi. *Prensas Universitarias de Zaragoza*, (Spain), 2006.

She also recently published a book review on: Myriam Bustos Arratia. *Microvagancias. Estudio crítico de Jaques Sagot*. San José, CR: Tecnociencia, 2005. *Hipertexto 6* (2007): <http://www.utpa.edu/dept/modlang/hipertexto/docs/Hiper6Martin2.pdf> (USA) Also forthcoming in *Alpha*, (Chile).

Professor Martín has been invited to join the editorial board for *Palabra y persona* (Buenos Aires) and has also served the PMLA (USA) reviewing and evaluating articles submitted on Jorge Luis Borges.

**Fr. Jerome Tupa, OSB**, delivered a keynote address Nov. 1, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., His topic, "Art and Healing," was presented to an assembly of health care workers in northern Florida.

**Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB**, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology, has released a book entitled *Sacred Music and Liturgical Reform: Treasures and Transformations*, a comprehensive study of the historical and theoretical currents which led to the teachings on sacred music of the Second Vatican Council. The book has been acclaimed by reviewers. Fr. J. Michael Joncas said, "Ruff provides a trustworthy guide through the thickets of official and scholarly thinking in this timely volume. I strongly recommend the work." S. Kathleen Harmon called the book "a balanced answer to the continuing debate about the place of music in the liturgy. This book is a must read for all involved in the debate." Msgr. M. Francis Mannion said the book "establishes a new landmark in the study of Catholic liturgical music."

**Sheila Nelson**, CSB/SJU associate professor of sociology, **Kari Shane-Davis Zimmerman**, CSB/SJU adjunct instructor of theology, **Jean Keller**, associate professor of philosophy, and **Patricia Cespedes-Schueller**, CSB director of campus ministries, participated in a roundtable discussion at DePaul University's "Out There" conference, held Oct. 19-20 in Chicago, Ill. "Out There" is the second national conference for scholars and student affairs professionals interested in addressing lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/questioning issues on Catholic campuses. The discussion, entitled "Controversial Conversations: Gender Dialogue in a Faith-Based Liberal Arts College," reported on the findings of the recent Teagle Controversial Conversations grant with regard to challenges to and effective strategies for discussing sexual orientation at CSB/SJU.

**S. Ann Marie Biermaier, OSB**, CSB/SJU professor and chair of education, **Lynn Moore**, CSB/SJU professor of education, and **Michael Borka**, CSB/SJU assistant professor of education, co-chaired a literacy conference entitled "Writing Central: A Day for Literacy." Hosted by the CSB/SJU department of education on the CSB campus, the

conference attracted more than 150 educators. Presenters included keynote speaker Ralph Fletcher, CSB alumna **Mary Fitzgerald** and **Larry Schug**, CSB recycling coordinator.

**Ganard Orionzi**, CSB/SJU director of environmental health and safety, served in the planning group for the Emergency Preparedness Conference for Communities of Color and American Indians. Orionzi identified common emergency situations, developed session topics and strengthened his ability to serve as a community resource during emergencies. The Nov. 1 conference was sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health's Office of Minority and Multicultural Health to raise awareness about emergency preparedness among leaders of African, African American, American Indian, Asian and Pacific Islanders and Latino communities. One of the main objectives was to refer community leaders to culturally-appropriate resources.

**Arthur Spring**, CSB/SJU associate professor of education, delivered an address titled "Friendship in Jean Vanier's l'Arche Communities: A Study in the Life of Relationship Beyond the Burgeoning of Reason and of the Creative Force Resident in Vulnerability, Dependence, and Weakness" at the Institute for Faith and Learning at Baylor University on Oct. 26. Spring also had published an essay, "Educating the Deeper Desires of our Natures and Forming Artisans of Peace: l'Arche and Intercordia Initiatives of Jean Vanier," in *BRIDGES: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, History and Science*.

**Thorpe Running**, SJU Regents Professor Emeritus, recently gave a presentation on the cultural history of Mexico to a study group at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud.

**Jon McGee**, CSB/SJU vice president for enrollment, planning and public affairs, had published an article, "Mission, Market, Value and Excellence: The New Economics of the Liberal Arts," in the November issue of *LiberalArtsOnline* (Vol. 7, No. 6).

**Charles Bobertz**, CSB/SJU professor of theology, recently published "Preparing the Season: Transforming the World," in *Rite Magazine*. He also provided a workshop on Nov. 6-7 for the priests of the Orlando Diocese.

**Derek Larson**, CSB/SJU associate professor and chair of environmental studies, **Richard Bresnahan**, SJU pottery studio artist-in-residence, **Tom Kroll**, SJU land manager and Arboretum director, **Katherine Kraft, OSB**, member of Saint Benedict's Monastery and St. Joseph Action Group: Preserving Special Places, and Steven Chase, associate professor of Christian spirituality at the Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., were the featured panelists at a presentation entitled, "On Earth as It Is: Saving the Earth, Saving Our Souls," at SJU on Nov. 27. The event was sponsored by the Colledgeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research and addressed issues of connection with the natural world and responsibility for the earth.

**Lisa Lindgren**, CSB/SJU associate professor of management, presented a study of new product innovations titled "The Role of Future-Market Focus in the Early Stages of NPD across Varying Levels of Innovativeness," at the Research Forum of the International Conference of the Product Development and Management Association (PDMA) on Sept. 29-30 in Orlando, Fla.

**Rita Knuesel**, CSB/SJU provost, and Chris Kimball, provost at California Lutheran University, worked with 40 new CAOs in mentoring workshops at the National Institute for Chief Academic Officers and Chief Financial Officers Conference held in Philadelphia, Nov. 3-6.

In addition, Knuesel and **Sue Palmer**, CSB vice president of finance, led two discussion groups on the topics "Advantages of Having a Budget Analyst Reporting to the CAO and CFO" and "A Collaborative Approach to Benefits Package Management."

**Joe DesJardins**, associate provost and academic dean, recently conducted a workshop on “Teaching Business Ethics” for the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB, the international accrediting agency for collegiate schools of business, designed the workshop to help business school faculty meet new accrediting standards for teaching business ethics. Over 40 faculty from 35 colleges and universities attended the two-day workshop held at the University of Richmond.

**Terri Barreiro**, director, Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship, gave two presentations at the National Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers Oct 3-5. She presented on the center’s new EduCase, “Mississippi Topsoils” and a soon-to-be published one on Clemens Perk. The focus was on reaching millennial students with multi-media. She also presented on “Effective Use of Volunteers in Centers.”

She has been asked to give the EduCase presentation at the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Conference in January.

Also, she was invited to represent a team of authors of a proposed chapter on E-scholars for a new book on entrepreneurial education strategies. She presented on that in mid November in Winston-Salem, N.C. The authors she represents are: Dr. Paul Marsnik, management faculty at CSB/SJU; Dr. Brooke Envick, management faculty at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio; and Dr. Robin Anderson, dean of the business school, University of Portland.

### **HMML Welcomes Guests to Exhibitions from HMML and *The Saint John’s Bible***

During the past year more than 10,000 faculty, students, staff and guests have visited HMML to see exhibitions from HMML and *The Saint John’s Bible*. Approximately 1,000,000 people have seen original Bible folios in exhibitions here, nationally and internationally. Please feel free to bring your family

and friends to HMML. Regular hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays until Christmas noon until 4 p.m. For more information see [www.hmml.org](http://www.hmml.org) and [www.saintjohnsbible.org](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org)

### **In the Media**

CSB and SJU were featured in a Nov. 12 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Plan to study abroad? CSB, SJU tops in participation.”

Benedicta Arts Center of the College of Saint Benedict was featured in a fall 2007 CASE District V Advance newsletter, “Parting Shot ...”

**Annette Atkins**, CSB/SJU professor of history, was featured in a Nov. 11 *St. Paul Pioneer Press* article, “Wonderful tale of Minnesota puts the story back in history.”

CSB/SJU Festival of Cultures was featured in a Nov. 11 *St. Cloud Times* article, “CSB/SJU festival is full of eye-opening experiences.”

SJU Hill Museum & Manuscript Library was featured in a Nov. 11 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Treasured texts.”

**Jean Keller**, CSB/SJU associate professor of philosophy, was quoted in a Nov. 10 *St. Cloud Times* article, “One, two, three meets uno, dos, tres.”

CSB students were featured in a Nov. 9 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Showing inmates a way out.”

Saint John’s was featured in a Nov. 9 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Pawlenty recognizes Saint John’s University.”

**S. Lois Wedl**, CSB/SJU assistant professor of education, was quoted in a Nov. 8 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Chaos control.”

CSB/SJU Asian studies residency keynote address was featured in a Nov. 8 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Keynote speaker to talk about Buddhism.”

**Diane Veale Jones**, CSB/SJU professor of environmental studies, was quoted in a Nov. 7 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Take control this holiday season.”

SJU was featured and **Gar Kellom**, SJU vice president of student development, was quoted in a Nov. 7 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Grant to get men involved.”

**Derek Larson**, CSB/SJU associate professor of history and chair of environmental studies, was featured in a Nov. 7 *St. Cloud Times* Writers Group piece, “Support schools, not companies.”

**Greg Schirmers**, SJU dining service, and Tom Herges, Sexton dining service manager, were mentioned in a Nov. 5 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Local electrician appointed to new board.”

**Al Christenson**, CSB/SJU senior assistant director of admission, was quoted in a November *Minnesota Parent* article, “Who needs a tour?”

**Miguel Diaz**, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology, and *The Saint John’s Bible* featured were in a Nov. 3 *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* article, “Exhaustive Bible project blends ancient, high-tech.”

**Louis Johnston**, CSB/SJU associate professor of economics, was quoted in a Nov. 2 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Stearns Bank cuts staff amid real estate slump.”

**Gar Kellom**, SJU vice president of student development, was featured in an Oct. 31 *Beaver Dam Daily Citizen* article, “Kellom serves as project director.”

CSB and SJU were featured in an Oct. 31 *St. Cloud Times* article, “The spook factor: Haunted sites on area campuses.”

**Nibras Putres**, SJU first-year student, was featured in an Oct. 28 *St. Cloud Times* article, “Former interpreter for U.S. troops seeks safety at Saint John’s University.”

**Richard Bohr**, CSB/SJU professor and director of Asian studies, was interviewed, along with Minnesota State Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, DFL-Fridley, by Gary Eichten, host of MPR’s “Midday” program on Oct. 16. They discussed what Minnesota stands to gain from Gov. Tim Pawlenty’s trade mission to India and stopover in China.



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## Events Calendar

### FALL 2007

**Nov. 29**, Latino/Latin American Studies program: Dr. Chris Chiappari of the College of St. Olaf, "Religions and Social Change in Guatemala." (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell) 7 p.m., Pellegrine Auditorium, SJU

### SPRING 2008

**Feb. 15-16**, The SJU Center for Men's Leadership and Service: Fifth Annual Conference on the College Male, "Calling College Men: Identity, Professions and Leadership for the Common Good." Highlights: Annual Father/Son Luncheon. Meeting of 14 Colleges, 10 High Schools and a research and theory team of national experts to inaugurate a project funded by the Lilly Endowment to increase college men's participation rates in volunteering. This is a two-year project that will be a part of the next two conferences and will fund pilot projects and identify best practices and a theoretical model for what works with college men and why. Report from the Wabash National Study of the Liberal Arts on the ways college men learn. Panel of Wabash, Morehouse and Saint John's men's colleges.

**Feb. 27**, Global Awareness and Latino Latin American Studies: Edward Greaves, St. Cloud State University, "The Role of Social Movements in Michelle Bachelet's Chile." (Campus contact: Gary Prevost)

**March 5-6**, Global Awareness Lecture Series: Professor Anas Malik (Campus contact: Manju Parikh)

**March 27**, Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture: Dr. Anne Patrick, William H. Laird Professor of Religion and Liberal Arts, Carlton College, Northfield, Minn. (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann)

**April 3**, The Latino/Latin American studies program: Rodrigo Moreno, professor at Adolfo Ibáñez University in Chile, will speak on religion in the public sphere in Latin America. 7-9 p.m. (place TBA)

**April 8-10**, Global Awareness Lecture Series: Professor Fawzia Afzehl Khan. Public lecture on April 9. (Campus contact: Manju Parikh)

**April 10-11**, Changing Faces: Intercultural Ministry and Hospitality: Dr. Shawn Copeland, Boston College (Campus contact: Marian Diaz) Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, CSB

**April 11-12**, CSB/SJU Undergraduate Mathematics Conference: Professor Joe Galian, University of Minnesota, Duluth, and MAA president. Student talks, Friday, 7 – 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 – 10:30 a.m. (Campus contact: Kris Nairn) Peter Engle Science Center.

**April 21**, J. Peter Scoblic, executive editor of *The New Republic* and author of the forthcoming *US v. Them How a Half Century of Conservative Policy Has Undermined American Security* (Viking, 2008) will speak at 7:30 p.m. Stephen B. Humphrey, SJU. (Campus contact: Nick Hayes)

**April 23**, Academic Day: Natalie Angier, Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author (Campus contact: Joe DesJardins)

**April 25-26**, North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America. Guest speaker: Professor Paul Zorn, St. Olaf College, 8 p.m. Gorecki Center, April 25. April 26, various speakers, including Professor Deanna Haunsperger, Carleton College and vice president of MAA, 11 a.m. Co-sponsored by Pi Mu Epsilon. (Campus contact: Tom Sibley)