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

A Self-Study Checklist

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Mark your calendar! The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation site visit will be Oct. 13-15.

The purpose of accreditation is to promote quality assurance and continued improvement in higher education with an emphasis on student learning. A comprehensive review is routine every 10 years.

The site visitors, called consultant-evaluators (or CEs), are a trained volunteer peer review team. Their role is to validate what is in the self-study, explore

any issues that arise and offer reflective consultation on the context and content of the self-study.

During the three-day visit, the CEs will meet each other, meet with a variety of groups and individuals on the campuses to validate what is in the self-study, and ask any questions that arise. They also will come to a consensus about whether or not CSB and SJU have met the criteria for accreditation. They will provide a recommendation about our accreditation

status to the HLC, which will make the ultimate decision about our status when it next meets.

Read the self-study, before the visit.

One self-study encompassing both CSB and SJU was completed in summer 2008 and is available at: www.csbsju.edu/2008accreditation. The self-study evaluates institutional achievement of the Five Criteria for Accreditation put forth by the HLC: mission and integrity; planning for the future; student learning and effective teaching; acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge; and engagement and service.

The self-study was completed through a comprehensive, collegial, and inclusive process; its contents represent a cohesive picture of the whole institution, not an individual's or particular group viewpoint. Each chapter presents

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Some things to consider during the site visit:

- Be familiar with the contents of the self-study.
- Be available and flexible in order to meet the needs of the site visitors Oct. 13-15.
- Be welcoming and supportive of the visitors whenever possible.
- Thank the visitors; this is a service they are providing to higher education.
- Be honest and forthcoming.
- We are hiding nothing — don't shy away from the tough issues. Acknowledge the tough issues, but let them know that we know all this; no surprises, we're working on it.
- This is not the time to lobby for your own agenda.
- If you are not sure of an answer, find out or direct the visitor to the appropriate resource.
- After the visitors have asked for your input or asked you for information, feel free to ask the visitors for advice when appropriate, while at the same time demonstrating your own expertise and competence. Ask "what would you advise in this situation" if you think they can be helpful to you in any way.
- Be able to clearly speak to the identified strengths and areas for improvement from the self-study. The identified strengths and areas for improvement will be integrated into Strategic Directions 2015.

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our strengths and areas for improvement and should be read carefully by all campus constituents.

As you read, you will find things that you agree with, and things you may disagree with. You will learn things about our institutions that are new to you. As you reflect on the contents of the document, please remember that it was a challenge to write not as individuals but as an institution. One of the most positive outcomes of this process is that it enhanced our ability to listen to each other and to value and implement a culture of transparency.

Discuss the self-study with colleagues.

Each management area has been asked to define a plan for discussing the institutional self-study and to address the following questions:

- What questions do you have regarding the self-study?
- How are assessment and evaluation collaborative and collegial in our department/area?
- How should we prepare this department/area for the site visit?
- What questions are the site visitors likely to ask this department/area?
- How will we respond to those questions?
- How are we already addressing the gaps in our area (those identified in the self-study and even those more specific gaps not explicitly identified)?

Monastic Institute Examines Authority and Obedience

The 23rd annual Monastic Institute focused on authority and obedience on June 29-July 3, at CSB/SJU.

The Monastic Institute, sponsored and organized by Saint John's School of Theology•Seminary and Saint John's Abbey, fosters reflection and conversation on matters of concern to monastic communities and other intentional communities, both Christian and non-Christian.

In Sarajevo, Expect the Unexpected

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There's a story Noreen Herzfeld likes to tell that serves as a metaphor for her recent visit to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the Fulbright Scholar Program.

It seems Herzfeld, a CSB/SJU professor of theology and computer science, decided to celebrate the end of an almost six-month span in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a lunch in a local restaurant with another Fulbright Scholar. So they settled in and ordered off the menu.

"The waiter came out with our food and put it in front of us," Herzfeld said. "We both looked rather bemusedly at our plates and then at each other, and I said, 'That wasn't what I ordered.' He said, 'Neither was this.' The waiter came over and said, 'Is anything the matter?' And I said, 'Neither one of us got what we ordered.' And the waiter said, 'Very good, very good' and walked off.

"It was a metaphor for life in Sarajevo. It never was what you were expecting, even though what you got was very good," Herzfeld said.

The Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

The program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Under a cooperative agreement with the bureau, the Council for Independent Exchange of Scholars (CIES) assists in the administration of the Fulbright Scholar Program.

For Herzfeld, that meant a sixth trip to the region — but her first extended trip of more than a couple of weeks. She was in Bosnia from February to early July.

"I found out about this particular program on an earlier trip I had made to Bosnia (in 2006). Nick Hayes (SJU University Chair of Critical Thinking),

SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhart and I were meeting with alums in Sarajevo, and we were introducing Br. Dietrich to the country and to many people there," Herzfeld said. "We met with the dean of the faculty for Islamic Studies (at the University of Sarajevo), and he mentioned that they sponsored a Fulbright Scholar and invited me to apply."

She expected to teach a class for Islamic Studies, but that didn't work out due to administrative changes at the school. Instead, she wound up teaching a course for the philosophy department at the university on the sociology of religion in which she lectured on religion and politics. She also taught a course at a Franciscan seminary on religion and technology.

Despite the changes, Herzfeld enjoyed her time in Sarajevo.

"It's an extremely interesting culture and place, with wonderful people," Herzfeld said. "I think that's what keeps me coming back to Bosnia — despite the country's political and economic difficulties," she said. "Partly, I suppose, the difficult politics of the country make it an interesting place, trying to figure them out. But mostly, it's the people. Their resiliency is amazing when you think about what they have been through during the last 20 years. And still, they are one of the most kind, open, and hospitable people I know."

However, she encountered far more pessimism about the country's future than she had on her previous trips.

Occasionally during her stay, Herzfeld's rented apartment was without running water. One night, it started to rain, and Herzfeld took a big red dish pan and put it underneath the down spout from the gutters to capture some water.

A couple of nights later, she and her landlords were enjoying a meal. "My landlady was teasing me saying, 'The other morning, I came out and there was Noreen's big red wash basin underneath the drain spout. The girl has got survivor skills.' Someone in the family replied, 'We know who to call when the next war starts.'"

“What struck me was that in the past, I think they would have said, ‘If another war starts.’ What they said this time was ‘when,’” Herzfeld said. “That is sad to hear. I hope that they are wrong.”

Despite the setbacks and inconveniences, Herzfeld would recommend the Fulbright Scholars Program to anyone.

“It’s an eye-opening experience, both to see how education is done differently in different places, and to be immersed in the culture and politics of a new place,” Herzfeld said. “It’s a good experience to get stretched a little bit beyond the day-to-day routine that one is comfortable with.

“You deal with the unexpected — I rarely got what I ordered, but what I got was always good,” Herzfeld said.

Summer Research Goes Global

Faculty mentors worked with 54 students — 27 each from CSB and SJU — on summer research projects around the globe during a 10-week period through the CSB/SJU Undergraduate Research Program.

Since 2000, research and creative scholarship have become a greater part of the educational landscape at CSB/SJU. Faculty members have discovered the benefits of independent research to their mix of academic activities, and have recognized the great potential for this type of activity within the schools’ traditional teaching methods.

This past summer, student and faculty collaborative scholarship at CSB/SJU covered many academic disciplines, including math, chemistry, physics, biology, computer science, English, environmental studies, psychology, nutrition, history and nursing.

“CSB/SJU have steadily increased their institutional investment in research by students and faculty,” said Marcus Webster, CSB/SJU professor of biology and director of undergraduate research. “Increasingly, research has encompassed disciplines outside of the sciences and this summer featured projects that cross disciplinary boundaries to include political

science applied to food delivery systems, environmental engineering of campus sustainability initiatives and mathematical modeling used to understand molecular biology.”

Most of the students conducted their research within Minnesota. However, 13 students conducted their research internationally in China (eight), Ecuador (two) and Nepal, Guatemala and Colombia (one each).

The students in China were part of the third annual Summer Research Exchange Program between CSB/SJU and Southwest University in Beibei, Chongqing, China. Those students conducted research in China for six weeks and returned to campus with their eight Chinese partners for an additional six weeks of research in July and August.

The Undergraduate Research Program has developed a “positive example of adopting a global viewpoint,” Webster said.

Wal-Mart Grant to Support I-Lead Program at CSB

CSB has been selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to receive the Wal-Mart College Success Award, a \$100,000 grant to help build on CSB’s demonstrated successes in enrolling, retaining and graduating first-generation college students.

CSB was one of only 20 colleges (of 217 applicants) selected through a highly competitive application process to receive the award, which is intended to help institutions that are already deeply committed to the education of first-generation students.

“I am grateful to Wal-Mart for recognizing the importance of having first-generation students succeed in college,” said CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger. “We are proud of the efforts we have made to welcome these students to our campus and this grant will certainly help us continue and enhance our efforts.”

The college uses a variety of approaches that have proven successful in the college’s Intercultural Leadership, Education and

Development (I-LEAD) Fellowship program in increasing the retention of first-generation students. The program offers increased opportunities for students to interact with each other and with faculty members outside the classroom. Financial support is provided to encourage students to participate in research projects, internships, study abroad, and learning through hands-on experience and community service during vacation periods.

Whalen Gift Endows Brandl Scholars Program

SJU has announced that Dan and Katharine Whalen have designated \$1 million from their gift to the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement to endow the John Brandl Scholars program.

John E. Brandl, who died Aug. 18, was a 1959 graduate of Saint John’s. The John Brandl Scholars program celebrates his lifelong commitment to mentorship and scholarship in higher education, public policy and politics. The endowment will fund summer public policy research projects conducted by students and faculty.

Brandl earned master’s and doctorate degrees from Harvard University. He was Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at SJU and CSB and professor and former dean of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Brandl held positions at the federal level in the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Economic Opportunity, the Economic Development Administration, and as Deputy Assistant Secretary, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He served in the Minnesota Legislature for 12 years. In addition to faculty positions at alma maters SJU and Harvard University, he held teaching positions at Boston College, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of the Philippines and the University of Sydney. He served as president of several national and regional groups and received many civic honors and awards. Brandl was the author of numerous books, monographs, articles and reviews.

CSB Hosts CUR Conference

CSB hosted a national conference focusing on faculty development and academic scholarship.

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) conducted its 12th national conference June 21-24 at CSB, with the theme “Frontiers and Challenges in Undergraduate Research.”

Approximately 550 faculty, administrators, policy makers, representatives of funding agencies such as the National Science Foundation and the Petroleum Research Fund were on campus, said Marcus Webster, CSB/SJU professor of biology and director of undergraduate research, who was involved in the local plans.

“The CUR meeting was an exciting gathering for us, both because it’s the largest group to make use of our new Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, and because the organization recognizes our success in innovative education that blends research and teaching,” Webster said.

“We were so thrilled to be able to host this conference,” said CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger. “What’s often surprising to people is that undergraduates are regularly conducting real research that is relevant and does make a difference.” The conference included over 200 workshops and poster presentations by successful researchers, administrators and representatives of funding agencies.

Five CSB/SJU faculty members conducted sessions:

- Tom Sibley, professor of mathematics, speaking on “Fostering Research in Mathematical Biology”;
- Ernest Diedrich, professor of economics, speaking on “Student Consultants: Helping Clients Move Towards Sustainability” and “Doing Economics: The Capstone Research Project”;
- Michael Heroux, scientist in residence, speaking on “Fostering Undergraduate Research Through External Collaborations”;
- Webster, speaking on “Posters at the Capitol”;

- Derek Larson, associate professor of history and environmental studies, speaking on “Interdisciplinary Environmental Research at Home: The Campus as Subject.”

“Having a conference of this size here demonstrates the commitment faculty and staff from around the country have to strengthening undergraduate research programs,” Baenninger said.

SOT Receives Two Grants

Bill Cahoy, dean and associate professor of SOT, has announced the award of two grants to the SOT.

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations have approved \$200,000 to fund enhancements to the chapel and Emmaus, including refurbishing of the organ.

An anonymous foundation has approved \$50,000 in funding to convene theologians and practitioners to develop a theology of vocation and authorization for lay ecclesial ministry.

CSB Alumnae Honored

Three CSB alumnae were honored at a CSB Alumnae Association Gala Dinner at Gorecki Dining and Conference Center June 28, during the CSB Summer Reunion.

- Maria Hunt O’Phelan ’78 received the Distinguished Alumna Award, which honors an alumna for outstanding achievements in her chosen profession and whose daily life reflects the Christian ideals and mission of the college.

- Mary Jo Bauer Ederer ’48 received the Benedictine Service Award, which honors an alumna for her continued commitment and contributions to community service and social justice.

- Melissa Jordan ’98 received the Decade Award, which honors a 1998 alumna for outstanding achievements in her chosen profession and demonstrates global consciousness and community involvement.

Hunt O’Phelan, who lives in St. Paul, is the second vice president of group customer service and technology at Min-

nesota Life, a Securian Financial Group affiliate. She leads more than 100 employees responsible for the administration, service and sales support for employer group life insurance plans, helping Minnesota Life become the fifth largest domestic group life insurer in the United States. She has been with Minnesota Life for 25 years, and has been a vice president since 2001.

Besides raising three boys, she has served as a volunteer with many organizations. She is on the board of directors for the Working Family Resource Center, and a member of the Nativity School Investment Advisory Committee.

Bauer Ederer, who lives in Akron, Ohio, is a mother of five, grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of five who continues to stay in touch with her classmates. She has sent two daughters and a granddaughter to CSB.

Bauer Ederer has demonstrated her sense of hospitality by opening her house to various guests. She has also displayed a sense of volunteerism at the Nazareth Retirement Home in San Diego, as well as the Dominican Convent and Our Lady of the Elms Church in Akron.

Jordan, who lives in Portland, Ore., became a youth minister at St. Mary’s Church in Alexandria, Minn., following her graduation from CSB. She coordinated the 10th and 11th grade confirmation program, led retreats and participated in St. Cloud Area Youth Ministers.

In 2001, she moved to Portland and took a job at a drop-in center for homeless youth. She screened youth to make sure they were appropriate for services and referred them to case management within the Homeless Youth Continuum.

Jordan became a program supervisor in 2002 at Bridge House, a transitional housing program and apartment assistance program for homeless youth, where she served until 2007. Jordan then moved to Harry’s Mother, a runaway youth center. The center’s goal is to support families and give parents and children support during times of family crisis.

CSB Student Awarded Fellowship

Stephanie Wegmann, CSB junior, has been awarded the prestigious Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

The Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship program provides funding to participants as they are prepared academically and professionally to enter the U. S. Department of State Foreign Service.

The fellowship, funded by the U.S. Department of State, will cover Wegmann's tuition, room, board and mandatory fees at CSB for her junior and senior years, a summer orientation program and two summer internships. In addition, it will cover the costs during her first year of graduate study, with reimbursement for books and one round trip per academic year for travel. Wegmann will need to commit to pursuing a graduate degree in international studies at one of the graduate schools participating in the program. Upon receiving her graduate degree, she will be obligated to a minimum of 4½ years service in an appointment as a foreign service officer.

Wegmann, a peace studies and communication double major, is co-chair of the CSB Amnesty International Chapter and works as a career assistant in the Career Resource Center at the college. She also volunteers as a court monitor for Anna Marie's Alliance in St. Cloud.

Wegmann went to Washington, D.C., for her interview in May as one of 40 finalists out of almost 400 applicants. She found herself in the unusual position of being a peace studies major from a Midwestern women's college.

"I definitely stuck out. It seemed like most of the students were political science and economics majors from Ivy League schools. I was questioned pretty heavily about my background in human rights and social justice. They wanted to know how I thought these passions fit in with the State Department," Wegmann said.

Wegmann was selected as one of 20 fellows.

Academic Affairs Honors Faculty/Staff

CSB/SJU faculty and staff members were honored at the Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition Ceremony May 6, at Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, CSB.

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 — Stephen Saupe, professor of biology. 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 Saint Benedict is celebrated through the recognition each year of a faculty member who represents the best teaching and learning at CSB and SJU. She served as CSB president from 1963-68.

Saupe has taught at CSB and SJU since 1981. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from Lynchburg (Va.) College, and completed his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests include the studies of the secondary metabolism in plants and fungi, especially the phenomenon of cyanogenesis, and floristic studies of plants and fungi. He is the curator of the CSB/SJU Bailey Herbarium and the editor of the *CSB/SJU Biology Department Newsletter*.

Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award — Fr. Mark Thamert, associate professor of German. 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.

Thamert has taught at CSB and SJU since 1984. The native of Owatonna, Minn., received a bachelor's degree in German and his master of divinity degree from SJU, and a doctorate degree in

Germanic languages and literatures from Princeton University. While combining his teaching and graduate studies at Princeton, he was named "Teacher of the Year." Thamert regularly escorts groups of undergraduate students on study abroad programs in Germany, Italy and Austria. He also served a term as president at Saint John's Preparatory School.

Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award — Aubrey Immelman, associate professor of psychology. 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/SJU community, this award is named in honor of Mealey, who received the award in 2002.

A native of South Africa, Immelman has taught at CSB and SJU since 1991. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Port Elizabeth, an honors bachelor's degree from the University of South Africa, and master's and doctorate degrees from University of Port Elizabeth. In 1999, Immelman established the Unit for the Study of Personality in Politics, a faculty-student collaborative project with the mission of conducting psychological assessments of candidates for political office and disseminating the findings to professionals, the national media and the public.

Recognition was given as follows:

Advising awards: social sciences, Mary Jepperson, assistant professor of accounting and finance; natural sciences, Mani Campos, associate professor of biology; cross divisional, Sarah Pruet, English as second language coordinator; fine arts, Samuel Johnson, assistant professor of art; humanities, Br. Dennis Beach, associate professor of philosophy.

Tenure: Bernadette Elhard, assistant professor, nutrition.

Tenure and promotion to associate professor: Kelly Berg, communication; James Crumley, physics; Karyl Daughters, communication; Janna LaFountaine, in

physical education; Linda Shepherd, nutrition; Nelsy Echavez-Solano, Hispanic studies.

Promotion to professor: John Olson, economics; Edward Turley, music.

Professor emerita: S. Nancy Hynes, English; S. Helen Rolfson, OSF, theology; Vera Theisen, French.

Professor emeritus: Jack Farley, management (posthumously); Fr. Allan Bouley, theology; Robert Fulton, chemistry; Fr. Kevin Seasoltz, theology; Fr. Hilary Thimmesh, English; Philip Welter, music.

Outgoing department chairs: John Hasselberg, associate professor of management; Jeffrey Kamakahi, associate professor of sociology; Daniel McKanan, associate professor of theology; Anna McKenna, associate professor of chemistry; Gary Prevost, professor of political science.

Service as acting department chair: Leigh Dillard, assistant professor of theater; Janelle Hinchley, adjunct assistant professor, social work; LuAnn Reif, associate professor of nursing; Elisabeth Wengler, associate professor of history; Gladys White, associate professor of Hispanic studies.

Outgoing division head: Frank Rioux, professor of chemistry.

Outgoing joint faculty assembly chair: Virginia Arthur, professor of management.

10 years of service: Carie Braun, associate professor of nursing; Brian Campbell, associate professor of music; Philip Chu, associate professor of biology; Martin Connell, associate professor of theology; Larry Davis, professor of geology and biology; Derek Larson, associate professor of history and environmental studies; Daniel McKanan, associate professor of theology; David Mitchell, assistant professor of biology; Rachelle Parsons, associate professor of nursing; Laura Rodgers, professor of nursing; Fr. Anthony Ruff, associate professor of theology; Elaine Rutherford, associate professor of art.

15 years of service: Charles Bobertz, professor of theology; Jose Antonio Fabres, associate professor of Hispanic studies.

20 years of service: Carolyn Finley, professor of music; Henry Jakubowski, professor of chemistry; Cheryl Knox, associate professor of biology; Janet Neuwirth, associate professor of nursing; Lisa Ohm, professor of German; James Read, professor of political science; Wendy Sterba, professor of German; Richard Wielkiewicz, professor of psychology.

25 years of service: Annette Atkins, professor of history; Gary Brown, associate professor of mathematics; Michael Gass, associate professor of mathematics; S. Mary Reuter, associate professor of theology and Companions on a Journey; S. Helen Rolfson, OSF, associate professor of theology.

30 years of service: Daniel Steck, professor of physics; Greg Walker, professor of music.

35 years of service: David Bennetts, professor of history.

40 years of service: Frank Rioux, professor of chemistry.

45 years of service: Robert Dumonceaux, Regents professor of mathematics.

50 years of service: Wim Ibes, professor of music.

55 years of service: John Gagliardi, Regents professor of physical education.

Retirement: Fr. Allan Bouley, professor of theology; Robert Fulton, professor of chemistry; S. Nancy Hynes, professor of English; S. Helen Rolfson, OSF, associate professor of theology; Fr. Kevin Seasoltz, professor of theology; Vera Theisen, professor of French; Fr. Hilary Thimmesh, professor of English and president emeritus; Philip Welter, associate professor of music.

In addition, the creation of the S. Linda Kulzer Gender Education and Development Award was announced at the event. The award will be given annually — beginning in 2009 — to recognize 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 colleges' earliest efforts to integrate gender into the curriculum.

Faculty/Staff News

David P. Bennetts, CSB/SJU professor of history, was honored at a ceremony at Bunkyo Gakuin University (one of our partner schools in Japan), Tokyo, on June 13. President Akiko Shimada conferred on him the title Distinguished Visiting Professor of Foreign Studies, the first such honor awarded in BGU history. Bennetts has taught summer sessions at BGU since 2003, and has been active in developing CSB/SJU-BGU relations for the past 20 years.

In June, Dr. Bennetts participated in the Tokyo Charter Ceremony marking the creation of the Japan Chapter of the SJU Alumni Association. Aaron Toussaint is the chapter president and the group has already held and scheduled several events. Visit them at www.sjualum.com.

In May, at an awards ceremony attended by students and their families, Bennetts, presented six "David P. Bennetts Scholarships" to the six students from Bunkyo Gakuin University. The recipients — Haruka Suzuki, Hikari Saito, Maki Asano, Tomomi Inoue, Atsuko Iwata and Masae Kubota — are exchange students at CSB and SJU this year.

A profile by **Philip I. Kramer**, CSB/SJU assistant professor of education and director of academic assessment, has been selected as one of 50 from 150 to be published in *Principles and Profiles of Good Practice in Assessment*, edited by Karen Black, Elizabeth Jones, and Trudy W. Banta (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.).

S. Irene Nowell, SOT adjunct professor of theology, gave the Mary L. Fellin Lecture to the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica on Sept. 21. She spoke on the *Saint John's Bible*.

Jean Keller, CSB/SJU associate professor of philosophy, presented the following three papers at academic conferences this summer:

"Rethinking Ruddick on 'Adoptive' Maternal Practice via Korean-American Adoption Experiences" at the Internation-

al Association of Women Philosophers Conference, Seoul, Korea in July;

“Rethinking Ruddick and the Ethnocentrism Critique of *Maternal Thinking*” at the National Women’s Studies Association Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, in June;

“From Liberal Feminist to Care Ethicist (?): A Feminist-Philosophical Autobiography” at the panel discussion on 25 years of care ethics at the National Women’s Studies Association Meeting in June.

Diane Veale Jones, CSB/SJU professor of environmental studies, presented “Connecting Students’ Food Choices to World Issues,” at the 21st joint annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society (AFHVS), New Orleans in June. As part of the conference, she also visited the struggling-to-recover Vietnamese Farmers’ Market, participated in an urban agricultural tour and in a post-Katrina tour.

Barb Fahnhorst, CSB/SJU director of student employment, has been elected president of the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators (MASEA). MASEA is a professional organization of administrators and counselors from postsecondary educational institutions who support students in securing on- and off-campus employment opportunities. Her responsibilities will include presiding over association meetings, assisting with strategic planning and overseeing committee work. Her term as president-elect began July 1, and she will serve as president beginning in July of 2009.

Ed Stubblefield, CSB/SJU associate director of career services, presented to the Minnesota Association of Health Care Recruiters in Minneapolis on May 15, on “The Secrets of Facebook: Recruiting the Next Generation Workforce.”

Sacred Music and Liturgical Reform, by **Fr. Anthony Ruff**, associate professor of theology, SOT, and director of

the National Catholic Youth Choir, was second place winner of the Catholic Press Association 2008 Catholic Press Award in Liturgy.

Miguel Diaz, CSB/SJU associate professor of theology and SOT, was elected to the Catholic Theological Society of America Board.

Gwen Schimek, CSB/SJU assistant director of student activities and leadership development, was one of approximately 25 among 75 applicants accepted to attend the Social Justice Training Institute.

The Thomas Schaefer Thesis/Research Prize for 2008 was awarded to SJU senior **Adam Schendel** last May. His research project, “Laser Beam Position Stabilization,” was supervised by **Dr. Dean Langley**, CSB/SJU chair and professor of physics.

Louis D. Johnston, CSB/SJU associate professor of economics, presented “The Economy of Early America” at the Student Essay Contest Awards Program at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

CSB student **Heather Akerson** received the Janet L. Andersen Award from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in August in Madison, Wis.

Akerson, a senior majoring in mathematics, presented her project on statistics on RNA secondary structures July 31 at the four-day conference. Her faculty adviser on the project was **Jennifer Galovich**, CSB/SJU associate professor of mathematics. The award recognized Akerson’s presentation and research.

Approximately 150 students made presentations at the conference, including three other CSB and SJU students:

- **Xuyang Tang**, a CSB junior, presented on factors relating to the development of multiple sclerosis. Her faculty advisor was **Tom Sibley**, CSB/SJU professor of mathematics.
- **Carson Sievert**, an SJU junior, and **Zhishan Guo**, an SJU senior, presented

a joint project on auction theory applied to major league baseball. Their faculty advisor was **Gary Brown**, CSB/SJU associate professor of mathematics. All four students conducted their research during the summer CSB/SJU Undergraduate Research Program.

CSB student **Martha Kaempffer** and SJU student **Garrison Pease** attended the Convention for Common Good. With a presidential election ahead, the national Catholic social justice organizations are launching a new campaign that will include print, broadcast and online advertising this fall that will highlight Catholic teaching. The participation of the CSB and SJU students was made possible by collaboration by the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement, CSB Campus Ministry, and SJU Campus Ministry in conjunction with the SJU President’s office.

James “Jim” Schumann has been appointed CSB executive director of facilities, security and safety, effective Aug. 11. He has served for the past eight months as interim chief facilities officer.

In making the announcement, Sue Palmer, vice president for finance and administration, said, “We wish to acknowledge our appreciation for Jim’s willingness to assume the interim role at a difficult and sad time for the facilities team and college community, during the loss of our very special colleague, Jim Fredricks. As interim director, Jim Schumann provided continuity in operations and demonstrated effective leadership.”

Schumann’s prior service to CSB and SJU includes serving as CSB’s director of security from June 2000 to November 2007, and as SJU’s assistant director of life safety services from May 1999 to June 2000. He holds a Master of Science degree in criminal justice and a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice and political science, both from Saint Cloud State University. He also serves as mid-America regional director of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

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Events Calender

FALL 2008

- Sept. 24.** Jay Weinstein, Heritage Day Speaker, "Stewardship and the Family Table" (Campus contact: Marian Diaz), 10 a.m., Petters Auditorium, CSB.
- Sept. 29.** Juan Cole, Islamic Studies Task Force and Global Awareness speaker, University of Michigan, "An Assured Peace" or "A Victory Hope For?": Iraqi Realities and American Politics. Co-sponsored by the University Chair in Critical Thinking and Academic Affairs (Campus contact: Gary Prevost), 7:30 p.m., SJU/SBH Theatre.
- Sept. 30.** Wangari Maathai, Dignitas Humana award (Campus contact: Bernadette Dunn, SOT), 8 p.m., SJU/SBH Theatre.
- Oct. 6.** Dr. Emily Oster, economist at the University of Chicago, Fall 2008 Clemens Lecture: "The Power of TV: Women's Status in India and the Role of Cable Television" (Campus contact: Judy Shank), time and location TBA.
- Oct. 7.** James Poff, CSB/SJU professor of biology, "The Art and Science of Observation" (Campus contact: Scott Richardson), 5:30 p.m., SJU/Alumni Lounge, Quad.
- Oct. 8.** Health Care Policy Panel (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), time TBA, CSB/Gorecki 204A.
- Oct. 9.** Pamela Nice, University of St. Thomas, presenting and commenting on her film, "Dreaming of Morocco" about Muslim Youth, Global Awareness and Islamic Studies Task Force, (Campus contact: Gary Prevost), 7:30 p.m., CSB/Alumnae Hall.
- Oct. 15.** S. Cyril Mooney, Loreto Day School Sealdah, Calcutta, India, see <http://www.csbsju.edu/criticalthinking/lecture-sandwritings/calcutta.htm>; Undertold Stories Project (Campus contact: Fred De Sam Lazaro), time and location TBA.
- Oct. 15.** William Davnie, retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, "The U.S. War in Iraq, An Insider's View," Global Awareness and Islamic Studies Task Force (Campus contact: Gary Prevost), 7:30 p.m., CSB/HAB 128.
- Oct. 16.** 2nd Annual Mark Kennedy Frontiers in Freedom Lecture with Dr. Liam Fox, a member of the British Parliament and Shadow Defense Minister (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), time and location TBA.
- Oct. 22.** Lisa Zass Saragoza, a co-founder of the Minnesota Network of Latinos in Higher Education, will speak on Minnesota Latinos organizing for social change. Sponsored by the Latino/Latin American Studies Program (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell), 7 p.m., location TBA.
- Oct. 22.** Jim Sterba, professor of philosophy, and Warren Farrell, international author and speaker on contemporary gender issues, will discuss their opposing perspectives on the question: Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men? (Campus contact: Ozzie Mayers), 7 p.m., CSB/Alumnae Hall, HCC.
- Oct. 29.** Julian Bond, McCarthy Lecture (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), 7:30 p.m., SJU/SBH (dinner 5 p.m., location TBA).
- Nov. 6.** Mark Conway, Literary Arts Institute, "A Reading" (Campus contact: Scott Richardson), 5:30 p.m., SJU/Alumni Lounge.
- Nov. 11.** Professor Morris Fiorina, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Wendt Family Professor of Political Science at Stanford University, "2008 Presidential Election and the Culture War Myth" (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), 7:30 p.m., CSB/location TBA.
- Nov. 12.** Annie Griffiths Belt will talk about her new book, *A Camera, Two Kids, and a Camel: My Journey in Photographs*, Renaissance Speakers' Series (Campus contact: Ozzie Mayers), 7 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204.
- Nov. 12-13.** Laurence Thomas, Ethics Common Seminary Faculty Development Series (Campus contact: Tony Cunningham), time and location TBA.
- Nov. 13.** Chip Mitchell, a journalist with Chicago Public Radio, will speak on Latinos, politics, and journalism. Sponsored by the Latino/Latin American Studies Program (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell), 7 p.m., location TBA.
- Nov. 17.** Dr. Mary Bednarowski, professor emerita of religious studies at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and Saint Paul, "Discovering the Obvious: Religion and Theology as Ever-Renewing Arenas of Human Creativity" (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann), Koch Chair Lecture, 7:45 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204 A & B.
- Nov. 18.** Lorna Landvik, Book Lovers' Night (Campus contact: Tina Streit), 6-6:45 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. reading, CSB/Bookstore.
- Nov. 19.** Linda Gregg, Warner reading (Campus contact: Mark Conway), 7:30 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204C.
- Nov. 20.** Linda Gregg, reading (Campus contact: Mark Conway), 7:30 p.m., downtown Minneapolis Public Library.