



Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition

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Message from Provost Richard Ice

This year we celebrate the accomplishments and milestones of our faculty electronically, because we are unable to meet in person. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we teach, work, socialize, interact, and, in this case, celebrate. Although we may not be recognizing these accomplishments in person as we usually do, we celebrate together in spirit, knowing that each of you contributes to the education of our students in meaningful and special ways.

The faculty and staff of CSB/SJU have engaged in heroic endeavors to maintain the high standards of our education during a transition to online learning. Not only have you maintained the educational standards, you have shown compassion and caring for our students and for each other during this pandemic. I thank you for all you are doing.

This has been a successful year, as we completed work to implement our new Integrations Curriculum, the culmination of years of research and development. We also completed the strategic plan, SD2020, which produced visible changes on our campus in major remodeling of libraries and academic buildings, successful completion of the largest capital campaigns in both CSB and SJU histories, and significant diversity among our student body.

This is also a year of transitions. Dr. Terence Check, is returning to the faculty following his successful service as Dean of the Faculty. Terry is the inaugural Dean of the Faculty and his leadership has defined and shaped the function of this important position. Not only has he defined the role, his many accomplishments have propelled our institutions forward. Terry always has seen his position not as dean of the faculty, but as dean for the faculty. He focused on faculty development, moving forward with plans for a center for teaching and learning, developed protocols for joint faculty appointments, and unified the rank and tenure committees. Indeed, his work has advanced our efforts for faculty development and faculty governance. His work in diversity and inclusion has enabled us to hire one of the most diverse group of faculty this year ever at CSB/SJU. His leadership in diversity and inclusion will forever change these institutions for the better.



Another important transition is the announced departure of President Mary Dana Hinton. President Hinton has ably led the College of Saint Benedict for the past six years. Under her leadership, we effectively implemented the first truly coordinate strategic plan (SD2020). The college successfully completed the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign, raising over \$100 million. She has also facilitated the physical changes of the college, overseeing \$43 million in campus facilities updates, enabling Saint Ben's to provide premier facilities for teaching, learning and women's leadership development. She is also a national leader in higher education, serving on and leading numerous boards, including serving on the boards of AACU, ACCU, CIC and chairing the Minnesota Private College Council. She is widely quoted in the higher education press and is a sought-after speaker. One of her lasting legacies will be her dedication and commitment to inclusion and diversity. She helped transform CSB/SJU, receiving and implementing three major Mellon grants, developing and implementing the Inclusion Ecosystem, and increasing diversity on campus. She will become the president of Hollins College and we wish her well.

Richard Ice
Provost



Department Chair/Program Director Term Completions

The following individuals have dedicated the last three years
as department chairs and program directors.

Jeff Anderson
Pam Bacon
Carol Brash
Jayne Byrne

Brian Campbell
Don Fischer
Matthew Harkins
Theresa Johnson

Nicholas Jones
Brian Larkin
Derek Larson
Jen Schaefer

Steve Welch
Beth Wengler

JFS Chair Term Completion – **Kris Nairn**

Dr. Kris Nairn served as the chair of the Joint Faculty Assembly and Joint Faculty Senate during a time of transition and many unforeseen challenges. She developed positive relationships with the Boards, especially the members of the Joint Strategic Visioning Committee, which served the faculty well as the institutions faced a transition in presidential leadership. Her last duty as chair was to complete her service on the search committee for the interim president at CSB. Kris worked diligently to bring the final pieces of the Integrations Curriculum to the Joint Faculty Senate for approval, thus preparing the way for the launching of the new curriculum in fall 2020. During the disruption and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, she kept faculty governance on course, moved all our meetings online seamlessly, and laid the foundations for the extraordinary work of faculty governance over the summer. Thank you Kris!



Years of Service

10 Years of Service

Bob Bell
Todd Johnson
Jen Schaefer
Christi Siver
Mary Stenson
Laura Taylor

15 Years of Service

Mary Cunningham
Samuel Johnson
Roy Ketchum
Matthew Lindstrom
Sanford Moskowitz
Cindy Peterson
Imad Rahal
Sarah Schaaf
Stephen Schwarz
Laura Sinville
Parker Wheatley
Adam Whitten
David Zoeller

20 Years of Service

Kathleen Cahalan
Karyl Daughters
Nicholas Hayes
Pamela Immelman
Patricia Kennedy, OSB
Brian Larkin
Rodger Narloch
Susan Riley
Christina Tourino
Elisabeth Wengler

25 Years of Service

Dennis Beach, OSB
Michael Patella, OSB
Andrea Shaker
Bruce Thornton

30 Years of Service

Joseph DesJardins
David Hartz
Ellen Jensen
Jeanne Lust, OSB
Cynthia Malone
Marina Martin

35 Years of Service

Philip Byrne
Noreen Herzfeld
Kaarin Johnston
Michael Livingston

40 Years of Service

Bob Koopman, OSB



Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor



Ellen Block



Clark Cotton



Jeff DuBois



Emily Heying



Wei Huang



Annette Raigoza



Joseph Storlien



Laura Taylor



Justin Zanchuk



Promotion to Professor



Boz Bostrom



Sucharita Mukherjee



Corey Shouse



Anne Sinko



Becoming Community Practitioners and Advanced Practitioners

Listed below are faculty members who have received their Becoming Community Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner Certificates. Faculty who have attended five of more Becoming Community Professional Development Workshops this past academic year have earned the Becoming Community Practitioner certificate. Those faculty who in addition to attending five or more workshops completed an application explaining how they applied the workshop information to change some element of their work have received the becoming Community Advanced Practitioner certificate.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication and support of this initiative.

Practitioner Certificate Recipients

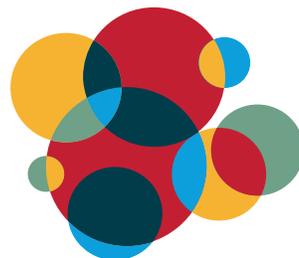
Laura Bauer	Alexa Evenson	Janna LaFontaine	Shannon Smith
Carol Brash	Betsy Johnson Miller	Carl Lindgren	Erica Stonestreet
Chris Conway	Kaarin Johnston	Julie Lynch	Laura Taylor
Karyl Daughters	Ken Jones	Elisheva Perelman	Ben Trnka
Dana Drazenovich	Jean Keller	Cindy Peterson	
Karen Erickson	Trevor Keyler	Sarah Pruett	

Advanced Practitioner Certificate Recipients

Elisheva Perelman Jean Keller

**Becoming
Community**

Pursuing transformative inclusion with
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Faculty Search Advocates

This academic year, we completed the second full year of the search advocate program at CSB/SJU, initiated by Academic Affairs and Human Resources. A search advocate is a member of a search committee who helps colleagues to avoid unconscious, unintentional biases, and who assists committees with efforts to include diversity, inclusion, and equity in its hiring processes and decisions. A search advocate participates in all aspects of the search and selection process, from the draft of the job description to engaging in the interview process, selection deliberations and the integration of the new hire. Colleagues who serve in this role are committed to diversity and equity, are fair and open-minded with good judgment, are respected by their peers for their past and current accomplishments and are able to set aside personal interests to work for the common good. Two separate cohorts of faculty and staff have completed training as search advocates, and the inclusion of search advocates on committees has dramatically improved the search and hiring process. Thank you to the following faculty advocates who have served on a search committee since the program's inception:

Pam Bacon

Carol Brash

Sunil Chetty

Chris Conway

Emily Esch

Sophia Geng

Kate Graham

Jessica Harkins

Jeremy Iverson

Deborah Pembleton

Terri Rodriguez

Christi Siver

Tony Yan



Special Appointments



Professor Mary D. Jepperson

Ralph Gross Chair in Business and the Liberal Arts

Ralph Gross (SJU '65) was known to his employees as an ethical businessperson and a quiet and humble business leader. The Ralph Gross Chair in Business and the Liberal Arts was established to bring focus on business and the liberal arts.

Professor Mary Jepperson, like Ralph Gross himself, is a CPA. She received her undergraduate education from CSB and her MBA from St. Cloud State University. She arrived at CSB/SJU in 2001 to teach in Accounting and Finance, successfully achieving tenure and ultimately promotion to the rank of professor. Prior to arriving at CSB/SJU she was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She specializes in international financial reporting standards and forensic accounting and investigations. From 2005-2016 she led the Accounting and Finance Department as department chair, reshaping the program into a vibrant accounting program that is focused on our liberal arts mission. The CSB/SJU accounting and finance program has been a leader in success of graduates passing the CPA examination. Mary has been recognized several times for her effective and innovative teaching by professional accounting associations. She is a leader on campus, serving in numerous roles in faculty governance and on the CSB Board of Trustees Finance Committee. She will continue her leadership role as the Ralph Gross Chair, by leading the Global Business Leadership Department as they revise their curriculum.



Special Appointments



Dr. Allison J. Spenader

Marie and Robert Jackson Professorship of Education

The purpose of the Marie and Robert Jackson Professorship is to recognize excellence in the field of education and to provide support for the leadership of the CSB/SJU Education program. Dr. Allison J. Spenader will assume the Marie and Robert Jackson Professorship of Education this fall.

Allison arrived at CSB/SJU in 2008 and successfully achieved tenure and promotion to associate professor. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, focusing on Germanic Languages and Literatures: Scandinavian Studies. She received her master's in English as a Second Language, also from the University of Illinois and her doctorate from the University of Minnesota in Second Languages and Cultures Education. Allison is a recognized scholar in language and culture education, having published and presented widely. She is also a leader in our own campuses as an expert in language and culture education and pedagogy, leading and guiding curricular reform to focus on cultural education and in advising on study abroad programming. She led a research study which led to a publication that examined the role of pedagogical variables in intercultural development of the CSB/SJU faculty-led programs. Allison will assume the role of department chair of the Education Department in her role as the Marie and Robert Jackson Professorship.



Special Appointments



Dr. Manuel Campos

Cyprian Weaver Professor of Biological Sciences

Dr. Manuel Campos will be the inaugural recipient of the Cyprian Weaver Professorship in Biological Sciences. Dr. Campos received his bachelor of science in biology and his master's and doctorate in physiology from Pennsylvania State University. He also was a postdoctoral fellow in diabetes and hormone action at the University of Virginia. Dr. Campos' research interests include vascular biology of endothelial cells and he has a specific interest in cell signaling pathways regulating endothelial cell permeability. Dr. Campos has taught at CSB/SJU since 1997, ultimately promoted to the rank of professor. He was the recipient of the 2003 CSB Sister Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award.

In this position, Mani will develop, support, and oversee pre-health programming at CSB/SJU. Cyprian Weaver, OSB is a member of the Saint John's monastic community and taught biology at Saint John's. A renowned scholar in the study of insulin and hormonal regulation, Cyprian has three master's degrees and two doctorates. He left Saint John's to teach at the Medical College at Fu Jen University in Taiwan. He was recognized for Excellence and Service to the Republic of China by the President of Taiwan as well as receiving the Presidential Citation for Education. He is currently associate professor of medicine at University of Minnesota.

Cyprian's interest in and love of the culture of China was instrumental in his work to assist in developing the CSB/SJU China study abroad program, which he led in the early years of the program. Cyprian has maintained close connection to the students he taught at CSB/SJU. Many of those students decided to honor Cyprian by endowing a professorship in his honor to benefit the institution by recognizing a faculty member in the biological sciences.



Special Acknowledgment



Ken Jones

Learning Enhancement Service Director

Since 1990, the Learning Enhancement Service (LES) at CSB/SJU has helped faculty members strengthen their teaching. In 1997, Dr. Ken Jones accepted the first of two assignments as LES Director. While other faculty members have provided leadership and assistance to LES, it has been Ken's long association with the program that has underlaid its ongoing mission of "enhancing student learning by providing opportunities for good teachers to become even better at their craft." Under his direction, LES has provided a range of services, including teaching seminars, instructional diagnoses, individual consultations, programs and retreats for new faculty, grants to attend pedagogical conferences, and a pedagogical library. During its peak year in 2005-2006, LES programs reached 602 faculty and staff.

Teaching seminars were one of LES's core and most well-attended services. In them, faculty members shared their expertise with peers and fostered broad discussions on pedagogical issues. Topics included "What Makes a Good Syllabus Good," "Making the Best Use of the First Day," "The Use of Concept Maps to Enhance the Teaching-Learning Process," and "Low Cost, Useful Assessment: It Can Actually Help!" When faculty members attended pedagogical conferences with a grant from LES, they agreed to present information they learned at a subsequent LES program, resulting in approximately fifteen topics offered each academic year.

Over the years, LES has emphasized support for new faculty members through an orientation, mentor program, and mid-year retreat each spring where new faculty got to know each other while engaging in serious discussions about pedagogical approaches. When the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in moving courses to emergency online teaching in spring 2020, Ken collaborated with IT Services to provide much-needed faculty training on short notice. Through his work with LES, Ken has established the foundation for a future Center for Teaching and Learning. Academic Affairs offers special appreciation and acknowledgment of his many years of service as the Director of the Learning Enhancement Service. Thank you Ken!



Academic Advisor Award

The Academic Advisor of the Year Award was established in 1985. It is awarded to two faculty and/ or professional advisors who have distinctly contributed to the advising program, as well as to individual student development and growth throughout the academic year. Faculty and professional advisors at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University are eligible for this award. The 2020 Advising Award recipients are: Corrie Grosse and Ben Trnka.



Corrie Grosse

One nominator remarked, “Corrie Grosse has single-handedly changed the trajectory of my college experience and probably my life.” This sentiment typifies the power of good advising. Another declares, “As an out-of-state, female student, I came into CSB/SJU with very little direction. I did not have confidence to share my opinion in class and figured it was just my personality to be submissive and lost. One mentor turned that all around for me, and gave me what no other person could – conviction in myself and what I was capable of. That mentor is Corrie Grosse.” And another, “Corrie supports me as a student and cares about me as a person. She takes the time to learn my personal passions, frequently sending me resources, events, and opportunities for getting more involved in the things I care about. She is a great mentor and friend, encouraging me to pursue my passions, challenging me to think deeply, and offering her advice and assistance whenever it’s needed. Corrie has made my educational experience incredibly meaningful. She inspires me to be my best self, and I cannot express how grateful I am for her guidance in my college career.” Congratulations Corrie!



Academic Advisor Award



Ben Trnka

As an exceptional advisor, “Ben Trnka goes above and beyond for not only his advisees but all of his students. He encourages going beyond class scheduling in advising sessions and helps us plan for life. He truly cares how his students are doing and is always available to us – even for things not related to school. His enthusiasm for teaching is palpable, and he encourages everyone around him to reach for every goal they set.” Ben lives the life he espouses for his students, “Ben always has the best attitude, and loves communicating with students as much as he could. He is great at discussing academics and careers, but also life in general. He always has advice, recommendations or someone else to help us. I work with Ben a lot as a TA, and I see how much all students enjoy him as an advisor, professor, and role model.” “Ben does an incredible job. When spanning all four years, Ben usually has close to 50 advisees. He meets with each of them every semester multiple times, for as long as needed to make sure they have proper guidance. He goes way beyond course selection – he encourages students to embrace the liberal arts, study abroad, and find ways to volunteers and get involved in clubs. He also is very active in moderating internships and finding jobs for his students.” Congratulations Ben!



Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award



Annette Raigoza

The Teacher/Scholar Award was established in 2000 and 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 2004, following the untimely death of Dr. Linda Mealey, professor of psychology and 2002 recipient of the award, it was re-named the Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award in her honor. Linda believed that “learning is fun” and that simple pleasure was the driving force behind her considerable efforts to involve students in research.

The 2020 S. Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award recipient is Dr. Annette Raigoza.

Since her arrival on campus in 2014, Dr. Annette Raigoza has been actively involved in research, finding ways to include students in all aspects of her research and has been integral in the revamping and growth of the CSB/SJU Chemistry Department research program. She collaborates with students on research projects year-round. Over the past six years, Annette has mentored an unprecedented 42 CSB/SJU students, applied for over two grants per year, helped reevaluate the resources and courses in Chemistry and developed the introduction to research lab (CHEM 215) and applied and received funding the past four years from the US Army Research Office, Academy of Applied Science – Research & Engineering Apprenticeship Program. The US Army REAP not only helps expose high school students to research, it also prepares them for college. This program at CSB/SJU gives Annette’s summer research students the invaluable experience



of being able to mentor high school students as well. Students and colleagues both commend Annette's ability to be hands on with her research students, while granting them independence to incorporate their ideas into projects and allowing them to develop their own research skills. Annette's mentoring of her students goes beyond work in the research lab – she also mentors them in the preparation for their careers outside of CSB/SJU, encouraging them to think bigger and broader. A former student shared, "Thanks to Dr. Raigoza I know that when faced with a challenge, I can work towards a solution and present it confidently to my academic adviser and peers." A colleague stated of Annette, "She is able to break new concepts down to a basic level, connect them to topics taught in previous courses and build on them to the point where students are able to understand and apply topics from the current literature." She is the 2015 recipient of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Twin Cities Young Science and Technology Professional of the Year Award and The Minnesota Federation of Engineering, Science and Technology Societies Young Science and Technology Profession of the Year Award. Annette's passion for instruction, care for student development and creativity in the classroom makes her so deserving of the 2020 S. Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award. Congratulations Annette!



Jennifer Galovich Service Award



Kaarin Johnston

Dr. Jennifer Galovich was known for her commitment to her students but especially as having strong and exemplary service to the institutions. Jennifer graduated from Reed College in 1969, received her master's in mathematics from Brown University in 1972, and her doctorate

from the University of Minnesota in 1986. Jennifer served as a faculty member in the Mathematics Department at CSB/SJU for 28 years. In addition to her service to the department, she served as JFA chair and vice chair, and also served on the Educational Standards Committee, Faculty Committee on Academic Affairs, Assessment Committee, and the Academic Planning and Budget Committee. Her service as chair of the Faculty Handbook Committee is legendary.

The 2020 Jennifer Galovich Service Award recipient is Professor Kaarin Johnston.

Service came natural to Professor Kaarin Johnston from an early age, noting “I did not consider it service; it was a way to learn and create community ... The nature of Service as far as I am concerned is that we serve one another – it is part of being a living human being and a member of any community, especially here in this space created by our two Benedictine communities.” For 35 years, Kaarin has been serving the CSB/SJU community in various ways: as a mentor to junior faculty, serving on numerous search committees, a wide range of standing committees (APBC, APSAC, PAC, CCAPS, R&T, Core Curriculum and Executive Committee of the Senate), non-standing committees (continued input for the Entrepreneurial Program, Peace Studies Department advisory role and Intercultural Diversity Committee member). She served as the second director of the Core Curriculum, served as the Head of the Fine Arts Division while maintaining her position as Professor of Theater. She has served as the Acting Chair of the Art Department and the Chair of the Theater Department. Theater Department alums actively seek out Kaarin for her



career advice and counsel regarding networking opportunities and organizations. Her passion for women's issues on our campuses is shown in her service as faculty advisor to the CSB Student Senate for four years and her mentorship of Sister Nancy Hynes Institute for Women's Leadership student productions during Women's Week. She has directed two Greco-Roman study abroad programs as well. She is an ambassador for our institutions within the community and is known and respected by St. Cloud and Twin Cities' actors and directors. She has served on national committees of two Theater Organizations: The Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) and the Women's Theatre Program (WTP). In the local community Kaarin has worked with the Girl Scouts, served on two Saint Benedict Monastery Committees, directed numerous St. Cloud theaters, Children's Theater, and given classes/workshops at the St. Cloud VA Hospital. A colleague shared "Kaarin exemplifies the Benedictine values of listening, dignity of work, hospitality and community in her career." Congratulations Kaarin and thank you for your dedicated and untiring service to CSB/SJU and beyond!



Sister Mary Grell/Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award



Ken Jones

Sister Mary Grell served students on both campuses for more than 35 years with intelligence, skill, dedication, and genuine affection. She graduated from the College of Saint Benedict in 1933 with a baccalaureate degree in botany and chemistry. She did research in Germany on a Fulbright Grant in the 1950s and continued to do productive research on cells during the rest of her career here and at St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire. Following further study in biology and cytogenetics at St. Louis University and Fordham, she returned to our campus and began her remarkable teaching career. She served as president of the college from 1963 to 1968.

Bob Spaeth was many things to many people, but in all things he was a teacher, first at Saint John's College, Annapolis, where he taught the full range of the Great Books, and then, from 1979 until his death in 1994, here at Saint John's in Collegeville, in the departments of Philosophy and Mathematics. He also taught in the Christian Humanism program, as well as Senior Seminar and First-Year Symposium, and was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1979 through 1988. Both as dean and through his own teaching, Bob sought to inspire our learning community and was dedicated to the quality of our teaching faculty.

We celebrate the difference Sister Mary Grell and Bob Spaeth made at CSB/SJU through our recognition each year of a member of our faculty who represents the best of teaching and learning here at our colleges.

The 2020 Sister Mary Grell/Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award recipient is Dr. Ken Jones.



Dr. Ken Jones began his career at CSB/SJU in 1976 and has taught over 16 courses, including popular subjects such as, “Chasing the American Dream,” “Sport and Society in Recent US History,” and “US and the War in Vietnam.” He has served as the Director of the Common Curriculum and Director of the Learning Enhancement Service. He has focused his recent scholarship on pedagogy improvement, having served as the Principal Investigator for the Fruth Family Foundation grant on “Promotion of Blended Learning at CSB/SJU” and for the Teagle Foundation grant on “Systemic Assessment: Building Capacity and Closing the Loop.” Ken is a national authority on teaching and learning, having delivered numerous presentations on pedagogy development at prominent conferences, including the national conference of the Professional and Organizational Network of Faculty Developers and the Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience. In addition, many institutions have sought his expertise in evaluating their own faculty development and curriculum reform efforts.

Colleagues have referred to Ken as “simply the most conscientious instructor I know” with a long record at CSB/SJU of “both stellar teaching and mentoring faculty to excel as instructors.” He is known as a model teacher who designs class activities to engage and appropriately challenge students, but who is also never satisfied with his own accomplishments, seeking to continuously refine and revise his courses. He has mentored numerous faculty in many departments, both as a professor in the History Department and as the Director of the Learning Enhancement Service (LES).

As Ken notes in his teaching philosophy statement, “We need to consider what our audience brings to the class, and how to help them see the meaning/value of the course in their lives.” His attention to the needs of his students – combined with a rigorous application of the latest research on teaching and learning in designing his courses – have led to impressive results. For example, a student “The American Dream” remarked that the “amount of time and effort that was put into the course content really had me stretch my thinking.” Hundreds of students over the course of five decades have had similarly glowing assessments of Ken’s teaching. He is a worthy recipient of the 2020 Sister Mary Grell/Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award. Congratulations Ken!



The Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award



Madhu Mitra

The Gender Education Development Award was established in 2008 and was later renamed in honor of Sister Linda Kulzer, OSB. This award recognizes a member of the CSB and SJU faculty who has contributed to students' gender education through curricular leadership, courses taught, scholarship, and/or mentoring students independent of normal classroom teaching. Sister Linda, CSB's Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1977-85 and a Professor Emerita of Education, was a pioneer in the colleges' earliest efforts to integrate gender into the curriculum.

The 2020 Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award recipient is Dr. Madhu Mitra.

Dr. Madhu Mitra has had a long and distinguished career fostering gender education at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. As a teacher, Madhu promotes gender education not only through courses in the Gender Studies program but also in her home department, English. In addition, she teaches gender-themed First-Year Seminar courses and topics through Education Abroad. Students have benefited from her intersectional perspective of weaving together her two interests of Gender and Post-Colonial Studies. Madhu has a gamut of peer reviewed and other scholarship in those areas as well. Such scholarship has not only been published in reputable journals and edited books but has also been presented at a variety of national and international venues. Further, she has been a pioneer of gender education at our institutions. It was under her leadership that the colleges established the Gender and Women's Studies program where she served as the director from 1997 to 2000. She continued her participation in the program by serving on the Steering Committee and then serving as director of the now renamed Gender Studies program. Students have consistently benefited not only as her formal advisees but also through her role in the Institute for Women's Leadership. Madhu is indeed a consummate gender educator. Congratulations Madhu!



Announcement of Catholic Benedictine Educator Award

There will be a new award presented annually at the Academic Affairs Awards ceremony beginning Spring 2021. The Catholic Benedictine Educator Award sponsored by the Benedictine Institute of Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture encourages CSB/SJU faculty (part and full time) to creatively engage and foster understanding of Benedictine or other expressions of the Catholic intellectual tradition when teaching their academic discipline. Faculty members whose academic discipline lies outside of theology are eligible for this award. The strongest nominees will find ways to engage both the Catholic intellectual and Benedictine traditions.

Watch for more information regarding this award in early 2021.



Retirements



Lisa Lindgren

Professor Lisa Lindgren's work at CSB/SJU over the past 13 years has been guided by her focus on students. Following teaching at Plymouth State University for seven years and working in the private sector, Lisa joined the CSB/SJU community advocating for the value of a business major, and the potential of CSB/SJU students to walk off campus and into the business world and make it better. She taught various courses in both Management and GBUS and led the department's program review. Lisa is best known for her commitment to study and teaching business in Latin America. During her time at CSB/SJU, Lisa served on various committees and was untiring with her service to students. She was the primary coach for the Mayo Innovation Scholars Program (MISP) for over eight years, connecting different majors and academic disciplines to work together. She was driven by her desire to make certain students were prepared for the world upon graduation and, just as importantly, believed in their value. This was exemplified by her work advising Bennies in Business, opening CSB students to all the possibilities for them to succeed in the male-dominated business world. Students left her classes further educated, better equipped, and with an understanding that they had a mentor in their corner. Thank you Lisa for your service and dedication to CSB/SJU and congratulations on your retirement!



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Patricia Kennedy, OSB

Sister Pat Kennedy OSB has taught students at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University for over 20 years. She has welcomed them to college theology study through an introductory course, now called Theo 111 (though she taught this course through several different revisions!). In her own words, Sister Pat found it “a privilege to break-open the sacred stories of the Christian faith with our CSB/SJU students.” Sister Pat always demonstrated for our students the attentiveness to God woven through Benedictine life. She transitions now into further work with her expertise in Religious Life and Law through her appointments at Saint Benedict's Monastery. Thank you Sister Pat for your service and dedication to CSB/SJU!



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Professor Emeritus, Joseph DesJardins

Dr. Joseph DesJardins joined the CSB/SJU philosophy department in 1990, became academic dean and associate provost in 2006, and he later served as vice provost from 2011-2014. After his long voyage in Academic Affairs, he finally returned home, much like fabled Odysseus, where he assumed the Ralph Gross Chair in Business and Liberal Arts, to the great delight of the Philosophy Department. Joe's service to the institutions has been exemplary as a teacher, scholar, and administrator. As a teacher, "Dr. Joe" opened the wonderful world of philosophy to legions of introductory students by showing them around Plato's fabled cave. Many of them were never the same afterward, though Joe will surely put any blame or credit at Plato's feet, not his own. Beyond the classroom, Joe has published some of the most widely used introductory textbooks for both Business Ethics and Environmental Ethics. And as associate provost, he helped sustain effective administrative organization, while greatly enhancing faculty morale. He was a key mover in both the development of the Common Curriculum and its implementation. When he finally returned home to his department after so many years away, his colleagues were happy to have him back, proof-positive that serving as a Philosopher-King needn't corrupt him or make him an enemy of the people. His colleagues will best remember Joe for his abundant warmth, honesty, good cheer, and common sense. Thank you Joe, for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!



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Professor Emeritus, J Andrew Whitford Holey

Dr. Andy Holey has been a driving force in the CSB/SJU Computer Science Department for over 28 years bringing energy and leadership to the department. He was instrumental in developing an innovative curriculum that transformed the major and established the foundation for future success and growth in the department. He led the first Computer Science Department program review and designed new courses, particularly Computer Graphics and Bioinformatics. Beyond his commitment and passion for improving student learning, Andy established an outstanding service record, including serving as department chair and on faculty standing committees such as the Curriculum Visioning Committee, SJU Rank and Tenure Committee, Academic Planning and Budget Committee, and the Faculty Handbook Committee. From a student's perspective, he was generous with his time and a trusted advisor. His colleagues describe him as a steady and reliable presence in the department and across the institutions. His care and attention to detail, as well as his concern for the well-being of others, served as a model of collegiality. In addition to his unwavering commitment to students, Andy is known for his tremendous mentoring and superb mentoring of junior colleagues. Thank you Andy for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!



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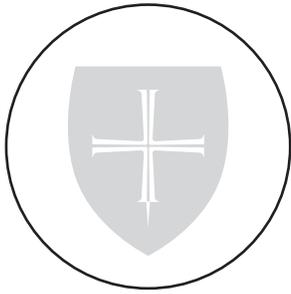


Professor Emeritus, Henry Jakubowski

Dr. Henry Jakubowski has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and service during his 31 years at CSB/SJU. Henry can truly say he has done it all, having established an exemplary research program, a passion for teaching, and a commitment to serving his department and the institutions. Well before it was common to discuss equity in access to educational materials, Henry authored an open-access online biochemistry textbook that has been viewed by people around the globe, bringing positive international attention to our institutions. Henry has been integral in authoring successful grants, initiating the China research exchange program, establishing the biochemistry major, helping organize the innovative department curriculum, developing numerous courses and labs and leading student study abroad programs. His enthusiasm for sharing his knowledge about biochemistry is contagious and serves as a role model for new faculty, as he always tries new approaches to be the best teacher he can be. In recent years Henry has devoted much time and energy to sharing his insights about climate change with the general public, helping to enhance science communication to help address global concerns. He will continue to be an active member of the scientific community in his retirement. Thank you Henry for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!



Retirements



Professor Emerita, Meg Lewis

Dr. Meg Lewis has been a critical part of the Economics Department at CSB/SJU for the past 30 years. Apart from regularly teaching a course in Quantitative Methods, which she in large part developed from scratch, and which is one of the important components of the Economics curriculum, Meg brought into her courses a deeper understanding of economic thinking. She is one of the founding members of the International Association for Feminist Economics and in Meg's courses students learn about the connections between economic thinking and gender. She is known for her groundbreaking work in bringing feminist pedagogies into the field of Economics. Her publications in this area are now classics, including "The Elgar Companion to Feminist Economics," which she co-edited with Janice Peterson. Besides being a compassionate teacher with an attention to detail, Meg served the department well as Department Chair and in other capacities. In addition to her work within the Economics Department, her leadership as a social scientist was particularly important as Chair of the Gender Studies Program when the program faculty primarily consisted of faculty from the humanities. The department will miss her careful attention to detail and her steady presence. Thank you Meg, for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!



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Professor Emeritus, James Makepeace

A 1970 honors graduate of Saint John's, Dr. Jim Makepeace retired with 39 years of faculty service during which he taught more than 5,000 CSB/SJU students, and served in numerous leadership roles including Faculty Assembly vice chair, Sociology Department Chair, and two terms as director of the study abroad program in Ireland. Jim is known in sociology for his pioneering research on dating violence, a field which today includes more than 100 replications and extensions of his original work and which resulted in numerous broadcast appearances and published reports including The Today Show, Phil Donahue Show, Oprah Winfrey Show, Time, Newsweek, and the New York Times. For 10 years Jim directed an opinion poll for the St. Cloud Daily Times, with more than 450 reports of his research. Throughout his career Jim's teaching focused on Family Violence. He developed the world's first college level course in this area and edited a two-volume textbook through three editions. He brought attention to Native American tribes and culture at a time when we did not have an anthropologist on the faculty and involved students in his work on the Lewis & Clark Trail, studying different stories and meaning presented in the various types of monument and historical museums and memorials. Beyond the classroom, Jim has long enjoyed distance running (completing the Boston Marathon in 2016 at age 70) and sailing. Thank you Jim, for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!



Retirements



Professor Emerita, Janet Neuwirth

For 32 years, Professor Janet Neuwirth has been a steadfast contributor to the Nursing department, facilitating the learning of more than 1,000 students. Her dynamic teaching style captures attention and engages intellectual thought. She is energetic, with a quick wit and a natural proclivity to enhance critical thinking and deductive reasoning. She has built a connection with and continued to serve as a link between the Nursing Department and the local communities and local medical institutions which has led to the development of quality clinical learning environments for CSB/SJU students. Janet goes above and beyond in course development and pedagogy. Throughout her tenure of teaching, Janet has stayed fresh and vibrant and a strong contributor to the department. She has been an incredible mentor and role model to students, faculty and colleagues and will be remembered for her kind, caring student-centered approach. One such instance was this year when the nursing faculty created a senior send-off video Janet's section was particularly touching. She chose to start her portion by eating chocolate chip cookies and ended by showing a sign reading "Find time for your favorite things." For over three decades, Janet has found time for her favorite thing – teaching. Thank you Janet, for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!



Retirements



Professor Emerita, Wendy Sterba

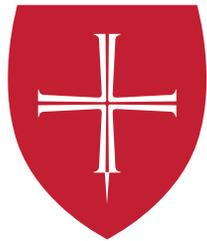
Dr. Wendy Sterba has been a committed educator, prolific scholar, and engaged community member at CSB/SJU for over 30 years. A professor of German, she offered courses in elementary, intermediate, and advanced German, German literature and history, film, media theory, and the Symposium program, including medieval and modern material.

She has been a keen advocate for the liberal arts and the importance of language instruction at CSB/SJU. As a scholar, she has published two books, *Real Photos (2015)* and *J.J. Abrams vs. Joss Whedon (2016)* and delivered numerous presentations across her career at international, national, regional, and campus venues. Wendy has served on many committees, including Academic Policies and Standards, Academic Budget Priorities (chair), Library Planning Committee, Joint Faculty Senate and Faculty Technology Committee. In addition, she has led study abroad programs, advised a diverse selection of clubs, including German, Fencing, Art and Film, and provided excellent service to her department. She has been a generous mentor to junior faculty and her students. Throughout all of this work, she has offered our community a model of a brilliant and courageous woman, willing to speak to truth and for the vulnerable, without regard to personal risk. She is a true intellectual and deep human being. Thank you Wendy, for your many years of service to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University!



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