

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost's Office

We look forward to the spring semester and bringing students back to campus. As you are aware, they are being required to receive a negative COVID PCR test (or have evidence that they had COVID within 90 days of returning) to return to campus this spring. Those students who have not been tested, should not return to in-person classes until they can do so. This information can be verified on The Hive.

Classes will resume in a similar manner as this fall. This means the following:

New Faculty Stipend Process: The stipend process will occur through the link below. The request will automatically go through the approval process. This new process is intended to streamline the process and ensure timely processing and payment of faculty stipends. <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/Z21U0J7BBK>

Call for Honors Course Proposals – deadline 3/30/21: Honors Scholars for Community and Collaborative Leadership (the redesigned Honors Program) is accepting course proposals for 2022-2023. (see 1/12/20 email from Academic Affairs). The deadline is Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Contact Honors Director Beth Wengler, ewengler@csbsju.edu, or Emily Esch eesch@csbsju.edu with questions.

Title IX Education via Zoom: New information about Title IX at CSB/SJU. Even if you attended a program in the past, please plan to attend again. As part of CSB/SJU's commitment to its responsibilities under Title IX, we have scheduled presentations to help you understand what Title IX is, what it means to CSB/SJU, what your responsibilities are, and the resources and process available to assist students when they need help. Please sign up for one of the sessions below. Zoom link and other info will follow sign-up. [More Information](#)

FDRC Grant 2021-22 Guidelines - due date - February 5, 2020
(see 1/5/21 email from Academic Affairs)

Advising

First Year Advising Q & A sessions Join us for a discussion on advising in the fall and preparation for the spring semester. We look forward to seeing you there! **Wednesday, January 27 2:00-3:00 p.m.** <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/94042609598>

Instructional Technology

Instructional Technology Day Recordings: Recordings of Instructional Technology Day 2021 sessions have been posted to the Teaching and Learning Canvas Course <https://csbsju.instructure.com/courses/15388/pages/instructional-technology-day-2021-recordings>. Thank you to the presenters and attendees for an engaging day of professional development! A survey will be sent in the fall asking for input to help plan Instructional Technology Day 2022. In the meantime, if you have thoughts, suggestions, or comments please send them to Miranda Novak (mnovak@csbsju.edu).

Outdoor U

Ice Age Megafauna (yes, you read that right!) - Sat, Jan 23. Part of the Outdoor U Winter Naturalist Series. Join us for a virtual field tour of the fantastic and charismatic mega-mammals of Ice Age North America. Explore the Pleistocene and draw connections to current wildlife and ecosystems. Fun and interesting for the whole family. We'll begin the program with a megafauna ID quiz to sharpen your field skills. We recommend using a computer for the Zoom presentation and a mobile device for participating in the ID quiz.

[More Information](#)

UR News

Seeking Faculty Application for Summer Collaborative Grant and Interdisciplinary Faculty Collaborative Grant

Summer Collaborative Grant 2021 - **Application Deadline is January 22!**

Undergraduate Research has committed to funding a total of 13 summer projects from a wide range of student-faculty collaborative teams. If you are interested in mentoring a student collaborator over Summer 2021 and have a well-designed project, please consider applying. The grant funds student stipends for 10 weeks of full-time paid research worth nearly \$6,000. To learn more and apply for the Summer Collaborative Grant, visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PQh55awzpPU-NN74wZBxtEGL8LBCFQIm/view>

Interdisciplinary Faculty Collaborative Grant - Application deadline February 5

In addition to our typical Summer Student-Faculty Collaborative Grant, Undergraduate Research is seeking proposals for one special collaborative grant to fund a team of two faculty and two student researchers collaborating on an interdisciplinary project in the summer of 2021. Faculty from all disciplines are eligible and encouraged to apply.

To learn more and apply, visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ImDlyINX92FZ-fWFsSAk3UALanj9Bj-f/view>

Save the Date - Virtual Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day - April 19, 2021

Undergraduate Research invites you to save the date for Virtual CSC Day 2021! New this year, CSC Day will include a special, optional session highlighting research & creative work that aligns with our institutional learning goal of "Embrace Difference." Presenters will have the option to be featured as part of the series through designation on their registration form. To accommodate block learning: Registration AND poster submissions will begin earlier, running February 15 - April 9. [More Information](#)

Faculty Governance

JFS meeting: **Tuesday, February 9 from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.** via zoom

JFA meeting: **Thursday, February 4 from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.** via zoom

Watch for emails from Greg Schroeder for information about the meetings and zoom links.

The Buzz on Campus

Invitation to UCLA Lecture on Rome and Iran by Jason Schlude: On Friday, January 22, at 6-7:30pm (CST), Jason Schlude will deliver a lecture (followed by discussion) on his new book "Rome, Parthia, and the Politics of Peace: The Origins of War in the Ancient Middle East" (Routledge, 2020). The event is virtual and interested members of the CSB/SJU community can register to attend via the link. It is hosted by the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World at UCLA. Please note the Center's website lists the event's time in Pacific time (not Central).

[More Information](#)

Write on Race Workshop - Deadline Extended!

WRITE on RACE is a 4-part workshop that takes a deep dive into the ways race impacts our lives. These workshops are open to CSBSJU faculty, staff, students, alumni/ae, and monastics and to community members who can commit to attending all 4 sessions. This is sponsored by the Becoming Community grant (Practitioner Certificate and Advanced Practitioner Certificate eligible) and IISS. The first 40 registrants will receive a free copy of the book used. Please register by noon on *Wed., Jan. 20*. [More Information](#)