

# ***THE BUZZ:*** Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



## From the Provost

**COMMUNITY UPDATE:** All are welcome to join Presidents Laurie Hamen and Jim Mullen, Chairs to the Boards of Trustees and President's Search Committee Co-Chairs for an update on stronger integration and the CSB/SJU president's search, **January 10, 2022 from 3:30-4:30 pm** via Zoom webinar. Watch the Bulletin Board for more details.

**Proclamation Celebration:** Please join our Transitional Presidents Laurie Hamen and James Mullen, trustees and monastic communities for a very special ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Strong Integration transaction between the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, **Friday, January 14.** *See email sent from the office of the presidents on 12/22/21.*

## From the Deans

**Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Scholarship and Creative Work Award Recipients:** Award recipients will receive one-sixth reassigned time in Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 to pursue their scholarship and creative work. See the list of award recipients and the titles of their projects below.

**Kate Bohn-Gettler**, Professor of Education

"How Beliefs and Emotions Interact to Influence Learning and Teaching about Climate Change"

**Whitney Court**, Associate Professor of Political Science

"The Risks and Rewards of Selecting Vice Presidential Nominees"

**Tony Cunningham**, Professor of Philosophy

"Strong: The Story of Strength"

**David Dies**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music

"El Diván del Tamarit, a one-hour song cycle for tenor and piano"

**Corrie Grosse**, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies

"Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-Led Renewable Energy in the United States"

**Emily Heying**, Associate Professor of Nutrition

“Exploring Food Insecurity Solutions at CSB/SJU and Student Meal Plan/Flex Dollar Spending”

**Kyhl Lyndgaard**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies

“As Near As Possible: Dispatches From the Home Woods”

**Brittany Merritt Nash**, Visiting Assistant Professor of History

“Benedictine Missions and Bahamian Nation-Building”

**FDRC Grant call applications due February 4, 2022:** The Faculty Development and Research Committee (FDRC) invites applications for Professional Development Funds and for Curriculum and Program Development funds. Each of the following grant categories will be supported.

- Professional Development (PD) (p.3-4, 5-9) o \$1750 and under: Use Academic Travel Fund--individual only Note: The Academic Travel Fund supports online conferences and workshops; please continue to apply for these funds using the link below. o Any amount up to \$5000: Individual requests not meeting the Academic Travel Fund eligibility and group requests.
- Curriculum and Program Development (C&PD): Any amount up to \$5000 (individual) or \$7500 (group) (p. 10-14)

*See email from Academic Affairs sent on 12/15/21 for more information.*

## Pandemic Planning Committee

**Masking requirement on campus:** Into the start of spring semester, CSB/SJU is continuing to require masks indoors and on transportation for all students, employees and visitors (vaccinated and unvaccinated) as a temporary action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and influenza.

Exceptions to the Temporary Masking Requirement:

- When seated and actively eating or drinking in dining/events and catering operations
- Residence hall private rooms
- Private offices
- Outdoors

**Booster Shot Requirement:** The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19. MDH and CDC now recommend that all qualified individuals should get a vaccine booster shot. **Given this recommendation, as of March 1, CSB/SJU is requiring COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for all eligible students and employees.**

**Update Your Vaccination Record:** We've added booster shots to our [COVID-19 Vaccination Record Submission Form](#). Please update your booster information after you get the shot.

**Vaccination Clinic:** CSB/SJU is partnering with Walmart to bring a COVID-19 vaccine clinic to campus on Jan. 13-14, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Gorecki 120 at CSB. Register here for an appointment: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/4AJI0HJ0XF>. If you are unable to attend this event we recommend using [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a COVID-19 vaccine nearby.

Visit our [COVID-19 website](#) for a dashboard, list of FAQ's and contact information for staff who can assist you. Please email [covidinfo@csbsju.edu](mailto:covidinfo@csbsju.edu) with any questions.

*See 1/3/22 email sent from the General COVID questions email for more information.*

## Academic Program Prioritization

**Final Documents:** An email from Academic Affairs was sent on December 13, 2021 that included the final criteria from the Steering Committee and the final operationalization of the criteria from the Data Committee. These documents will be stored in the APP Canvas site once they are released.

## Innovation Fund News

**Congratulations:** An Innovation Fund Award was awarded to John Geissler, Troy Fritz and Derek Larson, who proposed to develop and identify funds for a Center for the Environment.

**Innovation Fund information:** We continue to accept applications and they will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis. Submissions: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/OMPXL2BOKI>.  
*See complete information in 11/8 email sent from Academic Affairs*

## Information Technology

**Instructional Technology Day—January 6, 2022:** This year, sessions will be held virtually via Zoom. Visit the link below for more information about sessions offered and to register! Join us for an informative and interesting day of professional development! [More Information](#)

**Basecamp Software End of Availability:** Our contract with Basecamp (project management software) ends January 2022 and will not be renewed. Microsoft Teams can be used for project management and is included with our Microsoft site license. If you used Basecamp in the past, login to your account and make sure you no longer need any of the data associated with these old projects and move that data, if necessary. Data will be deleted once the CSB/SJU Basecamp account is inactivated. For more details, click [More Information](#).

## Undergraduate Research

**UR Talk January 5:** The Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars, along with the UR Faculty Advisory Committee, invite faculty and Staff to join us our upcoming UR Talk on January 5, 2022: Reparative Equity by Design: Reconstructing the Research and Mentorship Space to Sustain Access for Historically Excluded Minority Students. Dr. Buffie Longmire-Avital, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Black Lumen Project: An Equity Initiative at Elon University, will offer a talk and interactive discussion **January 5, 2022 from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm** via Zoom. We are pleased to share that this event is part of the Becoming Community Certificate Series! Registration is required. Learn more here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/featured-talk-with-dr-buffie-longmire-avital>

**Seeking Faculty Applications for Interdisciplinary Collaborative Grant and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Collaborative Grants - Deadline January 21!** As part of Undergraduate Research's Summer Collaborative Grant is dedicated to two specialty grants for 2022:

- **DEI Grants:** Undergraduate Research is committed to exploring DEI in research and creative work. Two lines of our Summer Collaborative Grant will be dedicated to projects with an emphasis on diversity, equity, and/or inclusion.

**Interdisciplinary Grants:** This grant will fund 2 faculty and 2 students to collaborate on an interdisciplinary research project [More Information](#)

**Seeking Faculty proposals for summer research microgrants for a Summer 2022 pilot:**

We are excited about this opportunity as we believe it supports Undergraduate Research's goals of increasing access to research and creative work opportunities for students in a way that best fits into their lives while still supporting their growth as scholars. Faculty from all disciplines are eligible and encouraged to apply by **January 31, 2022**.

Details of the microgrant:

- Microgrant funding can be used May 1 – June 30, 2022
- Microgrant proposals can fund a student researcher from 2 – 10 hours per week; you may request to hire more than one student for a project.
- Microgrant funding does not include a student room & board stipend

For more information, please view our website and the official call for proposals! <https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/programs-and-funding/summer-microgrants>

**Scholarship & Creativity Day April 21, 2022:** Each year, CSC Day recognizes and honors the achievements of students, faculty, and staff who have undertaken significant research, scholarship, or creative works throughout the past year! Presentations will begin on **Thursday, April 21 from 8:15 a.m.** and run throughout the day both campuses. Faculty: As you plan your courses for spring semester, we hope you will consider incorporating CSC Day participation for your students. Room Reservations will begin on **January 28**. Registration will open on **February 28**. For more information, visit <https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/celebrating-scholarship-and-creativity-day>

## Center for Global Education

**Apply for a 2023 Short-Term Study Abroad Program:** Faculty are invited to apply to develop and direct a short-term education abroad program in the spring or summer 2023. The 2023 short-term proposal form includes two tracks for short-term programs: Spring 2023 embedded semester courses and Summer 2023 programs. This application process invites faculty to submit their proposal to CGE by **January 31, 2022**. [More Information](#)

## Libraries

**Library Licensed Course Materials Requests:** Please send librarian David Wuolu ([dwuolu@csbsju.edu](mailto:dwuolu@csbsju.edu)) a list of films you'd like streamed for next semester before January 1 to make sure films are ready to go by the first week of classes. Since most streaming videos are acquired with short term licenses, let the Library know if you intend to continue using a film shown in the past -- they are not automatically renewed. David can also determine availability

of multi-user ebooks for your courses. Please contact your liaison librarian or David Wuolu if you'd like assistance in identifying library licensed course materials for the Spring.

**New on Book Shots Podcast:** Join Kelly Groth as she interviews Malik Stewart, Director of Multicultural Center, at College of St. Benedict/St. John's University as he talks about his favorite book, "Oryx and Crake" by Margaret Atwood. <https://soundcloud.com/sarah-gewirtz-174402520/book-shots-1>

## FYX

**Continuing the Journey” Canvas shell open Friday, January 7th!** A friendly reminder that all first-year students have access to the FYX “Continuing the Journey” Canvas shell. In this shell, students can access information aimed to help them transition to college and succeed academically. A few specifics include:

- Welcome back letter published Friday, January 7th
  - This will include: Reminders how the drop/add process works during the first week of classes (Jan 10-14), direct links to Covid-19 protocols and reminders from the PPC, etc.
- FYX Newsletter published at the start of each mod
  - This will include: Important semester dates and academic deadlines, advertisement of co-curricular opportunities (e.g., conference opportunities), and other reminders pertinent to first year students *only*
- Calendar function
  - Important dates also will be placed in the calendar of this Canvas shell

For those serving as a first-year faculty advisors, the shell again will have information and reminders for students to access in early March as they prepare to register for Fall 2022 classes on their own.

- Please note students will have access to planning sheets used during the fall semester in INTG 105, etc.

**Nominations for Orientation Leader and/or Peer Mentor for Fall 2022:** Please consider nominating upper-class students to serve either in the role of Orientation Leader for New Student Orientation in late August 2022 or the College Success Course in Fall 2022 (or both!). Ideally, juniors and seniors serve in the peer mentor role and sophomores, junior, or seniors serve in the Orientation leader role. Here is a simple form to submit your nominations: [OL/PM Nomination Form \(Fall 2022\)](#)

**Information to Share with First Year Students:** If you have information relevant to first year students, please send that information to Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman ([KDavis@csbsju.edu](mailto:KDavis@csbsju.edu)). It can be placed in an upcoming newsletter or in the Canvas shell. Below are preferred dates to submit the information:

Newsletter Theme	Preferred Date to Receive Info to be included in the newsletter	Newsletter Release Date
Welcome to Spring Semester!	Friday, Jan 7th by 12 Noon	Friday, January 7th (Classes begin on Monday, January 10th)

TBA	Wednesday, Feb 2nd by 12 Noon	Friday, February 4th (Start of B Mod)
Help with Advising	Wednesday, March 2nd by 12 Noon	Friday, March 11th (end of spring break)*Theses 3 weeks of C Mod will be important as students prepare to register for Fall 2022 classes, connect with their first year faculty advisors, etc.
Spring Highlights!	Wednesday, March 30th by 12 Noon	Friday, April 1st (D Mod starts the next week)

## Faculty Governance

**Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, January 18 4:30 -6:00 p.m.**

**Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Thursday, January 27 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

For more information regarding these meeting watch for emails from [jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu](mailto:jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu)

## Becoming Community

**“Reparative Equity by Design: Reconstructing the Research and Mentorship Space to Sustain Access for Historically Excluded Minority Students.”**

Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-1:30pm on Zoom (see 1/3/22 email from BC for more details) Register here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/RB67PLDXQ4>

**MLK Week 2022 Virtual Book Club:** Dr. Chris P. Lehman will give the keynote lecture on his book *Slavery's Reach: Southern Slaveholders in the North Star State* for the 2022 MLK Week at CSB|SJU. You are invited to join a virtual book club to read *Slavery's Reach* prior to his lecture on **Jan. 20**. The book groups will meet online on **Wednesdays from 5-6 on 1/15, 1/19, 1/26**. If you are interested in receiving a free book and joining a book club before the keynote lecture, use the registration link below. Books can be picked up between 9 AM - 4:30 PM at the Multicultural Center. Zoom links will be sent to participants after registration. Sponsored by Becoming Community and the Multicultural Center. Find more information about the book here: <https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/52180106-slavery-s-reach> Sign up here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/9QOIM56LDX>

## Academic Affairs New Hires

**Welcome to our new Budget Coordinator:** Nicole Bauer is the new Budget Coordinator who will be working directly to support Ben Stommes, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis. Welcome to CSB/SJU Nicole!

**Welcome to new Department Coordinator:** Blake Theisen is the new department coordinator for the Department of Theology, Global Business Leadership, and Exercise Science and Sport Studies. Welcome to CSB/SJU, Blake!

# Benedictine Institute of Saint John's

## **Professional Development Opportunity! Benedictine Education Program**

The Benedictine Institute warmly invite you to sign up for the Benedictine Education Program, an exciting experience to learn more about the Benedictine character of our shared workplace and continue your professional development. You will find a more detailed description on the following webpage:

<https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/2021-2022-events-and-programs/benedictine-education-program> [More Information](#)

**Do you have information for The Buzz?** If you have information you would like included in The Buzz please submit to this link: [The BUZZ information](#)