

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost

Inclement weather announcement: As we anticipate inclement weather in the weeks to come, I want to explain how we will handle situations when we are not able to have in-person courses on campus. Since we have developed hybrid and online learning modes, classes would continue by moving to remote learning during inclement weather. An announcement would indicate to students and faculty that courses would be remote. Rather than having a delayed start or an early cancellation as we had in the past, courses would move to remote learning.

When the Provost declares a move to remote learning due to weather, staff in areas designated to provide essential services on campus will report to work as scheduled. All other staff are expected to work remotely if the position can be done remotely. If not, there will be no loss of compensation. Please review the attached compensation provisions and communicate with your supervisor regarding your work status during the period of closure for remote learning.

Notice of a weather-related closing will be issued through the CSB/SJU MyConnect Emergency Notification System. You may register or update your contact information in [MyConnect](#).

From the Deans

Disability Awareness Week Nov 29- Dec 3: The Multicultural Center, ETL (Extending the Link), Accessibility Services and the GEND 377 Disability Justice class will be hosting a Disability Awareness Week **Nov 29 through Dec 3** on campus. For more information and schedule of events: [Home - Disability Awareness Week - Research Guides at College of St. Benedict/St. John's University \(csbsju.edu\)](#)

Invitation to join MLK Week planning committee: As we plan for 2022 MLK Week you are invited to join the MLK Week planning committee which will meet on Wednesdays, 5-6pm via Zoom. Please email Malik Stewart, mstewart@csbsju.edu, to be added to the Zoom invitation. [More Information](#) Meeting Dates: **Dec. 8**

The Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) Committee on Inclusion, Equity, and Justice (IEJ) and the JFS Committee on Family Friendly Policies and Practices (FFPP) invite you to participate in a survey to assess faculty and Academic Affairs staff members' experiences during the pandemic and to inform future recommendations for policy responses to crisis that are both family friendly and

advance inclusion, equity, and justice for faculty and staff. **Please access the survey here:** <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/SQCZM3YSYP> Thank you very much for your time in providing this important feedback. Your ideas will inform the work of our committees. Please complete the survey by **Tuesday, December 7th at 5 pm.**

Pandemic Planning Committee

Booster Shots: The Minnesota Department of Health has noted that waning immunity from earlier vaccines (specifically six or more months after the two-shot vaccines) is a driver of breakthrough COVID-19 cases, so please consider signing up for a booster shot. We recommend using vaccines.gov to find a COVID-19 vaccine nearby.

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.

Masking Policy Update; COVID Vaccine Boosters and Community COVID-19 Testing Events: see email sent from Casey Gordon on 11/23 <https://www.csbsju.edu/covid-19/campus-communications/112321-covid-update>

Innovation Fund News

Congratulations: The first Innovation Fund Award was given to Dr. Claire Haeg, who proposes to develop an interdisciplinary legal studies minor and to work on marketing, advising, and programming for our pre-law students and prospective students.

Collaboration Request-- Interdisciplinary Minor and/or certificate in Criminal Justice: Aubrey Immelman, Jacob Jantzer, and Michael Livingston are looking for colleagues who would be interested in working with them on the development of a proposal for an interdisciplinary minor and/or certificate in Criminal Justice. Please contact Michael Livingston mlivingston@csbsju.edu if you have any interest OR if you teach a course that you think would fit such a minor. We plan on applying for Innovation Funds to facilitate the development of this proposal.

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*

New Hires in Academic Affairs

Sabrina Gilchrist has recently moved from her position as Art/Theater department coordinator to a new position as the Outreach & Ambassador Manager role in XPD. Congratulations Sabrina on your new position!

Undergraduate Research

Driven 2 Discover at the MN State Fair: CSB/SJU Undergraduate Research is excited to partner with the Driven to Discover Research Facility (D2D) at the Minnesota State Fair to conduct research at the Minnesota State Fair. We invite faculty and their students to take advantage of this unique opportunity to quickly and efficiently recruit fairgoers as participants in minimal-risk, human-subjects research at the D2D Research Facility. Undergraduate Research covers the fees associated for one shift at the fair for a faculty mentor and their student researchers. You will be prompted to upload the your proposal addressing the criteria in the CFP as a single PDF or Word document. Please limit your submission to 1-2 pages, if possible. Please submit your proposal [here](#) by **December 6th, 2021**.

Please contact Lindsey Gunnerson Gutsch at lgutsch001@csbsju.edu for more information.

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](#)

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>

Fulbright Hayes Short Program

Fulbright-Hayes Trip to Bosnia: Faculty in humanities, social science, foreign languages and/or area studies wanted for our 2022-2023 Fulbright-Hayes Short Program exploring the intersection of languages, politics, history, educational systems, and culture in Bosnia & Herzegovina, June 2022. Pre- and post-travel seminar, airfare, housing, food funded by our grant from the US Dept. of Education. For more information and to apply, follow the attached link. Applications due by **December 3**. [More Information](#)

Libraries

Library Licensed Course Materials Requests: Please send librarian David Wuolu (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>

Information Technology

Zoom Meeting Security Best Practices: Due to recent events, there have been many questions about how to best secure Zoom meetings. Click More Information for recommendations on protecting and securing your Zoom meeting. [More Information](#)

Duo Two-Factor - Only Approve Logins You Initiated : A friendly reminder from IT Services when using Duo two-factor authentication, only approve those that are for CSB/SJU and which YOU initiated. If a notification is ever received as a Duo push (via mobile app)/text message/phone call when you are not trying to log in, always Deny/Ignore the request. **Note:** If selecting Deny when using Duo push (via mobile app), there will be a prompt to indicate the reason. Select the option that applies. [More Information](#)

Instructional Technology Day—Save the Date: January 6, 2022

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, December 7 4:30 -6:00 p.m.

For more information regarding these meeting watch for emails from jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu

Becoming Community

***Inclusion in Higher Education: Research Initiatives on Campus* – Book Panel** On **Monday, December 6th at 5-6**, we invite you to join a discussion featuring a panel of authors of the recently published *Inclusion in Higher Education: Research Initiatives on Campus* book. This edited collection highlights the recent work of CSB/SJU faculty, staff, and students to investigate the ways our institutions promote or inhibit inclusion and provide models for change. Learn more here: <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781793625649/Inclusion-in-Higher-Education-Research-Initiatives-on-Campus> E-book available here via the CSB/SJU libraries: <https://CSBSJU.on.worldcat.org/v2/oclc/1225554203>

This hybrid event is co-sponsored by Becoming Community and the McCarthy Center and is open to all (previous book club participation not necessary). Please join us in person at the Multicultural Center or email ajantzer001@csbsju.edu for a Zoom link.

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 12/8, 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>

Human Resources

Peer Coaching with Vital Work Life: Take advantage of Educator Peer Coaching Service with Vital Work Life, our employee assistance program. [More Information](#)

Fine Arts Programming

Make holiday memories with LIVE performances @ CSB/SJU: Looking for a FUN way to celebrate the holiday season? Or maybe you want a low key way to reconnect with someone. The Fine Arts Series has holiday experiences for a memory filled evening! The Hot Sardines bring the jazzy, joy filled holiday party of the season with Holiday Stomp!, great for all ages! **December 9.** If low key and sentimental is what you're looking for, Storyhill presents holiday favorites with beautiful vocal harmonies, guitar and strings. **December 11** Tickets and info at www.csbsju.edu/wow [More Information](#)

Benedictine Institute

Benedictine Perspectives on DEIJ (Save the Date): Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 2 and Thursday, February 3 to attend, or have your students attend, one or more presentations regarding a *Benedictine Perspectives on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice (DEIJ)*. All presentations will focus on helping “non-experts” understand what it can look like to approach DEIJ issues from a Benedictine point of view. Guest speakers include Nicholas Tangen, Cindy Gonzalez, and Eric LeCompte. Tangen is a writer, coach, educator, and congregational organizer in Minneapolis. His work focuses on community life, community organizing, social action, and the life of faith through a Benedictine lens. Gonzalez is a 2014 graduate of the College of Saint Benedict and a 2019 graduate of Saint John’s School of Theology. She recently spoke for the 2021 Diocesan Ministry Day celebration focusing on “the importance of co-creating a community that sees, listens, and advocates for one another.” LeCompte is a 1999 alumnus of Saint John’s University and for more than 25 years had led religious groups in the fight to alleviate poverty, address global conflict, and promote human rights.

Preliminary schedule of events:

Wed., February 2: Talk #1 at 4-5 p.m. in Quad 264

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Thurs., February 3: Talk #3 at 4-5 p.m. in Quad 264

Thurs., February 3: Speaker Panel Discussion moderated by Jessie Bazan at 7-8:30 p.m. in SBH Theater. Bazan graduated from the School of Theology in 2017 and works for the Collegeville Institute on two grants aimed at helping Christian congregations deepen their sense of calling. Jessie is passionate about social justice issues, especially related to women, church life, and young adults.

Additionally, these speakers are available to attend some classrooms as guest speakers, perhaps especially in Raven and/or CSDS courses. Contact [Rodger Narloch](#) to arrange.

Haehn Museum Tours: [140 Years of Uncovering and Sharing Secrets of Science](#) Discover the connection between the sisters and the sciences with a guided tour of how our Benedictine Sisters opened the doors for women through endless wondering, careful discovering, and sharing knowledge. Tour registration: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/R57Y3AK5W5> Need a different day or time, please contact [Trisa Schaeffer](#) to arrange.

Benedictine Raven Mini-Grant: The Benedictine Institute is offering stipend support in the amount of \$400 for faculty time needed for their professional development in preparation to integrate a Benedictine perspective into one or more of their courses. The goal is to generate a course proposal that would fulfill the Benedictine Raven designation in the Integrations Curriculum. Proposals will be reviewed and granted on a rolling basis until June 10, 2022. Visit the Benedictine Institute website at <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/mini-grants-for-benedictine-raven-faculty-development> for detailed proposal requirements and application information.

Benedictine Raven Resources: Benedictine Raven Resources is a compendium of video and text resources. Look here for material to use for your class as part of the Benedictine Raven requirement. <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute/benedictine-raven-resources>

The Buzz on Campus

Coming Together for The People and Planet Gala: Dec 2, 6-8 pm, Brother Willie's Pub:

Learn about the intersection of inclusion and environment and how to communicate these themes through art! This event includes a panel of CSBSJU and local community members speaking on inclusion, racial justice, the outdoors, and local food; and an exploration of how artists engage these themes through diverse mediums. Then, engage in your own art making by contributing to a mural that will be displayed in the Multicultural Center. This is a RACE event. Free FOOD and drinks!

There Are Only 5 Weeks Left to Visit the Haehn Museum's Current Exhibit! | Saint Benedict's Monaster: There are only 5 weeks left to visit the current exhibit at the Haehn Museum featuring the sisters' contributions to education in the sciences on all school levels as well as at the College of Saint Benedict for 140 years. We are open:

Tuesday–Friday: 12–4 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

The Whitby Gift Shop is located in the same building! Welcome to all! [More Information](#)

Lunch and Learn with Karlyn Forner at CSB on Tue. Dec. 7, 11:30-12:30: "Grassroots Organizing & Benedictine Values...Say What?": In the 1960s, young activists in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee united with local people in the Deep South to build a grassroots movement for change that empowered Black communities and transformed the nation. How SNCC organizers organized and the day-to-day living out of Benedictine values have fascinating parallels. In this Lunch and Learn, Karlyn Forner will share some observations and reflections on how grassroots organizing and Benedictine living align. Registration required [More Information](#)

Toys for Tots Campaign CSBSJU: CSB/SJU Toys for Tots drive on campus to run through Friday, December 10 with drop box locations at the Great Hall and Gorecki. Monetary donations can be made at the Students Accounts office in Quad 148.

WINTER COAT DRIVE: Please bring your gently used winter coats, hats and mittens to the Outdoor Leadership Center and The Multicultural Center to give to students who may not have these items.

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](#)