

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



Academic Program Prioritization

Structured Program Response Deadline, Office Hours, and Questions: all Structured Program Responses are due by **Tuesday, February 15 at 11:59 pm**. Details are in the email dated 2/8/22 from Academic Affairs.

Calls for Nominations - Faculty Awards

Call for Nominations: Sister Mary Grell and Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award:

Any member of the CSB/SJU community may submit nominations by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022** at the following

link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/academicaffairs/faculty/teachnom.aspx>

For complete details see the 1/13/22 Academic Affairs email Please see attached for more details.

Call for Nominations: Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity

Award: Any member of the CSB/SJU community may submit nominations by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022** at the following

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Catholic Benedictine Educator Award: Nominations (including self-nominations) are due by **February 15, 2022**, at the following link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/6B5JZGOVHO>

For complete details see the 1/24/22 Academic Affairs email.

Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award: nominations due **February 24, 2022:** [Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award Nomination Form](#)

For complete details see the 1/24/22 Academic Affairs email.

Calls for nomination for the Jennifer Galovich Service Award coming soon.

Center for Teaching and Learning

Announcement from Dean Bacon:

Thanks to the work of Terry Check, Karlyn Forner, and members of the Dean's Taskforce on Teaching and Learning Centers, the groundwork was laid for the CSB/SJU Center for Teaching and Learning. Over the past year, the plans for the CTL have been refined to include a focus on providing DEIJ faculty development and an expanded plan for the CTL Fellows. This year Academic Affairs began laying the groundwork for the CTL by funding 3 CTL fellows: Laura Taylor, Anne Sinko, and Robert Campbell.

Starting in Fall 2022, the CTL will start with the following vision: The CSB/SJU Center for Teaching and Learning will support teaching excellence and student learning through the promotion of evidence-based and inclusive teaching practices. The CTL will provide programming and services to support and develop excellence in teaching among our faculty with an emphasis on inclusion, diversity, equity, and justice. The Center's programs may include pedagogy workshops, faculty learning communities, and individual and program consultations. The CTL will develop mentoring programs for new faculty and will create and maintain electronic teaching and learning resources for faculty. The Center will facilitate collaborative initiatives and form partnerships with Instructional Technology, librarians, Student Accessibility Services, Center for Global Education, academic departments and programs, and the Integrations Curriculum to advance student learning and teaching excellence. At the heart of the Center for Teaching and Learning is the CTL Director who will make the vision a reality.

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Laura Taylor, Associate Professor of Theology, has been appointed the Center for Teaching and Learning Director for a three-year term starting in Fall 2022. As Director, Laura brings an impressive background related to pedagogy, DEIJ work, and mentoring. Laura is an excellent teacher who has focused on pedagogy and student learning. In graduate school, she was a graduate fellow in Vanderbilt University's Center for Teaching. At CSB/SJU, she has contributed to the scholarship of teaching through peer-reviewed publications and presentations that link her disciplinary work with her teaching. She is a participant in the Faculty Success Program through the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, was part of the Dean's Task Force on Teaching and Learning Centers, and is mentoring our newest faculty as the 2021-2022 New Faculty Orientation Director. Laura's contributions to courses for the Gender Studies department and the new Honors Scholars program, her work on the development and implementation of the new Cultural and Social Difference courses in the Integrations Curriculum, her active participation in the Becoming Community certificate program, plus her leadership as department chair will help her in her new role.

Innovation Fund News

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

Pandemic Planning Committee

As of Monday, Feb. 7, events, gatherings and meetings:

- Can be held with 100% capacity
- Are able to have food/beverage
- Events that currently require vaccination or proof of negative test will continue to do so

See the email from the General COVID Questions on 2/3/22 for more information.

Fine Arts Programming

Are you interested in utilizing a Fine Arts Series performance as an engaging experiential learning component for your class? We're here to help! Faculty have two options when considering adding a performance as a class requirement:

Attend together:

- Select a performance that aligns with your course and/or provides an ART-E offering
- Faculty member works with the Box Office to purchase all tickets for the class together at one time. There is a 10% discount for class groups - all tickets must be purchased at the same time to take advantage of the group discount
- Student tickets are \$10 before discount
- Faculty member receives a complimentary ticket when organizing a group in order to facilitate class discussion after
- Connect with the box office with questions or to set up your class for one of our performances
- Contact: Millie Annis, Box Office Manager – mannis001@csbsju.edu

OR

Attend individually:

- Select a performance that aligns with your course and/or provides an ART-E offering
- Students purchase their ticket and attend on their own
- Student tickets are \$10
- Faculty members who notify the Box Office that they are including the performance as a class requirement will receive a complimentary ticket to the performance in order to facilitate class discussion after

The Fine Arts Series performance listing can be found [here](#).

Let's work together to plan ahead! This spring, we'll announce the 2022/2023 Fine Arts Series performances so you can consider adding a performance to your fall or spring semester courses!

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) special meeting: Monday, February 14 at 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, March 1 at 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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

The Buzz on Campus

It's Back! "Building" Community at SJU Friday, Feb. 11, 9:00-10:45 in Quad 264

The Benedictine Institute invites all faculty, staff, and monastic community members to partake in good conversation and complimentary goodies. This is purely a community-building event; there is no agenda. These gatherings are come-and-go as you please and will rotate among buildings each Friday morning.

Poetry Reading by Heid Erdrich - February 15, 7:00pm (virtual): The Literary Arts Institute presents Heid Erdrich, author of seven collections of poetry including her most recent publication, *Little Big Bully*. Heid will read from her work and take questions from the Zoom audience. She has won fellowships and awards from the National Poetry Series, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, the McKnight Foundation, and more. Counts as an ARTE and a race/ethnicity co-curricular event. Zoom Link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/92502400900> [More Information](#)

Craft Talk by Heid Erdrich - February 17, 2:30pm (virtual): The Literary Arts Institute welcomes Heid Erdrich, our virtual writer-in-residence for a craft talk. Heid is the author of seven collections of poetry including her most recent publication, *Little Big Bully*. Heid will share insights and answer questions from the Zoom audience. She has won fellowships and awards from the National Poetry Series, Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, the McKnight Foundation, and more. Zoom Link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93461746396> [More Information](#)

Dr. Pedro dos Santos panel presentation: Feminism and Institutionalism International Network: Dr. Pedro dos Santos was asked to be part of a panel on the theoretical and methodological lens he applies to his research. It is part of the Feminism and Institutionalism International Network. He was 1 of only 4 scholars chosen to present. Below is the link to hear this presentation. Session 1: **8th February 2022** 8PM Australia/9AM UK/10AM Europe/4AM NYC /1AM LAX Session 2: **16th February 2022** 7.30AM Australia /15th February 2022 8.30PM UK/ 3.30PM NYC/12.30PM LAX [More Information](#)

Expect WOW with MOMIX! Special pricing for CSB/SJU Fac/Staff – February 19 at 7:30 p.m. Escher Auditorium: See beauty and art come alive on stage with MOMIX! Combining illusion, magic, fun and inventiveness, MOMIX will transport you to new worlds. Using outrageous costumes, inventive props and pure talent MOMIX creates an entertaining multimedia experience that will surprise, enchant and astonish. [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](#)