

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



## Calls for Nominations - Faculty Awards

**Jennifer Galovich Service Award: nominations due by 6 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022**

at the following link: [Jennifer Galovich Service Award Nomination Form](#)

*For complete details see the 2/10/22 Academic Affairs email.*

**2021-2022 Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year Award: nominations due 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8** – for full details see the email sent from Academic Affairs on 3/15

Submit a nomination here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/8DW102OKJX>

## From the Provost

### Commencement 2022

At this time we have a true need for additional volunteers to work the SJU Commencement on Sunday, May 8 and could use some additional help at the CSB ceremony on Saturday, May 7. If you available please complete this Forms Manager submission by March

18: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/VZB7D0IR1Q>. Faculty are invited to attend *both* the CSB and SJU commencements. You are welcome to attend in two ways: in the academic procession or as a commencement volunteer. Watch your email for additional information regarding the CSB and SJU processions.

## From The Deans

**Advising Integrations help:** With the recent changes to the Integrations curriculum requirements, Emily Paup, co-chair of GECC has made a terrific and short [video](#) to support your advising sessions with students currently enrolled under the Integrations curriculum. These are primarily students that entered CSB/SJU in Fall 2020-Spring 2022. This video walks students through the requirements and lays out a hypothetical 4-year plan. The video can also be found on the [Integrations website](#) on the [Academic Advising webpage](#) along with numerous additional resources.

**Remote attendance requests and Q&A session Thursday, March 24 2:30pm-3:30pm** *(see 3/14 email sent from Academic Affairs)* Q&A zoom session hosted by Jason Kelly, Tom Sagerhorn, and Barb May to discuss remote attendance requests, the remote attendance policy, and answer any additional questions. Zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/91517824351?from=addon>

**Booster Hold:** As you begin to meet with your advisees, I want you to be aware of a new hold you may see with some of your students. As you are likely aware, we are requiring the COVID booster by our community when they are eligible. This requirement is an effort to keep our community as safe as possible. Therefore, every student must either get the booster or fill out an exemption form. To hold our students accountable for this requirement, if a student has not gotten the COVID booster, has not notified us that they have received the booster, or filled out an exemption form, a hold will be placed on registration for the fall. To increase compliance with this requirement, if you see a H2 COVID Compliance Hold, please remind your advisee that they must get the booster or complete the exemption form in order to register. This can be completed at our COVID webpage: <https://www.csbsju.edu/covid-19>.

## Pandemic Planning Committee

Beginning March 5, we will encourage, but not require, masks in the following areas:

- On buses and other transportation.
- In classrooms. Faculty or staff can still choose to require masking in their individual classrooms or offices.
- In all CSB/SJU indoor performance venues, beginning March 18. Audiences will no longer be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result. [Performance Safety Guidelines](#)

Masks are still required:

- In counseling and health services facilities due to health care regulations.
- When directed to mask by a CSB/SJU COVID Coordinator following an exposure or COVID-positive test result.

## Innovation Fund

**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*

## Institutional Review Board

Are you planning to conduct human subjects research over the summer that might be considered more than minimal risk? Now is the time to let the IRB know of your plans, as we have a limited number of meetings remaining to conduct a full review. If you aren't sure what level of review your study will require, send us a brief description of your project and we can help you determine how your study fits within IRB regulations. You can contact IRB chair Ellen Block at [irb@csbsju.edu](mailto:irb@csbsju.edu).

## Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services is a student resource on campus that aims to provide equal access and remove barriers for students with disabilities. To create an opportunity for students and/or faculty who have questions regarding our work, have questions about our resources, or simply want to stop in and say hello we are hosting walk-in hours on Wednesdays, or "Welcome Wednesdays," from 11:00-1:00 in HAB 105. Please contact our office at extension 5245 with any questions you may have.

## Libraries

**Media Collections Lending Policy Update: Starting in Summer 2022, the CSB/SJU Libraries will begin lending our physical media collections (e.g., DVDs, Blu-Rays, CDs, books on tape) to other libraries via Interlibrary Loan.** Historically we kept these materials for local or internal use only. However, this policy has made it more difficult for us to request similar materials from other libraries, since some libraries only lend when we reciprocate. Also, as technology has changed and evolved towards streaming media, the physical media collections have seen declines in use. We hope that this revised media lending policy will increase our ability to obtain items on behalf of the CSB/SJU community.

**Faculty members can still place DVDs or other library media items on semester-long reserve.** This ensures that specific items will not be loaned out via Interlibrary Loan and will remain available for CSB/SJU class use. Please use the [Reserve Form](#) to request materials for the upcoming semester.

**Book Requests:** Library books, both print and electronic, are a key resource for deep learning, perhaps especially so when establishing a long-form argument on critical areas of inquiry. The library needs faculty who are experts in their subject areas to continually refresh our collections. Speaking of which, if you have any books to recommend for purchase yet this fiscal year, please try to get your recommendations in to David Wuolu ([dwuolu@csbsju.edu](mailto:dwuolu@csbsju.edu)) or your library liaison by the end of March.

**Book Shots:** The Library podcast Book Shots continues with Kelly Groth interviewing Anthony Ray, who is in the Graduate School of Theology studying Liturgical Music. He will discuss two books, *Darling: A Spiritual Autobiography* and *Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father*. Both books are written by Richard Rodriguez.

# IT Services

**Creating a New Team:** With a recent uptick in questions about creating new Teams just a reminder these are the steps (also found in Tools -> Technology Help):

- Log onto the [Network Account Management Portal](#).
- Select **My Organization**.
- Select **My Teams**.
- Select **Create New Team** on the right side.
- Complete all fields.
- Click **Create**.

# The Hive

As students respond to flags you have created sharing concerns for their success, please either clear the flag or use the comment feature to record updates of their response to your outreach. Instructors should continue to connect with and follow up with students regarding any concerns raised in the context of their academic interactions.

- If the student responds and makes a plan with instructor to get back on track the instructor should clear this flag
- If the student takes action and their status improves in class, the instructor should clear this flag.
- When a student has flags in multiple courses additional outreach may occur by a member of the students support network to connect the student to resources and encourage the student to take action and connect with their instructor as indicated in the original flag concern. We ask that the support network add a comment for the instructor when this occurs.
- If a student drops the class or withdraws, the flag will be cleared by the system when their enrollment in the class ends.

## **Related Resources:**

- [Creating Alerts](#)
- [Adding Comments and Clearing Flags](#)
- [Video Tutorial Playlist](#) (review Creating Alerts and/or Commenting on and Clearing

# Faculty Governance

**Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Thursday, March 17 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Joint Faculty Assembly (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, March 29 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

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

# Faculty/Staff Development Opportunities

**Transfer Advocate Training – April 28 3:00-5:00 p.m.** (see 3/14 email sent from Academic Affairs) This training will be recorded for those unable to attend. Contact Terri Rodriguez with questions.

### "Benedictine Perspectives on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Justice" April 4 and 5

Mark your calendars for **Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5** to attend, or have your students attend, one or more presentations regarding 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. See attached flyer for additional information.

## Becoming Community

**Safe Space Training:** Becoming Community is offering Safe Space Training for faculty and staff. It’s an introductory level training to prepare attendees to be more effective allies to members of the LGBTQIAA+ community. This training will consist of 1-2 hours of readings and videos to be completed prior to the 2-hour training. This training counts towards the Becoming Community Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner Certificate. It will be facilitated by Jean Keller (chair of Gender Studies), Sheila Nelson (retired faculty from Sociology Department), Janelle Hinchley (faculty from Gender Studies), and Sarah Gewirtz (Social Sciences Librarian). You can sign up for training for either **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gorecki 204C (CSB)** or **March 31<sup>st</sup> at Quad 264 (SJU)**. Zoom option is also available. Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/5K22TQZRJO>. Please contact Sarah Gewirtz ([sgewirtz@csbsju.edu](mailto:sgewirtz@csbsju.edu)) if you have any questions.

## Human Resources

Did you know that CSB and SJU employees along with their family members have free access to an Employee Assistance Program? Learn more [VITAL WorkLife EAP Orientation-30-300-0417 - YouTube](#) (see email sent from HR sent on 3/16)

## Benedictine Institute of Saint John’s University

**Benedictine Education Program...new dates added for CSB campus:** This four-meeting program is a wonderful opportunity for employees to become more aware of the hallmarks of Benedictine education and life, thereby gaining a better understanding of our school's heritage and how faculty and staff might connect with it. A meal will be provided after each of the four hour-long meetings, including one meal with the sisters or monks in the monastic dining hall! Also, participants will be invited to join the sisters and monks in monastic prayer. Register today! [More Information](#)

# The Buzz on Campus

## **Theology on Tap – March 17 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Brother Willie's Pub**

Join SJUfaith on March 17 from 8 to 9 pm to hear Abbot John Klassen, OSB discuss the Intersection of Faith and Science. Come for free food, discounted drinks and a great speaker!

**Bessie, Billie & Nina: Pioneering Women in Jazz - Friday, March 18 7:30 p.m. Stephen B. Humphrey (SJU).** For more information: <https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/women-of-jazz-bessie-billie-and-nina>

## **FRIDAY! "Building" Community at SJU Friday, Mar. 18, 9:00-10:45 in New Science 150**

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.

**Faculty Recital: A Woman's Journey – Sunday March 20 3:00 p.m. SBH** Join Patricia Kent, voice, and Fr. Bob Koopmann, piano, for their faculty recital, A Woman's Journey.

This faculty recital will feature a piece by Robert Schumann titled, Frauenliebe Und-Leben (Woman's Life and Love), and songs by Bolcom, Bernstein, Barber, and from The Great American Song Book. Free and open to the public. FAE/ARTE \*Please check for performance attendance policies\*

**On Monday, March 21st at 7:30pm, [Dr. Rosemarie Garland-Thompson](#)** will deliver a lecture titled, "Building a World that Includes Disability," as part of the 2021-2022 Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program. The lecture will take place in Gorecki 204 A at CSB. What would a world be like if it fully welcomed and included people with disabilities? How could we build that world to share and live in together? Why would that be a better world for all of us? Garland-Thompson's lecture will explore how the new field of disability studies addresses these questions by bringing forward the history, culture, politics, aesthetics, and ethics of disability and people living with disabilities. Dr. Rosemarie Garland-Thomson is Professor Emerita of English and Bioethics at Emory University, and Senior Advisor at the Hastings Center. She is a disability justice and culture thought-leader, bioethicist, educator, and humanities scholar. She is co-editor of About Us: Essays from the New York Times about Disability be People with Disabilities (2019) and the author of Staring: How We Look and several other books.

The March 21st lecture event is open to the public and admission is free. If you require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this event, please contact Laura M. Taylor by Friday, March 18th at 320-363-5251 or [ltaylor@csbsju.edu](mailto:ltaylor@csbsju.edu)

## **Let's Talk Series @ 7 PM on ZOOM - March 21**

With Dr. Phil Kronebusch discussing the Supreme Court Nominee

The confirmation hearings start this day! Sponsored by the Political Science Department

**LLAS Event - Dislodging Authoritarianism: The Brazilian Labor Ministry's Fight Against Neo-slavery and Environmental Exploitation -Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM in Gorecki 204** Based on interviews conducted with labor inspectors, prosecutors, and judges, Dr. Ian Carrillo will describe how these actors built a federal bureaucratic infrastructure to dislodge local systems of authoritarianism in interior Brazil.

He will detail how these officials enforced legal principles grounded in human rights, worker justice, and environmental protection to undermine regimes of racialized labor abuse and resource depletion.

### **Let's Talk Series @ 7 PM on ZOOM – Monday, March 28**

Let's Talk About the Anti-trans law in Texas

Co-sponsored by the Political Science Department and the Multicultural Center/Trans Week of Visibility

**The Benedictine Institute Lunch and Learn March 29 11:30-12:30 Quad 264:** to hear a presentation on "Tales from a Piano Bench and a Bicycle Seat- the art of listening in a fractured world" from 1988 SJU alum George Maurer. [Click here to register!](#) The professional development programs called *Lunch and Learn* are typically held 3 times each semester from 11:30-12:30p.m. Enjoy a free lunch with fellow colleagues while listening to a presentation about some Benedictine aspect of where you work. Registration is required. Past *Lunch and Learn* presentations are found [here](#). Questions? Contact Trisa at [tschaeffe001@csbsju.edu](mailto:tschaeffe001@csbsju.edu)

### **Glory and Longing in a Suffering World: April 7, 2022 (7:45 pm, Quad 264)**

Christopher Southgate explores the mystery of God through the language of divine glory, examining its origin in the Hebrew Bible and using natural theology, poetry, and mysticism to explore God's glory even in troubling times and places.

Since 1993, Southgate has taught science and religion at the University of Exeter, UK. He is best known for his study of suffering and more recently his work in the natural theology of glory and the practical theology of trauma. He is also a published poet.

### **The Koch luncheon discussion will take place on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

While he is at St. John's, Chris had generously agreed to meet faculty and staff and discuss with us the perennial question: How do we understand divine presence in the context of extreme suffering? We will read a chapter written by Chris entitled "God's Involvement in Events that Cause Great Suffering." **The Koch luncheon discussion** in the Gorecki President's Room. If there is interest, we can discuss the wider sub-discipline of the practical theology of trauma. I thought this subject may be especially of interest to us due to our two-year experiences of living in a pandemic.

Originally trained as a biochemist, Christopher Southgate has been teaching the science-religion debate at the University of Exeter, UK, since 1993. He is best known for his study of suffering in evolution, *The Groaning of Creation*. More recently he has worked on the natural theology of glory and the practical theology of trauma. He is also a much-published poet.

Space is limited, so I encourage you to RSVP promptly. If you would like to attend this luncheon, [please sign up here](#) and additional information will follow. I want to thank Shane Miller for agreeing to co-sponsor this workshop as part of faculty development for the common good learning outcome.

**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](#)