

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



Calls for Nominations - Faculty Awards

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

Academic Affairs Update: Recently the Boards of Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Brian Bruess as the first joint president. I am excited for our institutions, and I believe he is the right person to lead in this moment. The appointment of the single president is the result of Strong Integration, which the Boards formally implemented in January. Under the new governance model, CSB and SJU continue to each have an independent governing board with authority to govern their respective institutions, yet, these governing boards have the same trustees, same board committees, and the same board officers. Additionally, the Board committees have been restructured to be more nimble and more strategic. One of the changes in board structure is the unification of the two student development committees and the Academic Affairs Committee into a Student Experience Committee, which has oversight of curricular and co-curricular programs, activities, and experiences. The Boards have made clear that the student experience must be delivered in an integrated and collaborative manner, focused on the holistic development of students who seek a residential liberal arts education grounded in the Catholic Benedictine tradition. To implement the Boards' desire for Strong Integration throughout in institutions, the presidents, with the support of board leadership, have decided to bring together three divisions: Academic Affairs, CSB Student Development, and SJU Student Development under the leadership of the provost. The role of the provost will be expanded to be responsible for all aspects student success. The provost will assume oversight of what is currently Academic Affairs, CSB Student Development and SJU Student Development. Additionally, the institutions have begun the search for a Chief Operating Officer, who will lead the effort to strengthen the financial and operational environment of CSB and SJU. The COO will steer all administrative and operational functions, while partnering closely with the president, the provost, and the boards of trustees. Finally, the search for a Senior Diversity Officer for Inclusive Excellence is concluding, having had two fine candidates on campus last week.

Commencement 2022

At this time we have a true need for additional volunteers to work the SJU Commencement on Sunday, May 8. If you available please complete this Forms Manager submission by March 25: <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.

Student Accessibility Services

Welcome Wednesdays,” from 11:00-1:00 in HAB 105: 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. Please contact our office at extension 5245 with any questions you may have.

Experience Hub

Short-term study abroad offerings - Spring Embedded & Summer 2023 –see full email set from Academic Affairs on 3/22

CSB/SJU Spring-Embedded 2023 Courses:

An embedded course is a credit bearing course that students will take as part of their semester course offerings. The embedded course will start during CD mod of the spring semester and then have an international field component. A student enrolled in this course will need to complete all portions of the course to receive credit. Students will pay an Education Abroad Program Fee for the international field component.

- **Germany, Berlin: GERM 357J Berlin: Genius, Innovation, & Creativity (GL, EX, Raven, HE with Movement Focus pending)**
Director: Kurt Hollender, Languages and Culture
- **Zambia, Livingstone: SOCI 3XX Global Health Service Learning (GL, EX, SW with Justice Encounter pending)**
Director: Ellen Block, Sociology
- **Mexico, Chiapas: HISP 356 Chiapas: Social Movements, Spanish Language, Solidarity (GL; HE with Justice Encounter)**
Director: Roy Ketchum, Hispanic Studies

CSB/SJU Summer 2023 Programs:

A summer study programs occurs during the summer, independent of spring or fall semester classes. All of the courses are offered for credit ranging from 2 to 8 CSB/SJU credits at a reduced summer rate and an education abroad program fee.

- **Finland: EDUC XXX Forward- Linking Science and Movement with Educational Success (GL pending)**
Director: Diana Fenton, Education
- **Italy: ENGL 280 – Creative Writing (GL, IC)**
Director: Jessica Harkins, English
- **Poland: COLG 280T – The Unbreakable Spirit (GL, IC, Raven pending)**
Director: Susan Vollbrecht, Music & Education
- **Spain: HISP 200/211 – Intermediate Spanish Language and Culture (GL, EX)**
Directors: Directors TBD
- **Thailand: COLG 280T – Culture, Economy Society, and Business (GL, IC)**
Director: Sucharita Mukherjee, ECON

Honors

Call for Course Proposals for Honors Scholars for Community and Collaborative Leadership

Deadline: Monday April 4, 2022 Notification: Friday April 14, 2022

May Workshop for all Honors Scholars instructors: Wednesday May 18, 2022

We are accepting applications for all [five courses in the Honors Scholars curriculum](#). If your course is adopted, you automatically become an “Honors Faculty Fellow” and participate in the on-going shaping of the program. It is a three-year commitment during which each fellow will teach their Honors Scholars course at least twice, evaluate prospective students’ applications to the Honors Scholars program at least once, participate in program assessment, attend at least one Honors co-curricular event per semester, and participate in a yearly May workshop. It is a significant service commitment; the Honors Director will write a letter for the tenure and promotion files of Honors Fellows to recognize their service.

Before preparing your proposal, please consult the description of the [Honors Scholars Program](#) and [curriculum](#) on our website. Note: All Honors Scholars courses fulfill Integrations Curriculum requirements. (You do not need to propose your course to the GECC at this time; adopted courses will be required to do so before there are scheduled.) Please contact Beth Wengler, ewengler@csbsju.edu, Honors Scholars Director, or Emily Esch, eesch@csbsju.edu, Honors Scholars Associate Director with questions. Please submit course proposals here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/92SANU9OIX>

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.

Update: As the CSB/SJU migration to the new website design progresses, the library website will go live in the new design after commencement. Stay tuned for more information and for opportunities to share your thoughts

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) or your library liaison by the end of March.

Faculty Governance

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

Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Thursday, April 7 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information regarding these meetings watch for emails from 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.

May and June Working/Writing Retreats: Jump-start your summer project at a May or June Working/Writing Retreat! Give yourself 3 days of unstructured work time and enjoy shared meals with colleagues. Stay overnight or just come for the day.

- Wed. May 18 – Fr. May 20 @ Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Spicer, MN (Overnight or day)
- Mon. June 6 – Wed. Jun 8 @ Abbey Guesthouse, SJU (Overnight or day)
- Tue. June 28 – Thu. June 30 @ the Learning Commons, SJU (Day only)

Learn more & register here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/research-and-grants-office/supporting-research/writing-retreats>. Faculty and administrative staff welcome.

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 23rd at Gorecki 204C (CSB)** or **March 31st 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) if you have any questions.

Virtual Becoming Community panel discussion on "Racist and Racialized Language in the Classroom" (4/4): Please join a virtual Becoming Community panel discussion on "Racist and Racialized Language in the Classroom" on Monday, April 4th at 3:30-5:00pm on Zoom.

Sign up via the 'more information' link [More Information](#)

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)

Faculty, Staff and Student Opportunities

National Wildlife Federation EcoCareers Conference: April 6-7, 2022: CSB/SJU environmental studies is a sponsor of the National Wildlife Federation's annual EcoCareers Conference, held entirely online on April 6 and 7, 2022. ALL CSB/SJU students, faculty, and staff are eligible for FREE conference registration (select "campus sponsors" under Ticket Types and select CSB/SJU from the list of sponsors). Learn More and Register: nwfecoleaders.org/conference

Saint John's University Benedictine Institute

Time to register for the Benedictine Pedagogy Conference 2022! After cancelling last year's Benedictine Pedagogy Conference (BPC) due to the pandemic, we are excited that the 2022 BPC will be held along with the Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities (ABCU) conference on **June 15-17, 2022**, with departure the morning of June 18. The University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D. has graciously agreed to host this year's event. **Please share this information with faculty, student life personnel, administration, and staff at your institution who will benefit from this immersion in the Benedictine charism and be enriched by conversation and camaraderie with colleagues from our member institutions.**

The BPC provides a venue for participants to share ideas and practices they have used to successfully integrate the Ten Hallmarks developed by ABCU in the classroom, student life, and collegiate environment. The BPC will be held simultaneously with the ABCU Leadership Formation Institute. Participants will be invited to joint sessions with keynote and guest speakers, as well as liturgical and social events over the three days of the conference. **The cost for attendance which includes room, meals, and materials is \$300 per person.**

Conference information and registration can be found at the following URL:
<https://www.umary.edu/about/events/benedictine-pedagogy-conference>

Please contact Jeannine Saabye (jlsaabye@umary.edu or 701.355.8184) with any questions.

The Buzz on Campus

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.

Ukraine: Understanding and Responding to the Russian Invasion - 3/24 at 4:15pm Gor 204B: Join us for a presentation by Dr. Gregory Schroeder (HIST) on the history leading up to the present day conflict. David Palmquist (HIST) will share research on Ukrainian resistance to the Soviet Union. Elena Harrington (EDUC) and Marta Luiken (ENGL) will share about their families' first hand experiences in Ukraine and Poland. We will discuss questions participants hold related to this war, and share perspectives and ways to support Ukrainians through this crisis.

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

“Fascism: Past and Present” - spring 2022 Tegeder-Berg Society event : Thursday, March 31 (7:00-8:30 PM) zoom Is fascism a unique phenomenon contained in the European past, or can it reemerge at another time and place? Is the concept of fascism useful for understanding current developments, or has it become merely a term of abuse for one’s opponents? Please join CSB/SJU History Professor Gregory Schroeder and CSB students Haley Joos ’24 and Grace Nulty ’23 for a discussion of historical fascism (1914-1945), its relevance to today’s world, and the emergence of a new generation of the phenomenon: digital fascism.
[Click here to learn more and register!](#)

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 6th, 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](#)