

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost

Faculty Retirements: We would like to congratulate the following faculty on their retirements and who will be recognized at the Academic Affairs Awards Ceremony on May 2. We thank them for their many years of dedication and service to CSB/SJU! Watch the [Bulletin Board](#) for information about upcoming retirement celebrations.

Jeanne Cofell – Education

Karen Erickson- Languages & Cultures

Marietta Franulic – Hispanic Studies

Kate Graham – Chemistry

David Hartz – Mathematics

John Hasselberg – Global Business Leadership

Nicholas Hayes – University Chair in Critical Thinking

Jeff Kamakahi – Sociology

Ken Jones - History

Patricia Kent – Music

Maureen McCarter – Languages & Cultures

O. Nicholas Raths – Music

Scott Richardson – Languages & Cultures

Elena Sanchez Mora – Hispanic Studies

Steve Saupe – Biology

Bruce Thornton – Music

Richard Wielkiewicz – Psychology

From The Deans

Please consider helping: We still have a need for additional **4** volunteers to work the SJU Commencement on Sunday, May 8. If you available please complete this Forms Manager submission: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/VZB7D0IR1Q>. Faculty are invited to attend *both* the CSB and SJU commencements. They are welcome to attend in two ways: in the academic procession or as a commencement volunteer.

2022-2023 Rank and Tenure Information Meeting: If you are scheduled for third-year or tenure review or intend to submit a file for promotion to Professor, then you are encouraged to attend the meeting on **Monday, April 25 4:15 p.m.** — <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/97842021454?from=addon>

Intention to apply for review 2022-2023: Candidates for review are required to notify their intention by May 4, 2022 to apply for Third-Year, Tenure and/or Promotion Review by completing the following form: [Form for Declaring Intent to Apply for Review 2022-2023](#)

For more information about Rank and Tenure Information, see the email sent via Academic Affairs on April 19.

SPRING 2022: Student Course Surveys (Mod D and Full Term): For those teaching Mod D and Full Term courses, the survey period can began on April 19th and ends April 29th. *See full email sent from Academic Affairs on 4/19*

Writing Center

Night Against Procrastination study event: Wednesday, April 27 from 6-9pm in Gorecki Fireside
Students are invited to work in community in the final push to the end of spring semester. Many services will be on hand for walk-up support: writing center tutors, research librarians, German language tutoring, and a sneak peek at the Academic Skills Network coming Fall 2022. Refreshments are provided! Please tell your students about it! More information—Writing Center Director, Kyhl Lyndgaard: klyndgaard@csbsju.edu

Libraries

Library-licensed streaming videos and eBooks for Fall Semester 2022: Looking ahead to the next academic year, it's not too early to request library-licensed [streaming video](#) and [eBook](#) requests for the fall semester 2022. **Please send the list of films you'd like streamed for next semester before August 1 to [David Wuolu](#) to make sure films are ready to go by the 1st week of classes.** Keep in mind if you requested films in the past that you need to request films again for the new semester (they expire and are too expensive to auto-renew.) Here's our link to streaming videos, available from the Library Website à Resources à Streaming Video <http://guides.csbsju.edu/video>

Also, please send us any request for library-licensed multi-user eBooks for the upcoming semester. This could save your students money! We can check on the availability on a title-by-title basis. eBooks currently available are findable in our [library catalog](#) and there are direct links to the various platforms on our [eBooks page](#).

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.

Human Resources

Annual benefit open enrollment: *see email from Human Resources on 4/11 for complete details.* The **annual benefit open enrollment** period for benefit eligible employees will be **April 14-29, 2022**. Open Enrollment is your annual opportunity to enroll in or change benefit coverage for you and your dependents without the need for a qualifying life event. The plan year is July 1st, 2022 – June 30th, 2023. There is an increase of 8% to medical and dental premiums for 7/1/2022. There is a pharmacy network change that will affect a small population of members. BlueCross BlueShield will reach out to those members specifically.

We encourage you to attend one of the **Virtual Benefit Information Sessions** noted below. During these sessions, representatives from our benefit consultant, NFP, will be reviewing the 2022-2023 benefit offerings and answering any benefit questions you may have. Attached is the benefit guide to review prior to the sessions. An email will be sent out separately on April 14th with enrollment forms. The Open Enrollment Education Meeting will be recorded and available next week for viewing as well.

Links for the courses listed above are also posted on the CSB/SJU intranet, under [CSB/SJU Professional Development](#) page.

Search Advocate Training

There will be training workshop for Search Advocates on **Thursday, May 12**. It is open to all faculty and staff, though space is limited. Faculty and staff who have not been through training before should plan to be present for the whole day, from **8:30-4:00**. Faculty and staff who have been through an initial training and are interested in a refresher, should plan to attend in the afternoon, from **1:00-4:00**.

Staff who are interested in participating in this workshop should determine with your supervisor whether you can fit this commitment into your schedule. Supervisors need to approve if they want their employees to attend and serve as Search Advocates. **Faculty and staff who can commit to serving as Search Advocates during 2022-2023 will be prioritized for the May workshop.** There will be additional Search Advocate training next year.

For those unfamiliar with the program, the Faculty Hiring Manual explains that the Search Advocate Program, which was developed by Oregon State University, is designed to “to enhance equity, validity, and diversity in university hiring. The trained search advocate will act as a participant and consultant on the search committee, asking questions and promoting practices that advance diversity and equity, and minimizing the impacts of cognitive and structural biases. The search advocate assists search committees by identifying assumptions, norms, and practices that might not otherwise be obvious.”

If you are interested in attending the training, **please fill out this form by May 5:**
<https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/5G1CZGNDRD>
Please direct any questions to Emily Esch, eesch@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.

Mastery Grading Series: Questions? Contact Anne Sinko or Robert Campbell

Mastery Testing - Come learn about mastery testing and have some time to convert an existing assessment into a mastery testing assessment.

- Ardolf 121 4pm at CSB on April 26
- Quad 365 at 9:30am at SJU on April 28

Rubric to Specs - Come learn about specifications grading and have some time to convert an existing rubric into a specs grading rubric.

- Quad 447 4pm at SJU on April 25
- Ardolf 127 9:30am at CSB on April 27

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Senate (JFS) meeting: Tuesday, April 26 4:30-6:00 p.m. HAB 128
Zoom Link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93883658723>

Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Thursday, May 4 4:30-5:30 p.m. Great Hall SJU (in person only) For more information regarding these meeting watch for emails from jfachairandvicechair@csbsju.edu

The Buzz on Campus

Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience - Saturday, April 23 @ 7:30 in the Escher Auditorium

Terrance Simien and his bandmates create a spicy blend of New Orleans flavored-world-funk-reggae-blues-American Zydeco music that beckons you out of your seat and onto your feet.

Simien's legendary live performances incorporate spoons on washboards, complex vocal harmonies and a diverse repertoire that feel more like a party than a show.

[More Information](#)

Happy Hour & Pedagogical Workshop on the Common Good - April 25 4:30-6:00pm

Presented by Dr. Kristin Heyer. Join fellow faculty members for a teaching workshop. Kristin will share the common good tradition in Catholic social thought with special attention to its 'growing edges' and curricular implications. Questions will prompt reflection on your own work personally (vocationally) and more broadly (collectively as a CSB/SJU community). RSVP at information link. Dr. Heyer is Professor of Theological Ethics and Director of Graduate Studies in Theology at Boston College. [More Information](#)

For George: Portraits of the Movement

A collection of portraits and interviews. This project seeks to celebrate and amplify the voices of the individual people who joined together at George Floyd Square in difficult times to build community and demand change. *Please note, the photography and accompanying stories in this exhibit may contain difficult and triggering imagery and themes. Gorecki Gallery hours: Mon-Sat 10 - 9pm [More Information](#)

Encounter at the SJU Galleries: Within the last few years, in person encounters have become a privilege due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The lack of in person interactions has exemplified the importance of collaboration in all ways of life. Our process and show have been impacted by our work being encountered by one another. As individual artists, this exhibit displays many different themes that hold importance within at least one of us. SJU Galleries Tue-Sat 2-6pm, Thurs 2-8pm [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](#)