

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From The Deans

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*

Experience HUB

Center for Global Education

Call for Semester Study Abroad Directors: Fall 2023 & Spring 2024 (see email sent from Academic Affairs on 4/26/22 for more details)

The Center for Global Education (CGE) is happy to announce a call for semester study abroad faculty directors for the Fall 2023-Spring 2024 academic year. CSB/SJU anticipate appointing directors for the following programs:

- Fall – Austria, Chile, Greece, Italy, and Japan

Spring – South Africa, Spain, and the United Kingdom (London)

The faculty director application can be found at this link

(<https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/UPN9WO5RDK>) **The deadline to submit this application is Monday, June 15, 2022 at 11:59pm.**

Beginning in Fall 2022, faculty directors on semester study abroad programs will teach a four credit *Cultural and Social Difference: Systems (CS)* course. While faculty director applicants do not need to submit a full CS proposal during the application stage, we do ask faculty to submit their overarching vision for a CS course. If you would like some resources as you construct your CS vision, please visit this

Canvas page (<https://csbsju.instructure.com/courses/18177>) that has a variety of readings, videos, and sample syllabi from the AY 22-23 faculty director cohort training.

If you would like to know more about directing, the process of how to apply, or would like to discuss the various opportunities to direct both semester-long and short-term programs, please contact CGE (cgge@csbsju.edu). Thank you all for your continued support of global education.

Office of Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholars is now accepting proposals for our fourth cohort of the Emerging Scholars Program for Academic Year 2022-2023. If you are a faculty member interested in mentoring an Emerging Scholar and have a well-designed project, please consider applying. Priority Deadline is June 1.

To learn more or apply, visit: <https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/programs-and-funding/emerging-scholars-program>

Libraries

Keep Up With the News: This is a reminder that you need to renew your newspaper accounts annually, to re-affiliate your account with our CSB/SJU Libraries subscription (or to establish it in the first place, if you haven't done so yet). Information on what to do is here:

[New York Times](#)

[Wall Street Journal](#)

[Washington Post](#)

[StarTribune](#)

More Book Shots Podcasts:

Join [Kelly Groth as she interviews Henry Ricker](#), a senior Economics major, who talks about [Mad at the World: A Life of John Steinbeck](#) by William Souder. And for a shot of science fiction, [Kelly also interviews Betsy Ruckman](#), a junior Environmental Studies major. Betsy discusses the book [The Ministry for the Future](#) by Kim Stanley Robinson.

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.

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/5G1CZGNDR>
Please direct any questions to Emily Esch, eesch@csbsju.edu.

Development Opportunities

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. June 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.

Faculty Governance

Joint Faculty Assembly (JFA) meeting: Wednesday, 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

"Building" Community in Abbey Quad Community Room

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. Join us THIS Friday, April 29 at SJU in the Abbey Quad Community Room, a.k.a., the Slaggie any time between 9:00-10:45 a.m. for monastic made treats, coffee, hot chocolate and conversation!

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](#)