

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



## From the Provost's Office

**Fall 2020 Convocation:** To watch Dr. Ken Jones, the 2020 S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction award winner's convocation address, go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=6soeW4na3w8&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=6soeW4na3w8&feature=emb_title)  
To view all of the Convocation videos, visit <https://www.csbsju.edu/convocation>

## Upcoming AA Meetings

Barb May and Pam Bacon are hosting a series of Q&A sessions to help AA faculty and staff navigate Fall semester. These meetings will begin with any updates but are meant to answer questions and address concerns regarding the academic year.

### **Wednesday, September 23**

11am-noon

zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/94707922632>

### **Thursday, October 1**

1pm-3pm

zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/99942037129>

### **Tuesday, October 13**

9am-10am

zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/97038534845>

## News from the Academic Dean

**Course surveys:** It is still an expectation that these surveys are "administered by all faculty each semester for all credit-bearing courses with enrollment of five or more students" (as per 4.3.3.3 of the Faculty Handbook). While the timing is different because of our Block schedule, we ask that you "administer the student course surveys on-line and *in class*" (4.3.3.3 of FH) during each block. The dates to administer Block A 4-credit course surveys: **September 21, 22, and 24.**

**Grades:** As per guidelines created by CCAPS, grades should be posted in Canvas by the first Monday after each block ends and should be visible to students. Official grades will be posted into Banner at the end of the fall semester.

**The Hive Progress Surveys:** Please be sure to complete Progress Surveys in The HIVE when prompted to do so. These progress updates provide the opportunity to express concerns, give recognition of accomplishments, and provide information about student's academic progress as we navigate pandemic learning and teaching. *Progress Surveys are especially important this fall as they invite faculty feedback in lieu of mid-term grades with the Block Schedule.* The feedback on the surveys will inform students of any concerns you have and will help Academic Advising and Faculty Advisors to determine if intervention is needed.

## Common Curriculum Requirement Exemption

**Experiential Learning requirement:** After a lengthy discussion with GECC, Academic Advising, and the Registrar, *we are going to wave the Experiential Learning requirement for students that will graduate in fall 2020 and spring 2021.* This decision is in response to COVID-19 and the impact it has had on internships as well as service learning opportunities this summer and in an ongoing way. As a result, a number of students were not able to complete the EL requirement this summer and we have had to remove EL requirements in some courses this fall. While there are still some opportunities to complete the EL (a number of capstones require the EL) and we certainly want to encourage opportunities and options for students to complete this learning goal this fall and spring, we recognize that some will find it extremely difficult to complete. Therefore, the decision was made to wave this requirement for this academic year's graduates only.

## COVID-19 Updates

**Technology Issues—IT Services Needs Your Feedback:** If you have students reporting that they are having problems using Zoom (e.g., poor internet connection or dropped sessions) from their dorm rooms, please ask them to notify IT Services: [https://support.csbsju.edu/CherwellPortal/CSBSJU?\\_=2f3b5421#0](https://support.csbsju.edu/CherwellPortal/CSBSJU?_=2f3b5421#0) Likewise, if the microphone or cameras in your classroom aren't working properly, please contact IT Services. Without feedback from users, the IT Services team will not know about wireless access problems and classroom technology issues that potentially could be fixed.

**Accommodation or Work Adjustment Needs:** If you need an [accommodation](#) to address health issues or need a [work adjustment](#) due to K-12 schooling issues, please fill out a request form. Note: if you are dealing with substantial hearing loss that makes using hybrid technology difficult, please contact Pam Bacon to discuss accommodations that are available to you.

## Faculty Governance

The first Joint Faculty Assembly meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday, September 17 from 4:45-5:45 p.m.** on Zoom. The next JFS meeting takes place on **Tuesday, September 29 from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.** on Zoom.

## XPD

Faculty, please remind your students about the following, including our newly added evening virtual hours:

**On September 25, CSB/SJU students are invited to join the first-ever, MN Private Colleges' Fall Career Fair held virtually from 12-4pm.** Student participants can explore internships and jobs in corporate settings that typically follow early recruiting seasons. Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, or recent grads (Spring or Summer 2020 grads) [can register to participate on Handshake](#) to connect with companies including those below.

### Career Ambassador Virtual Drop-in Hours

Meet with an XPD Career Ambassador via their personal Zoom Room:

<https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/2632716242>

- Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- After Hours: Tues/Wed evenings 6-9 pm

### **Career Ambassadors can help you with:**

- Resumes: writing a resume/resume critiques
- Cover letters: writing a cover letter/cover letter critiques
- Handshake: updating profile and finding opportunities
- Interviewing Skills
- LinkedIn: creating a profile/profile critiques
- Connecting to Alums

## Libraries

### **Humanities Librarian update**

We are pleased to welcome Annie Larson as our new Humanities Librarian. Annie is currently employed by the Libraries as a member of the Access Services team and will transition into her new role over the Fall semester. For the remainder of Block A Humanities faculty can continue to work with the librarian previously assigned as their liaison. Faculty from any department with questions about library support for their course can contact [Diana Symons](#), Associate Director for Learning and Research.

## Faculty Development

**Join the Canvas Discussion on Hybrid Teaching!** Do you have helpful suggestions for faculty who will start teaching in Block B? What are techniques/activities you are using that seem to work well for hybrid learning? Go to the [Canvas Discussion thread on Hybrid Teaching](#) to read about ideas, resources, and suggestions from other faculty and to add your own ideas.

**One-On-One Help:** Instructional Technology Specialists are available for individual consultation [by appointment](#). Availability is kept up-to-date so sign up for a time to talk through your questions via Zoom or phone.

## Upcoming Training Sessions

**Using Technology of Student Projects and Collaboration:** 9/21 2-3 pm

**Canvas- Working with Speedgrader/Grading:** 9/22 11-12 pm

**Canvas- Quizzes:** 9/22 2-3 pm

**Using Portfolium:** 9/23 2-3 pm

**Video Recording and Editing:** 9/24 10-11 am

**OneDrive- How to Organize, Collaborate, and Share Files:** 9/25 9-10 am

**Zoom- Advanced:** 9/25 2-3 pm

To learn more about these online sessions and to register, visit the [IT Services Training Page](#).

**Additional Faculty Development Resources:** Be sure to check out the Teaching and Learning Training Resources site on Canvas for a wealth of resources.

## The Buzz on Campus

**Celebrating Constitution Day at CSB/SJU “Claiming Rights, Championing Reform: Sophonisba Breckinridge, Women's Suffrage, and Social Welfare”**  
Thursday, Sept. 17th @ 6 PM

Anya Jabour is the Regents Professor of History at the University of Montana, and the author of the book "Sophonisba Breckinridge: Championing Women's Activism in Modern America."

Join this virtual event on ZOOM: Meeting ID: 934 2433 4306

**Webinar on Shia Islam and Politics with Jon Armajani and Jason Schlude**  
Tuesday, September 22, 4:45– 5:45 PM

*(Note: 15 minutes later than previously announced)*

The recently published book [Shia Islam and Politics: Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon](#) by Jon Armajani will be the subject of this webinar, in which Professor Armajani will be interviewed by Professor Jason Schlude. An open question-and-answer session will follow the interview. *This webinar will be open to the public; the link to join the webinar is <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/97678118632>. For more information, go to the [webpage for this event](#).*

**The 14th Annual Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture with Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson**  
Friday, September 25 @ 2:00 PM

We invite you to participate on September 25th at 2pm in the 14th Annual Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture with award-winning communications professor from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson. She will speak on “Russian hackers, trolls and #DemocracyRIP.” Be sure to pick up a free copy of her new book from the CSB and SJU bookstores, available now!

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