Spring Semester: Week 4 Issue

Highlights from this issue:

- **Shout Out**: Ellen Block
- **Events**: Provost Open Office Hour (2/8), The College Tour watch party (2/8), Faculty Development Workshop (2/12), JFS (2/13), and Talking Teaching (2/15)
- **Updates**: Research & Grants, Center for Teaching & Learning and Experience HUB

Upcoming Events

**Provost Open Office Hour**
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8th, Zoom: [https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93945834145](https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93945834145)

**Premiere: The College Tour Featuring CSB and SJU**
6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8th, CSB Escher Auditorium (BAC)
Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s are thrilled to be the first colleges in Minnesota to be featured on The College Tour. The premiere is a chance to see it FIRST. Be part of CSB and SJU history and plan to attend the spectacular Premiere Watch Party! Click [here](https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93945834145) for more information.

- 6:30 p.m. - Doors open with Red Carpet Entrance
- 7:00 p.m. - Premiere Watch Party
- 8:00 p.m. - All Community After Party

**Joint Faculty Senate meeting**
4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13th, SJU Quad 264 and Zoom: [https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/8852413992](https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/8852413992)

**Talking Teaching: Thoughts on Two Years of Using Omeka in the Classroom**
3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 15th, CSB Upper Gorecki, President’s Dining Room
Presenters: Amelia Cheever, Theater, and Bonnie Finn, Libraries
Sponsored by Office of Research & Grants and Center for Teaching & Learning

Amelia Cheever and Bonnie Finn worked with students in Alternative Fashion Trends to create an online exhibition in Omeka. The students learned to ethically find online images, cite them properly, and curate the exhibition. Join us for a reflection on two years curating these student exhibitions and explore topics of visual and information literacy.
"Revoir Paris" (Alice Winocour, 2022), part of the 2023-2024 Tournées Film Festival
6:30 p.m., Friday, February 16th, SJU Quad 346 (Little Theater)
Moderator: Kelly Kraemer, Peace Studies
All screening events are AR-approved for students. Find more information here.

Public Reading and Conversation with author, Hanif Abdurraqib
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27th, CSB Upper Gorecki
Sponsored by Literary Arts Institute
Hanif Abdurraqib is an award-winning poet, essayist, and cultural critic. His newest release is There’s Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension (Random House, 2024). In 2021, Abdurraqib was named a MacArthur Fellow. Find more information here.

Diversity | Inclusion | Equity | Justice | Belong Opportunities
Faculty Development Workshop: Who are CSB/SJU Students? Cultivating Inclusive, Relationship-Rich Education and Student Success on Our Campuses
4:15 – 5:45 p.m., Monday, February 12th, CSB Gorecki 204
Sponsored by Center for Teaching and Learning
In this interactive session, Dean of Student Success, John Andrick, will present institutional data collected from CSB and SJU students. Faculty will then explore how they can intentionally contribute to the kinds of inclusive and relationship-rich educational experiences that are foundational to student learning and success on our campuses.

Beyond the Letters and Pronouns webinar
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 14th, CSB Gorecki 204
Sponsored by Human Resources
Expand your knowledge base so you can engage in conversations and support with confidence that you are being inclusive and acknowledging of identity. Please register to attend by clicking here.

Belong: An Inclusive Learning Community
Connections Are Everything: Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28th, Zoom
Sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges
All faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to register and attend this webinar on Wednesday, February 28th at 1:00 pm (central time) presented by the Council of Independent Colleges. This interactive webinar will provide insights to the critical role of student relationships in education and learn best practices for making our students feel more included on campus.

CTL and HHMI Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop Series:
Faculty Development Workshop: Reach Everyone and Teach Everyone with Universal Design for Learning
4:15 – 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 19th, SJU Quad 264
Sponsored by Center for Teaching and Learning and the HHMI Grant team
Presenter: Dr. Thomas Tobin, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dr. Thomas Tobin, co-author of Reach Everyone, Teach Everyone: Universal Design for Learning in Higher Education, will offer an interactive workshop for faculty and staff on Universal Design for
Learning (UDL) and accessibility. Dr. Tobin is a founding member of the University of Wisconsin–Madison Center for Teaching, Learning & Mentoring, and an internationally recognized scholar, author, and speaker on accessibility and UDL. Providing access to quality higher education is a priority for all of us. In this session, you’ll discover the “step zero” that makes all of our teaching efforts possible: access. Through the UDL framework, participants will learn concrete steps that help to lower barriers, anxiety, and stress for their students and for themselves. Please see the email sent by AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu on 02/05/24 for more information and a calendar invite to add to your Outlook calendar.

We are developing a resource location for all of the diversity, inclusion, equity, justice and belonging opportunities posted in The Buzz. Please watch for more information in coming issues along with opportunities to submit development opportunities for colleagues that can be spotlighted in The Buzz.

Research & Grants Office
A shout out to Ellen Block in Sociology and her collaborator, Rebecca Karb, for the publication of their new article, "Isolation of care: COVID-19 and the burden of healthcare provision," in the journal, Human Organization. The article is part of a broader project on the experiences of healthcare providers working with COVID-19 patients in the United States. CSB grads D’Havian Scott, Mackenzie Carlson, Grace Savard, and Mayte Rodriguez provided invaluable support in this research. Congrats, Ellen!

Shout Outs
Want to Shout Out your own achievements or raise up one of our colleagues? Tell us about a new publication or book, an award or recognition, the launch or culmination of a project, and/or other accomplishments that your colleagues should know about. Click here to Submit a Shout Out.

Experience HUB
Center for Global Education (CGE)
Applications are now open for Fall 2024 Embedded Study Abroad Programs:

- **UN Climate Change Conference in Azerbaijan**
  - Applications due: February 23rd at noon.
  - Info session: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 7th, SJU Pengl 212.

- **Global Enterprise in India**
  - Applications due: March 14th at noon

- **Nursing Programs in Zambia, Belize, and Costa Rica (Spring 2025)**
  - Applications due: March 14th at noon.

Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars (OURS)
Celebrating Scholarship & Creativity Day 2024
SAVE THE DATE: An email was sent by AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu on 01/29/24 announcing the details of CSC Day 2024. CSC Day will be on Thursday, April 25th, with presentations beginning at 8:15 a.m. and will run throughout the day on both campuses. Student registration opens on February 26. Visit OURS website for more information.
Departments interested in presenting during CSC Day are invited to book space for this year’s event by following the process outlined below:

1. Please discuss amongst your department who will serve as the ONE CSC Day department scheduler for your home department; if you have a new department scheduler this year, please email undergradresearch@csbsju.edu to let us know.

2. Room reservation requests can be made through Forms Manager no later than April 1.
   Please reserve your space(s) using the appropriate link(s) below:
   • CSB Room Reservations
   • SJU Room Reservations

Questions about CSC Day 2024 can be directed to undergradresearch@csbsju.edu.

Instructional Technology

Academic Software Requests for AY 2024-2025

It is time to submit requests for Academic Software to be used in computer labs at CSB and SJU during the 2024-2025 academic year. If you have requested software in the past, you should have already received a renewal notice. If you need to request new software, you may do so by filling out the following form: https://apps.csbsju.edu/acadrequests/Software.aspx. Please respond to the software renewal and new requests by March 5th. If you have any questions reach out to Joshua Akkerman.

ChatGPT 4 is live and you can access it with Microsoft’s Copilot using your CSB and SJU network credentials. Click here for more information on finding Copilot.

The Library

The Library is running a trial to a large collection of digital primary source databases designed for liberal arts colleges called "AM Explorer." Although these are of primary interest to the History Department, they are quite interdisciplinary and might be worth checking out. Click here to review the digital collection. This trial runs until March 28th.

The library is running a trial to the clinical nursing decision support system “UpToDate” through the month of February for the graduate nursing program. This evidence-based system is worth checking out! Click here to access the system.

Call for Award Nominations

NEW: Sister Mary Grell and Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award: This award recognizes outstanding and innovative undergraduate teaching. Nominations are due by February 9, 2024: Grell Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award Nomination Form. Please refer to the email sent by AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu on 02/01/24 for more information.

NEW: Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research & Creativity Award: This award recognizes recognizes scholars who are excellent teachers and who are especially effective in collaborating with CSB and SJU students on scholarly or creative projects. Nominations are due by February 9, 2024: Mealey Collaborative Research & Creativity Award
Nomination Form. Please refer to the email sent by AcademicAffairs@csbsju.edu on 02/01/24 for more information.

Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award: This award recognizes contributions to students’ gender education through curricular leadership, courses taught, scholarship, and/or mentoring of students independent of normal classroom teaching. Nominations are due by February 16, 2024: Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award Nomination Form

Catholic Benedictine Educator Award: This award recognizes creative engagement between the Catholic Benedictine tradition and teaching throughout the curriculum. Nominations are due by February 13, 2024: Catholic Benedictine Educator Award Nomination Form

Faculty Professional Development
A reminder of the faculty development opportunity through Collegium’s Annual Colloquy, held June 14–21, 2024 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Application deadline is February 12th. Please contact Rodger at RNarloch@csbsju.edu for more information.

Buzz on Campus
Johnnie Bennie Campus News is back! Click here to check out their latest episode.

Check out campus events presented by CSLE in “This Week @ CSB +SJU” in the attached packet.

Special “Building” Community hosted by the Sisters of Saint Benedict’s Monastery:
9:00–10:45 a.m., Friday, February 9th, CSB Sacred Heart Chapel.

Koch Chair Luncheon: What are the next steps for a Synodal Church?
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 22nd, CSB Gorecki 120
Sponsored by the Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture
Join us for an interview with Dr. Catherine Clifford and Kristin Colberg (Theology/SOT) on the direction that the church is taking to synodality in the modern era. Space is limited to 25 people. Please register here. Lunch will be provided. See the attached packet for more information.

Benedictine Institute Lunch & Learn: Benedictine Communication in and for Digital Culture
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 27th, SJU Quad 264
Sponsored by Benedictine Institute
Presenter: Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, School of Theology and Seminary
The February Lunch & Learn welcomes Daniella Zsupan-Jerome as she shares the wisdom that Benedictine communication and spirituality offer in today’s digital world. Please register here (registration is required). A waitlist will be available if we reach our capacity limit. Lunch will be provided. See the attached packet for more information.

Benedictine Institute Spiritual Reflection Group this Lenten Season
Groups will meet four times during Lent for prayer at Saint John’s Abbey followed by a meal and conversation on the book "Pilgrim Road, A Benedictine Journey through Lent" by Albert Holtz, OSB. One group will meet for Morning Prayer and breakfast while the other group will meet for Midday
Prayer and lunch. All faculty, staff, monastics, and graduate students are welcome to register. We will provide copies of "Pilgrim Road" to participants. Click here for meeting times and to register.

Saint Ben’s @ Home
7:00 p.m., Monday, February 19th, Zoom
Moderated by Heather Piper-Olson, VP of CSB Institutional Advancement
Join for a robust conversation with John Andrick about engaging and promoting student success in and out of the classroom. Register today! For more information, please contact Marcia Mahlum, CSB Alumnae Relations.

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

The Buzz can be found on the Academic Affairs website under related links. https://www.csbsju.edu/academic-affairs
Research has shown that the quality of relationships students form with peers, faculty, and staff are a primary contributor to student learning, well-being, and persistence -- particularly for first-generation and students of color. In this interactive session, Dean of Student Success, John Andrick, will present institutional data collected from CSB/SJU students, as well as a general understanding of where students coming out of K-12 are at today. Faculty will then explore how they can intentionally contribute to the kinds of inclusive and relationship-rich educational experiences that are foundational to student learning and success on our campuses.
Connections Are Everything
Fostering Campus Cultures of Learning, Belonging, and Thriving

📅 Wednesday, February 28  🕒 2 - 3 p.m. ET

Leo Lambert  
Professor of Education and President Emeritus  
*Elon University*

Peter Felten  
Executive Director, Center for Engaged Learning  
*Elon University*

Isis Artze-Vega  
College Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
*Valencia College*

Discover how networks of student relationships with faculty, staff, and peers are essential to learning, belonging, identity, retention, and thriving.

Identify strategies campuses are employing to foster a sustained institutional culture focused on relationships, which must be nurtured by both grassroots innovations and top leadership.

Learn about free, open-access resources to help students develop strategies for relationship building, which is too often a “hidden curriculum” for first-generation college attendees.

Leave the session with a renewed sense of urgency about why now is the time to focus on human relationships as an institutional strategic imperative.

**Register Now!**
Providing access to quality higher education is a priority for all of us. In this interactive session, you’ll discover the “step zero” that makes all of our teaching efforts possible: access.

When we focus our learning interactions on how our students get access to materials, each other, instructors, support services, and the community, we strengthen their sense of belonging and opportunity as learners. Through the universal design for learning (UDL) framework, you’ll learn concrete steps that you can take tomorrow that help to lower barriers, anxiety, and stress—for your students and for you. Come learn how to take some work off your plate as you engage with your students.
Saint Ben’s @ Home

Heather Pieper-Olson
Vice President
Institutional Advancement
College of Saint Benedict

John Andrick
Dean of Student Academic Success
College of Saint Benedict
& Saint John’s University
THE LITERARY ARTS INSTITUTE PRESENTS
poet, essayist, & cultural critic
HANIF ABDURRAQIB

PUBLIC READING & CONVERSATION
Tuesday, February 27
7:00pm
Upper Gorecki
Submit an item to this weekly email of events and activities for all CSB and SJU students.

Monday, February 5

**Embroidery Canvas Painting**
Monday, February 5 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Multicultural Center, CSB
Art Club, Institute for Women’s Leadership

Join the IWL and Art Club this Monday as they paint and embroider canvases! Create and take home some wonderful art pieces to decorate your living spaces!

https://www.instagram.com/csbsjuartclub/
https://www.instagram.com/iwl_csb/?img_index=1

Tuesday, February 6

**Do You Feel Safe on Campus? Listening Session**
Tuesday, February 6 | 7:00 PM
Gorecki 204A, CSB
Consent - Equality - Respect – Talking - Safety

Do you feel safe on campus? All students are invited to attend a listening session on campus safety. The panel will include campus safety leaders including the director of CSB Security, director of SJU life safety, and other members of the CSBSJU Safety Committee. Join CERTS to “Listen, Learn, & Ask” about the safety of our campuses.

https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_certs/
Information Session for Fall 2024 India Embedded Program
Tuesday, February 7 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Zoom
Global Business Leadership

Join Global Business Leadership Department Chair, Kingshuk Mukherjee, on Tuesday, February 6th from 4:30-5:30PM to learn about this new program to India. Join the zoom below to get all the information you will need for this new Embedded Study Abroad Program!

Zoom Link!
https://bulletin.csbsju.edu/

Game Night: Politics Edition
Tuesday, February 7 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM
O’Connell’s Lounge, CSB
Political Science Club

Join CSBSJU Poli-Sci Club this Tuesday for a game night! There will be games like headbands, guess who, and charades. All games will have a political twist! There will also be snacks provided.

https://www.instagram.com/csbsjupolisciclub/?g=5

Wednesday, February 7

Blood Drive
Wednesday, February 7 | 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Gorecki Conference Center, CSB
CSB Health Advocates, CSB Senate

Join the Red Cross to give blood this Wednesday! This is an easy way for students to give back and save lives! All blood types are needed! Register below!

Register here!
https://www.instagram.com/p/C2kX6VcO9Nh/
https://www.instagram.com/csbsenate/
**Blind Date with A Book**

Wednesday, February 7 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Clemens Library Reading Room, CSB
CSBSJU Libraries

Discover a (potentially) new-to-you genre or title with CSBSJU Libraries “Blind Date with a Book” Book Club on Wednesday, February 7th! Registration is required. The first 15 people to sign up will receive a FREE copy of the book!

[Sign up here!](https://www.instagram.com/csbsjulibraries/)

**2024 Communication and Marketing Fair**

Wednesday, February 7 | 1:00 – 3:30 PM
Great Hall, SJU
XPD

Interested in communication and marketing? Come to the 2024 Communication and Marketing Fair this Wednesday! Meet with representatives from the Minnesota Twins, Target, Best Buy, and many more! All majors and class levels welcome!

[https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_xpd/](https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_xpd/)

**Special Olympics Association Information Meeting**

Wednesday, February 7 | 7:00 PM
HAB 101, CSB
CSBSJU Special Olympics Association

Please join SOA this Wednesday for their first meeting of the semester! Learn information regarding the Polar Plunge, basketball, and swimming. There will be cookies provided as well!

[https://www.instagram.com/soa_csbsju/](https://www.instagram.com/soa_csbsju/)
**Eric Rego Big Idea Competition Submission Workshop**

Wednesday, February 7 | 7:00 PM
Simon’s 3rd Floor, SJU
Entrepreneurship Club

During this workshop, E Club will go over what the Eric Rego event is and will share tips on how to make the top 10 to compete for $$! Hope to see you all there!

[https://www.instagram.com/eclubcsbsju/](https://www.instagram.com/eclubcsbsju/)

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**Thursday, February 8**

**Premiere Watch Party: The College Tour feat CSBSJU**

Thursday, February 8 | 6:30 PM
Escher Auditorium, BAC, CSB
CSBSJU

CSB+SJU are thrilled to be the first colleges in Minnesota to be featured on The College Tour. Come and watch at the Premiere Watch Party! The episode will premiere at 7:00 PM and there will be an after party to celebrate afterwards! The first 50 students will receive VIP seats and swag bags! All students who attend have a chance to win a FREE iPad! No ticket is needed for entrance.

[https://www.instagram.com/csbsju/](https://www.instagram.com/csbsju/)

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**Friday, February 9**
**Lunar Night Hike and Campfire**
Friday, February 9 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Lake Sagatagan Beach
Peer Resource Program

PRP is hosting a night hike and campfire for the Lunar New Year! There will be a campfire running the entire time and also an opportunity to hike the chapel trail under the stars. Please wear warm clothes and good shoes (if you choose to hike), otherwise participants are welcome to stay back and keep warm by the campfire while enjoying some hot cocoa and other treats!

https://www.csbsju.edu/outdooru/events/adventure/prp
https://www.instagram.com/csbsju.prp/

**Sis ‘n’ Lil Bro Concert**
Saturday, February 10 | 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Brother Willie’s Pub
Center for Student Leadership and Engagement, MAGIS Ministries

Everyone is invited to attend this concert by critically acclaimed hip-hop duo Sis ‘n’ Lil Bro this Saturday at the Pub! There will be merch sold, door prizes to win as well as snacks and drinks provided! Doors open at 7:30, the concert will begin at 8:00!

https://www.instagram.com/csbsju_csle/

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**Saturday, February 10**

**Saint John’s Track and Field Invitational Meet**
Saturday, February 10 | 11:00 – 2:00 PM
Donald McNeely Spectrum, Palaestra, SJU
SJU Athletics

Cheer on your Johnnie’s this Saturday at the SJU Track and Field Invitation meet! Bring the energy to Clemens Stadium!

https://gojohnnies.com/calendar?game_id=8842&sport_id=11
Saint Benedict’s Track and Field Meet
Saturday, February 10 | 11:00 – 2:00 PM
Donald McNeely Spectrum, Palaestra, SJU
CSB Athletics

Cheer on your Bennie’s this Saturday at their track and field meet! Bring the energy to Clemens Stadium!
https://apps.csbsju.edu/calendar/

Sunday, February 11

Eucharistic Adoration (Every Sunday)
Sunday, February 11 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, Regina Hall Basement, CSB
CSB Campus Ministry

CSB Campus Ministry is excited to announce that this semester they will be having Eucharistic Adoration every Sunday from 1-4pm! Come rest in the silence of God’s Presence. You are most welcome to come and pray with them, even if it’s only for 5 minutes!
https://www.instagram.com/csbcampusministry/?q=5

Student Mass
Sunday, February 11 | 6:00 PM
Sacred Heart Chapel, CSB

Sunday, February 11 | 9:00 PM
The Abbey Church, SJU
Next Steps for a Synodal Church

What has the church heard in the worldwide synod? Where will this process take the church in the future? How will the synod impact the way the church sees itself and how it operates?

Luncheon Interview
with
Cathy Clifford & Kristin Colberg

Thursday, February 22
12:00-1:15 p.m.
Gorecki Center 120, CSB

Dr. Catherine Clifford was appointed by Pope Francis to serve as a voting member representing Canada at the Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This is a historic moment; she was one of 35 women voting for the first time ever in a modern synod. She is also heavily involved in work for Christian unity; the Vatican has appointed her to serve on the international dialogue between Roman Catholics and Methodists.

Professor of Systematic & Historical Theology
Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada

Dr. Kristin Colberg is the only theologian from the U.S. on the theological commission for the Synod on Synodality. She was part of the writing team assembled by the Vatican to compose the synthesis report that summarized the responses from the global listening sessions. The Vatican has also appointed her as a member of the international dialogue between Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

Associate Professor of Theology
Saint John’s University/College of Saint Benedict
Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary

RSVP here
Space is limited.
Benedictine Communication in and for Digital Culture

Benedictine spirituality is one deeply rooted in communication. What wisdom does it offer for living wholly and authentically in today's digital context?

Tuesday, February 27
11:30am - 12:30pm
Quad 264 at Saint John’s
Presented by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome

Lunch & Learn is free of charge and provided by the Benedictine Institute

Registration required & space is limited, so sign up early on our website or via the Daily Bulletin link

Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, Ph.D. is a pastoral theologian and director of the Sustained Encuentro Program at the Saint John’s University School of Theology and Seminary.

Her research focuses on media and ministry, especially digital media and its potential for faith formation.