

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost's Office

End of Block Survey: An email was sent on 9/21 requesting anonymous feedback from students, staff and faculty. Please take this very brief [survey](#). It's three questions. We want to know what has worked well, what can be improved, and how you can be supported. The survey is available now until **Sunday 9/27 at 11:00 pm**.

We will compile your responses into general themes and suggestions that we will share with faculty and staff to provide them with immediate feedback on how to best serve students at this time.

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.

Block B: Please contact your Block B students as soon as possible – by September 24 at the latest – to provide specific information for your Block B class. Please reference the 9/21 email sent from Academic Affairs for a template that includes required and recommended components of your letter and provides language for you to adopt or adapt as appropriate.

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.

Thursday, October 1: Special Guest Michael Ewing!

1pm-2pm

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

Tuesday, October 13

9am-10am

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

Wednesday, October 21

10am-11am

zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/97983066299>

Thursday, October 29

1:30pm-2:30pm

zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/99524044219>

Faculty Governance

The next JFS meeting takes place on **Tuesday, September 29 from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.** on Zoom. The JFA will meet on Thursday, October 8 from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

FYX and Academic Advising

Virtual Academic Explorations & Opportunities (AEO) Fair starting October 12

FYX and Academic Advising are excited to offer our first-year students an opportunity to learn more about academic departments and programs through the Virtual Academic Explorations & Opportunities (AEO) Fair via FlipGrid.

The Virtual AEO Fair will launch on October 12 and run through spring registration in November. The AEO Fair will play an integral role, along with departmental group advising sessions, in helping our first-year students prepare for spring registration and discern which programs and opportunities are right for them. Attending the AEO Fair is a required assignment for all first-years built into the INTG 105 Course. View the assignment here to understand how students will be utilizing the information you share with them.

Participating in the AEO Fair is simple and an easy way to promote your department or program. To participate, please complete registration steps by Friday, October 9 at 12pm. Complete registration details can be found in your email invitation sent September 22 from the Academic Affairs email.

Please contact Lindsey Gunnerson Gutsch with questions or for more information at lgutsch001@csbsju.edu

Undergraduate Research

During the 2020-21 academic year, Undergraduate Research continues to provide support, opportunities, and resources for student researchers and faculty mentors. The new year brings two exciting updates for Undergraduate Research:

Launch and New Directors of the CSB/SJU Distinguished Thesis

In Spring 2020, Undergraduate Research took over the management of the All-College Thesis Program due to the retirement of ACT Directors, Molly Ewing and Jim Parsons. We are excited to share that the thesis has found its permanent home with Undergraduate Research and will launch this Fall 2020 as the CSB/SJU Distinguished Thesis. We believe the rebrand and streamlined process will create an even more robust and prestigious experience for student scholars and members of the thesis committees. Our official launch and information session will take place in October. Watch for details!

New funding for our STEM students through Sr. Phyllis Platenburg Endowment Fund

The new Sr. Phyllis Platenburg Endowment allows us to offer exciting new opportunities for our STEM researchers. For the 2020-21 academic year, we have two new grants available:

- \$1,000 STEM External Research Support Grant

This competitive grant will be used to support 1-2 students who would like to do off-campus summer research but do not have the financial means to make it happen on their own. In early spring semester 2021, the call for applications will be available.

- \$2,000 STEM Professional Development Grant

We are now able to offer financial support to students who would like to pursue a professional development opportunity - such as conferences or webinars - where they are not presenting their own original work (which makes it different from our presentation grants). Students will submit an application for this grant where they will articulate why it is necessary for them to pursue this opportunity and how it benefits their research and/or career. Grant amounts range from \$20-\$500. The application will launch in October 2020.

To read more about exciting news in Undergraduate Research visit:

<https://www.csbsju.edu/undergraduate-research-and-creative-work/the-ur-update> or email lgutsch001@csbsju.edu with questions.

Faculty Development

Becoming Community Event: Universal Design for Learning by Dr. Thomas J. Tobin

Thomas J. Tobin, PhD, MSLS, PMP, MOT, CPACC, is the Program Area Director for Distance Teaching & Learning on the Learning Design, Development, & Innovation (LDDI) team at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as an internationally recognized speaker and author on quality in technology-enhanced education. He is the author of multiple books, including *Reach Everyone, Teach Everyone: Universal Design for Learning in Higher Education* (2018).

Webinar for Staff: **Thursday, October 8, 2020 2:00-3:30 PM** [Sign Up Form](#)

Webinar for Faculty: **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 10:00– 11:30 AM** [Sign Up Form](#)

IEJ resources: A few Inclusion/Equity/Justice resources have been added to the Canvas teaching and learning training resources site. The first is the [PowerPoint slides](#) from the Fall workshop with Anne Phibbs. The second includes [examples of survey items](#) regarding classroom climate that could be added to an end of the class student course survey to provide a faculty member with targeted feedback about IEJ issues in their individual classroom.

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: To learn more about 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.

Center for Global Education

Study Abroad Fair 2020: Join us for the 2020 Virtual Study Abroad Fair! The Fair will be held for two days: **September 30 & October 1 from 11:00-2:00 pm** on Zoom. At this event, students will be able to talk with Faculty Directors, Ambassadors, and CGE Staff about every study abroad program available. Additionally, every program will present over the course of the fair, so tune in to the programs you are interested in! Please share this information with your students. More information is available here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/global/getting-started/study-abroad-fair>

The Buzz on Campus

Community Engagement Day: September 25

Please join us in the first Community Engagement Day on Friday, September 25. Below is the list of activities along with necessary links to participate and/or register.

Canoeing on Lake Sagatagan with Outdoor University 9-11 a.m., Meet at the Lake Sagatagan Beach, SJU *Registration is required at [this link](#).*

Outdoor U staff and students will facilitate canoe outings for community members on Lake Sagatagan. All attendees will receive a short safety briefing before hitting the water.

8:46 Conversations In Memoriam of George Floyd's Death with Intercultural & International Student Services and SJU Campus Ministry 11 a.m.-Noon, *Please register at [this link](#) to receive the Zoom link.*

Eight minutes and 46 seconds is the amount of time former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin knelt on the neck of George Floyd. In memoriam of Floyd's death, 8:46 Conversations involves a series of exercises in listening, discussing and personal reflection where BIPOC and non-BIPOC students, faculty and staff can share experiences of race on campus with the goal to learn and grow together to create a more unified community.

Protest, Racial Justice and the Language of (Dis)Order with the Communication , History, Gender Studies and Peace Studies departments Noon-1 p.m.; *Join the Discussion via Zoom at [this link](#)*

An interdisciplinary panel of faculty experts and community members will hold a discussion about protest, racial justice and social movement history. The panel will include Shannon Smith (History), Aric Putnam (Communication), Kelly Kraemer (Peace Studies), and Muqkadeen Poole (SJU '19). This panel will provide space for reflection, education and openness.

14th Annual Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture with Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson

Signature Community Engagement Day Event 2 p.m.; *Presented via the McCarthy Center's [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages*

Dr. Jamieson is the Elizabeth Ware Packard Professor at the Annenberg School for Communication of the University of Pennsylvania and director of the university's Annenberg Public Policy Center. She will speak on "Russian hackers, trolls and #DemocracyRIP." Her lecture will synthesize what is known about the impact of the Russian interventions in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, outline the contours of the DemocracyRIP, Russian plans to undercut the presidency of Hillary Clinton if she had been elected and ask what's next and what can we do about it.

Women's Voices hosted by the Drama Club 3:30 p.m., Streamed via [Youtube](#)

CSB students will use their voices to express their modern views of women and voting rights while acknowledging historical movements through spoken-word. The first 50 people will be admitted to the theater.

Drawing from Nature with Associate Professor of Art Rachel Melis and Fine Arts Programming 4-5 p.m., Gorecki Gallery, Benedicta Arts Center, CSB. Register for the workshop at [this link](#)

Join Melis for an afternoon session observing and drawing natural objects. This session will be a fun, restorative and engaging way to get outside and in touch with nature (and your creativity!) at the end of your first block. Participants do not need any previous art experience – all abilities and ages welcome and encouraged. This event has limited availability.

If you wish to learn more about the Community Engagement Days or to submit an event for one of the upcoming dates, please visit [this webpage](#). Submissions for the October 23 date are due Friday, September 25.

Gender Studies Film Series: Making Hope

The Gender Studies Film Series, Making Hope, celebrates individual and collective action to secure social justice. We have the power to make hope: for ourselves, for others, and for the world. These films will be streamed synchronously over Zoom with time for introductions and discussion by faculty members listed below.

Links will be sent out via email. All films will be streamed at 7 p.m.

October 6	“RBG”	Professors Jean Keller & Phil Kronebusch
October 12	“Warrior Women”	Professors Ted Gordon & Corrie Grosse
October 27	“Knock Down the House”	Professor Pedro dos Santos
November 18	“The Central Park Five”	Professor Jonathan Nash
December 8	“Pray the devil Back to hell”	Professor Kelly Kraemer

This film series was made possible by the support of the CSB/SJU Libraries and the following departments: Gender Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Environmental Studies, History and Peace Studies.

For more information <https://www.csbsju.edu/gender-studies/events/gender-studies-film-series>

Questions? Contact Tya Gray at gendsw@csbsju.edu or Jean Keller at jkeller@csbsju.edu