

THE BUZZ: Academic Success Weekly Newsletter



Spring Semester: Week 11 Issue

Highlights from this issue:

- **Events:** McCarthy Center webinar (4/4), Gather event (4/5), Teaching Sparkshop (4/8), Talking Teaching (4/8), Koch Chair Event (4/9), LAI Public Reaing event (4/9), Ralph Gross Lecture (4/10), The Forum (4/11), Provost Office Hours (4/12), Jay Phillips event (4/14), The Forum (4/15) and Teaching Sparkshop (4/16)

Academic Affairs Awards Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Academic Affairs Awards reception and program on **May 6th at 3:00 p.m. in the Gorecki 204 at CSB** (3:00 p.m. social; 3:30 p.m. ceremony). This occasion is an opportunity to thank and honor those faculty who have dedicated much time and talent to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. **Please RSVP [here](#) by April 17.**

Last Call for Questions for President Bruess

A survey is available to address issues that are on the minds of faculty to help guide the JFA meeting on April 18th, where President Bruess, COO Kolomitz, and Provost Ice will address the faculty. **Please complete the survey [here](#) no later than April 8th, 4pm, using this link.**

Call for INTG 105 Instructors

Faculty and staff interested in serving first-year students are strongly encouraged to [apply to teach INTG 105 College Success](#) in Fall 2024. **The application is open and requesting applications before Friday, April 12th!** This 1-credit course meets once per week for 55 minutes throughout fall semester. Each section of the course is assigned a peer mentor who has been competitively selected and trained to provide personalized guidance and mentorship to first-year students in the INTG 105 course. The course is capped at 26 students per section and will be offered at various times across both campuses.

Center for Teaching & Learning

2023-2024 Inclusive Pedagogy Practitioner Certificate and Digital Badge,

Faculty members who have attended three (or more) approved inclusive teaching professional development events during the 2023-2024 academic year, and who provide a short reflection on

how their teaching supports inclusion, are eligible to earn a certificate and digital badge. For more information, including a list of eligible events, click [here](#). **Applications are due May 30th.**

Research & Grants Office

Sign up for a May or June writing retreat!

Claim some time for your own work after the semester ends! [Sign up](#) for one of the May or June writing*/working retreats:

- Wed. May 15 – Fri. May 17: Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Spicer, MN (overnight)
- Tue. Jun. 4 – Thu. Jun. 6: SJU, Abbey Guesthouse (only day spots remaining)

*We define "writing" as anything that moves your work forward--this can include coding, reading, editing, transcribing, analyzing, sketching, composing, writing, outlining, calculating, thinking, sculpting, etc.! Work on your research, book proposal, journal article, tenure or promotion file, grant proposal, syllabi or curriculum project, novel, poetry anthology, composition and much more.

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](#).

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT: LIVE WEBINAR- The Mark Kennedy Frontiers of Freedom Lecture Series: **Global Elections/Global Impacts: *Scholars Discuss 2024 U.S. Elections and Beyond***
7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4th, Zoom

Zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/96313084068>

Presenter: Dr. Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt

Sponsored by the McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement

This online event features international policy experts who will discuss the potential impacts of the global elections. Topics will include climate change, war and peace, trade and business, human rights, immigration, and more. This event is chaired by **Mark Kennedy '79**, Director of the Wahba Institute for Strategic Competition at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. Kennedy has worked at the highest levels of business, government, and higher education as a CEO, Congressman, and university president.

Gather

5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5th, Milk & Honey Ciders

Sponsored by the Research & Grants Office

The next Gather event, featuring Allison Spenader & Kaishon Kong (co-editors & authors) and Ana Conboy & Kevin Clancy (authors) of the new book, ***Intercultural Citizenship in Language Education: Teaching & Learning Through Social Action***. How do teachers deepen meaning and connection between language classrooms and the word? Join us for a reading and discussion of *Intercultural Citizenship in Language Education: Teaching & Learning Through Social Action*, and explore how Intercultural Citizenship can enhance relevance and engagement in classrooms. **Enjoy good colleagues and conversation and free cookies from Flour & Flower and cider from Milk & Honey!**

Teaching Sparkshop: *Digital Pedagogy Snacks*

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 8th, CSB Gorecki President's Dining Room

Presenter: Jonathan Merritt Nash

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching & Learning

In this Sparkshop, Johnathan will offer small digital strategies to boost student engagement in the classroom. Discover how integrating technology into your teaching can enhance students' learning experiences, regardless of digital proficiency. Explore ways to innovate your pedagogical approaches with some digital snacks.

Talking Teaching: *Making Progress on Access and Affordability of Classroom Materials*

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 8th, CSB Gorecki President's Dining Room

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching & Learning and the Research & Grants Office

Presenters: David Wuolu (Libraries), Lisa Gentile (Chemistry) and the Affordability Task Force

Join members of the affordability task force (library, bookstore, and JFS-IEJ faculty) for a discussion on options to decrease the cost of classroom materials for our students. Faculty who have adopted some of these options will talk about their experiences doing so. We will also focus on best ways for faculty to access the expertise in our campus libraries to make progress in adopting these cost reducing strategies.

The Synod, Canon Law & the Future of the Church: *A Conversation with Dr. Wijlens*

Tuesday, April 9th, SJU Emmaus Chapel & Dining Room

11:30 a.m., Mass with Bishop Neary

12:15 p.m., Luncheon Interview with Dr. Wijlens

Presenter: Dr. Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt

Sponsored by the Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture and School of Theology and Seminary

Dr. Wijlens is the official consultor to the Synod on Synodality and a professor of Canon Law at the University of Erfurt, Germany. Registration is required. Please [RSVP](#) by April 3rd. More information can be found [here](#).

Public Reading and Conversation with essayist and poet, Nicole Walker

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9th, CSB Upper Gorecki

Sponsored by Literary Arts Institute

Nicole Walker is the author of several publications - most recently, *Processed Meats: Essays on Food, Flesh and Navigating Disaster* from Torrey House Press, *The After-Normal: Brief, Alphabetical Essays on a Changing Planet* from Rose Metal Press and *Sustainability: A Love Story* from Mad Creek Books/OSU Press. She has written many essays for the New York Times and her work has been printed in several editions of Best American Essays. She currently teaches creative writing at Northern Arizona University. **A Craft Talk will be held on Thursday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m. in QUAD 264 at Saint John's and led by Nicole.** Find more information [here](#).

2024 Ralph Gross Global Lecture: *Thriving in a Complex World with Intercultural Competence*

7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10th, SJU Quad 264

Presenter: Dr. Tara Harvey

Sponsored by the Center for Global Education

Learn to not only survive but thrive in a global setting using intercultural skills. Join Dr. Tara Harvey, a nationally recognized scholar and practitioner, will be on campus to explore how we can become more creative problem-solvers who can meet the challenges of this diverse, ever-changing world.

**The Forum: *Comparing Women's Presence in Politics in Brazil and the United States*
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 11th, SJU Learning Commons 378**

Sponsored by the Research & Grants Office

Presenters: Pedro dos Santos (Political Science)

Both Brazil and the United States lag behind other countries in the Americas when it comes to women's presence in elected positions. While there are some similarities to why the two largest countries in the region still struggle with women's equality in political power, there are also interesting differences between them that can help us understand more about how gender dynamics impact politics beyond these two cases. This talk will provide an overview of the presence of women in elected positions in Brazil and the United States, discussing some cultural and institutional differences that influence the presence of women in power in both countries.

Provost Open Office Hour

1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Friday, April 12th, Zoom

Zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/93252068844>

**Echoes of the Divine: *A Dialogue between Jewish and Christian Musical Traditions*
3:00 – 4:15 p.m., Sunday, April 14th, SJU Stephen B. Humphrey Theater**

Sponsored by the Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning

Join for a concert and conversation with Amy Grinsteiner (piano), Stephanie Arado (violin), and David Jordan Harris (narrator). Free and open to the public. **This event has both AR/FAE and Race/Ethnicity co-curricular designations.** Find more information [here](#).

The Forum: *New Directions in the Humanities*

3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 15th, SJU Learning Commons 378

Sponsored by the Research & Grants Office

Presenters: Bruce Campbell, Kristin Colberg, Jessica Harkins, Emily Paup, and Jason Schlude

New times call for new approaches. While the study of the Humanities is important now more than ever, the landscape of higher education compels us to continue to evolve in how we imagine the Humanities and how we engage students with them. CSB and SJU is part of this story. In this Forum, five faculty members will give pitches for new directions in the Humanities at CSB and SJU. Their perspectives are diverse, coming from programs including Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Strategic Communication Studies, English, Gender Studies, Hispanic Studies, History, Languages and Cultures, Latino/Latin American Studies, and Theology. The goal is to share and discuss tangible ideas for the future of the Humanities in the liberal arts education we offer.

**Teaching Sparkshop: *How Faculty Can Support Student Survivors of Sexual Violence*
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 16th, CSB Gorecki 120**

Presenters: Amanda Macht Jantzer, Tamara Henes Vix and Jody Terhaar

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching & Learning

Please join a discussion of strategies for supporting student survivors of sexual violence. Presenters will share resources for faculty and teaching staff, work through common scenarios, and facilitate

discussion. Snacks and beverages available. This is part of the Supporting Student Mental Health Microbadge program.

Leadership Legacy: Igniting Potential with Justice Alan Page

7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18th, SJU Pellegrine Auditorium

Presenters: Justice Alan Page

Sponsored by the McCarthy Center, Saint Ben's and Saint John's Student Senates, Student Athlete Advisory Committee and Johnnie Development Institute

This event will focus on Alan Page, his life, and how he was able to overcome odds to serve his community. This will be a 45-minute talk, with a 15-minute Q & A audience involvement.

Retirement Gatherings

If your department is hosting retirement gathering and you would like it to be included in The Buzz, please submit a request [here](#).

Michael Livingston's Retirement Gathering – April 10th, 4:30-6:30 p.m., CSB Main 107

Please join the Psychology Department in honoring Michael Livingston for his many years of service to the department and the CSB and SJU community! Stop by the TRC in the Main Building on Wednesday, April 10th between 4:30 - 6:30pm to wish Michael well in his retirement. The gathering will be an ice cream social.

Diversity | Inclusion | Equity | Justice | Belong Opportunities

CTL and HHMI Inclusive Excellence Grant Events:

Mitigating ACES & Trauma & Cultivating Resilience in Higher Education

Free training that covers foundational information about how adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and traumatic events can impact one's academic, social, physical, and mental well-being, particularly as relevant for higher educational learning environments. Register [here](#) for **“Training for Post Secondary Educators”** and view at your own convenience. Then, if you'd like to participate in an optional follow-up discussion about applying what you learned to your own work at CSB and SJU, [Sign up here](#) by April 8th! This is part of the Supporting Student Mental Health Microbadge program.

Intermediate Safer Space Workshop

12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 8th, CSB Gorecki 120

Intermediate Safer Space Workshop will provide opportunities for you to advance your learning on LGBTQIAA+ identities/topics and give you practice at applying your learning to our campus community. This intermediate workshop assumes a baseline understanding of LGBTQIAA+ topics (through participation in our beginner Safer Space Workshop or equivalent) and will focus on putting this knowledge into practice, through role plays and discussion with colleagues. Lunch included. Sign up [here](#)! This is part of the Supporting LGBTQ+ Students Microbadge program.

Trans Allyship Community of Practice/Book Group

Amidst a national landscape of increasing anti-trans legislation, we welcome you to consider joining a Community of Practice on trans allyship in our campus community. This is an opportunity to read and discuss Davey Shlasko's **“Trans Allyship Workbook”** and consider

implications for our work at CSB and SJU and beyond. **Sign up [here](#) by April 8th!** This is part of the Supporting LGBTQ+ Students Microbadge program.

Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day

Reminder: The deadline to register for CSC Day is this Friday, April 5! **Please [register for CSC Day](#).** Remind your student research or creative work advisees to register!

Message from The Study:

If you have students preparing for presentations in class or as part of Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day, encourage them to review presentation tips on The Study's Canvas page:

- Creating [PowerPoint](#) presentations
- Presenting at a [Poster Session](#)
- Navigating [Business Casual](#) attire

As always, feel free to forward (to tanderson@csbsju.edu) additional materials you would like to make available more broadly via The Study.

Experience HUB

Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars (OURS)

Call for Proposals for the Emerging Scholars Program.

OURS is now accepting proposals for our next cohort for the Academic Year of 2024-25. If you are interested in mentoring an Emerging Scholar and have a well-designed project, please consider applying [here](#). **Priority faculty deadline is May 1.** Questions about the program or proposal process can be sent to undergradresearch@csbsju.edu. Learn more about the Emerging Scholars Program [here](#) or see the flyer in the attached packet.

Instructional Technology

Registration for Instructional Technology Day is now open! Click [here](#) to register for the May, 13th event. Registration will remain open through May 10th, but if you'd like a boxed lunch please register by April 26th.

Academic Space Survey

As part of the ongoing strategic planning process a Facilities Master Planning group is evaluating all aspects of our physical campus. A subcommittee comprised of faculty, staff, and students is **focusing on academic spaces: classrooms, labs, studios, performance and supporting spaces on both campuses.** After examining quantitative data on space utilization from the Registrar and other sources, the need for qualitative data from people using those spaces was clear.

An [anonymous survey](#) has been created is intended for anyone who uses academic spaces on campus—faculty, students, staff—in any capacity. **It should take less than five minutes to complete.** There is an opportunity on the final page to share your questions/comments and to call out exciting/innovative/effective learning spaces you may have encountered elsewhere that the

subcommittee might want to learn more about as they plan for the future of academic spaces at CSB and SJU.

Last Call for Award Nominations

Nominations are due by **4:30 p.m. on April 5th** for [Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year Award](#).

Drop-In Wellness Workshops

Calling all Faculty: Please help promote the *Drop-In Wellness Workshops* via the Counseling Center on campus. These workshops happen every other Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. A flyer is included in the attached packet and can be shared with specific students, your entire class and posted around your department. Let's get the word out! If you want more information or have questions, please contact [Maggie Westaby](#), Well-Being Center Counselor, or [Amanda Jantzer](#), Psychology.

Buzz on Campus

Click [here](#) to check out the latest episode of **Johnnie Bennie Campus News**.

Check out campus events presented by [CSLE](#) in "This Week @ CSB +SJU" in the attached packet.

The next "Building" Community hosted by Benedictine Institute will be 9:00–10:45 a.m., **Friday, April 5th**, CSB Mary Hall Commons.

Lunch & Learn with Abbott Doug, *An Unexpected Call* **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday, April 8th, SJU Quad 264**

Sponsored by the Benedictine Institute

Presenter: Abbot Douglas Mullin

The final Lunch & Learn of the year welcomes Abbot Doug as he shares his story of becoming the eleventh abbot of Saint John's Abbey. Please register [here](#) (**registration is required**). A waitlist will be available if at capacity limit. Lunch will be provided.

Donation Request for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8th, SJU Warner Palestra

CERTS (Consent, Equality, Respect, Talking and Safety) will be hosting Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on April 30th. They are in need of **high-heel donations** for the event. There will be **donation boxes located inside the front doors of Alcuin and Clemens libraries from April 2nd - 7th**. If there is another time that works for you, please contact certs@csbsju.edu and they are more than willing to accommodate.

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>

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