

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



## **Summer 2023 Issue**

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## **From the Provost**

### **Fall Forum and Workshop Dates – CSB Gorecki 204:**

The All-Campus Community Forum will kick off at 1:00 p.m. **Tuesday, August 22**, and the Student Academic Success Workshop will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Wednesday, August 23**. Both events will be held on the **CSB campus in Gorecki 204**. More details will be posted on the Bulletin Board and sent via email from Academic Affairs. Please watch for these communications.

### **CSB and SJU All College Convocation Ceremony - 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 25, CSB Benedicta Arts Center/ Escher Auditorium:**

You are invited to join this joint event to celebrate the opening of the 2023-24 academic year. An all-community lunch will follow on the CSB Mall. Please watch for more information about this event on the Bulletin Board and communicated from Academic Affairs.

## **New Colleagues**

We would like to extend a special welcome to the following new Academic Affairs staff hires:

- **Nicholas Olberding**, *Ambassador and Outreach Manger*, XPD (Start date: 5/1)
- **Kelly Butorac**, *Business and Marketing Librarian* (Start date: 5/15)
- **Teddy Rose**, *Operations Manager*, Academic Affairs (Start date: 5/15)
- **Gretchen Trkay**, *Director of the Libraries* (Start date: 7/1)
- **Katelyn Niemeyer**, *Costume Shop Manager* (Start date: 8/14)

*Welcome Gretchen, Katelyn, Kelly, Nicholas and Teddy!*

## The Research and Grants Office

### Shout Outs

A shout out to **Kyhl Lyndgaard** in Environmental Studies and Director of the Writing Center, for his recent keynote presentation at Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha, South Africa entitled "[Literary Energies: From Petrofiction to Human Power](#)." The presentation was part of the "[Everything is Energy](#)" seminar series sponsored by the Chair in Identities and Social Cohesion in Africa at Nelson Mandela University. Congrats, Kyhl!

Congratulations to **James Read** in Political Science on the publication of his new book, [Sovereign of a Free People: Abraham Lincoln, Majority Rule, and Slavery](#) (University Press of Kansas, 2003). The book examines Lincoln's defense of majority rule, and his hope before the war that slavery could be peacefully and democratically abolished. It also investigates Lincoln's complicated legacy on issues of race, and his relevance for our contemporary, deeply divided American democracy. Please mark your calendars for the **Gather event** at Milk & Honey on **October 4** where Jim will discuss his book, answer questions, and sign copies. Congrats, Jim!

**Thursday Forum is back!!!** Thursday Forum will now take place the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays** of the month from **3:00p-4:00 p.m.**, alternating between CSB and SJU locations. The first Thursday Forum of 2023-2024 will be **Thursday, September 14** in Learning Commons 378 (SJU). The call for the fall runs through **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**. Submit your [Thursday Forum Proposal](#) here. Please see the email from Karlyn Forner on July 19<sup>th</sup> for more details.

### Sign up for the Aug. 8 – 10 Writing Retreat @ Alcuin

Give your current project a boost by signing up for the Aug 8-10 writing retreat! We define "writing" as anything that moves your work forward—coding, reading, writing, editing, transcribing, analyzing, sketching, writing, outlining, etc. are all welcome! Join faculty and staff colleagues from 8:30a - 4:30p @ Alcuin each day for unstructured and concentrated work time, low-level accountability, delicious (and free) food, and great colleagues. Give it a try! You won't regret it! [Sign up here!](#)

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](#) or find the link on the Research & Grants Office page: [www.csbsju.edu/research-grants](http://www.csbsju.edu/research-grants).

## Experience HUB

### Office of Undergraduate Research (OURS)

Summer Researcher Celebration on August 3! Upper Gorecki from 1:00 to

1:45pm: The Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholars invites you to our second annual

Summer Researcher Celebration on August 3 from 1-4pm in Upper Gorecki! The Summer Researcher Celebration aims to showcase the impressive work of our 60+ students in our Summer Researcher Community! A mini-CSC day style event, our celebration will consist of a short poster session from 1-1:45pm, and will transition to oral presentations from 2-4pm. To maximize our celebration time, oral presentations will be in a Flash Talk format; oral presentations are no more than 15 minutes. We hope to see you there! Questions can be directed to [undergradresearch@csbsju.edu](mailto:undergradresearch@csbsju.edu).

## Faculty Governance

**Welcome to the new JFS Chair and Vice-Chair!**

**JFS Chair:** Carrie Hoover

**JFS Vice-Chair:** Sucharita Mukherjee

See emails from [JFACHAIRANDVICECHAIR@csbsju.edu](mailto:JFACHAIRANDVICECHAIR@csbsju.edu) for times, dates, and locations of JFA and JFS meetings for the AY2023-24.

## 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>