

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost's Office

Spring 2021 Plans: All students are required to be tested and to quarantine before returning to campus. We will start block A classes in-person on January 25th with the same safety restrictions that have been put into place this fall. Therefore, we will ask faculty to reach out to students before block A begins regarding the schedule for attending class in person. Depending on the course, there may be a rotation schedule so we are still able to maintain 6-foot social distancing in the classroom.

FDRC Grant 2021-22 Guidelines - due date - February 5, 2020 (see 1/5/21 email from Academic Affairs).

Upcoming Academic Affairs Meetings

First Year Advisor Q & A Sessions: There will be two opportunities for a discussion of fall first year advising and preparation for the spring semester. Watch your email for a questionnaire that will drive the agenda for these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Thursday, January 21 10:00-11:00 a.m.** <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/92413116623>
- **Wednesday, January 27 2:00-3:00 p.m.** <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/94042609598>

COVID-19 Updates

Return to Campus Student Testing: Please note the message sent to the community from the Offices of Student Development on 12/17/20 regarding testing plans for students return to campus in January. More information to come.

Academic Advising

Faculty Advisor Development Opportunity: The Academic Advising Office will be hosting a development opportunity for anyone interested in using and improving a variety of communication styles to build relationships with students. This is a [web presentation put on by NACADA](#), The Global Community for Academic Advising and will be especially useful for faculty advisors. We will host this session in Upper Gorecki following social distancing guidelines. Space is limited in order to assure safe seating. **January 14, 2021 1:00-2:00 p.m.** presentation followed by discussion in Gorecki 204C. If you are interested in attending, please email Jeanne Terres at jterres@csbsju.edu. Contact Jason Kelly for more information.

Libraries

Library-Related Canvas Modules: The Libraries' Learning and Research Team invites faculty requests for [library-related Canvas modules](#) for Spring 2021 courses. These modules serve as a

handy reference for students working on research papers and projects, and they can be customized to support your specific assignments and learning goals.

Faculty Development

(Virtual) Instructional Technology Day: Please join us virtually on **Tuesday, January 12** for Instructional Technology Day! We have three tracks of sessions on a variety of topics. No registration is required, simply join the Zoom meeting(s) of interest to you. This is a great way to learn a new tool or brush up on one you already use. Please visit the included URL for the full schedule.

[More Information](#)

Faculty Workshop: Teaching Native American Studies. Dr. Anton Treuer, one of the foremost Native American scholars in the U.S. and professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State, will be conducting a faculty workshop about teaching Native American Studies. This two-hour workshop will be held on **Wednesday, January 20 from 9 – 11 a.m.** Although the workshop is designed for faculty who intend to teach a Cultural and Social Difference (CSD) course it will be available to any faculty who are interested. The workshop will also be recorded and made available for those who are interested but unable to attend. If you would like to participate in this workshop, please email [Laura Schmitz](mailto:Laura.Schmitz@csbsju.edu) to be put on the participant list. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Shane Miller at samiller@csbsju.edu.

FYX News

Please consider forwarding names of students you think would serve as good role models for both our orientation and peer mentor programs for the Class of 2025. We will reach out to these students directly and encourage them to apply. Please email Kari-Shane at

KDAVIS@CSBSJU.EDU. Applications for both the Orientation Leader position for the "Beginning the Journey" summer orientation series and the Peer Mentor position for INTG 105 (the College Success Course) are now open and can be found on the FYX home page link. This application will remain open through February 12th. Click here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/fyx/join-our-team>

Experience and Professional Development: XPD

Summer Leadership Fellows Application Deadline is Jan. 10th. The Summer Leadership Fellows (SLF) provides opportunities for students to engage in 10-week summer internships in non-profit/government organizations. Students with varying majors, interests, and experiences are selected through an application process to be part of SLF. Each student selected for the program will receive \$6,000 - paid throughout the summer. Program details can be found on the XPD website: <https://www.csbsju.edu/xpd/students/experience-based-programs/summer-leadership-fellows>

Faculty Governance

JFS meeting: **Tuesday, January 26 from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.** via zoom

JFA meeting: **Thursday, February 4 from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.** via zoom

Watch for emails from Greg Schroeder for information about the meetings and zoom links.

The Buzz on Campus

Insurrection to Overturn the Election: Members of the CSB/SJU Political Science Department will facilitate a discussion of the legal, constitutional, and political dimensions this week's events, including Tuesday's special U.S. Senate elections in Georgia. The mob that assaulted the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, January 6 sought to halt the counting of electoral votes in Congress. The insurrectionists were motivated by President Trump's baseless charge of a "stolen election," a claim echoed by a number of Republican senators and representatives as the votes were tabulated in

Congress. The mob action ultimately failed to prevent Biden's victory from being announced in Congress. But these events raise urgent questions about the state of American politics and the future of our democracy. CSB/SJU students, alumni, faculty, staff, members of the monastic communities, and others are invited to join us **Friday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/99589594130>

Write on Race Workshop – register by noon on January 15.

WRITE on RACE is a 4-part workshop that takes a deep dive into the ways race impacts our lives. These workshops are open to CSBSJU faculty, staff, students, alumni/ae, and monastics and to community members who can commit to attending all 4 sessions. This is sponsored by the Becoming Community grant (Practitioner Certificate and Advanced Practitioner Certificate eligible) and IISS. The first 40 registrants will receive a free copy of the book used. Please register by **noon on Friday, January 15.** [More Information](#)

CSB/SJU Referral Day is Friday, January 15. Admission is counting on you to help us recruit an amazing group of new Bennies and Johnnies. And if you are an alum, your referral automatically unlocks the Alum Referral Scholarship for that student – \$1,000 per year, renewable for four years to total \$4,000! You know the young people in your life and in your town. And no one knows the impact of a CSB/SJU education better than you. Help us make those connections. [More Information](#)