

THE BUZZ: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter



From the Provost's Office

Class Attendance Policy Shared with Students: Travel and/or a spring break vacation is not an acceptable reason to participate in a course remotely. Because of the value of in-person participation, students are expected to attend class in-person as much as is allowed per our six-foot social distancing protocols. We will not accept vacations as an acceptable excuse to participate remotely in the block schedule. See the email written to students by Barb May, Mary Geller, and Mike Connolly shared by Carol Abell on 3-15-21 for more information.

SPRING 2021: Student Course Surveys (BLOCK B and AB): For those teaching Block B and AB courses, the survey period starts Monday, March 15 and ends Friday, March 19. See email sent on 3/12 from Academic Affairs.

Textbook and copyright requests are due April 1, 2021 for fall semester.

Submit your order online: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/72NSDHIYWI>

Reference email sent from Academic Affairs on 3/17/21

Faculty Headshots: Reminder that there are studio times at Schoenecker Commons for faculty to stop in for an updated headshot (you will be given access to the photo to use as you would like). We'll also include a day with an outdoor option, weather permitting, for those who aren't comfortable being in the studio. We know some faculty aren't on campus, so we'll also offer the option to submit a high-res headshot.

Headshot timeslot signup: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/3HKU1E7SSB>

Headshot submission form: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/SJU99UWQ11>

Becoming Community Book Release Party

Inclusion in Higher Ed--Book Release Party, March 17th @ 4:45. Editors Amanda Macht Jantzer and Kyhl Lyndgaard invite any & all members of the CSB/SJU community to a book release party for *Inclusion in Higher Education: Research Initiatives on Campus*. The book features ten chapters by different sets of contributors, including faculty, staff, and students from CSB/SJU. Contributors will share highlights from their work. Join at the Zoom link to toast the work being doing around collaborative scholarly inquiry to inform transformative institutional change. Zoom link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/94682610265?from=addon>

COVID-19 Information: Employees

Vaccine: To view the latest information on Phase 1B Tier 2 and Phase 1B Tier 3 employees, please see MDH vaccine plan: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/plan.html>. Higher Education employees are not eligible at this time unless they fall into one of the priority groups based on *age, health, or other occupational status*. If you fall into one of these groups due to a medical condition, please contact your primary care provider if you haven't been notified via the MDH Vaccine Connector. See the email from Carol Abell sent on 3-15-21 for more information.

Travel: In accordance with CDC and MDH guidance, CSB/SJU discourages all non-essential travel. Business travel is not advised for the remainder of the academic year unless deemed necessary by your Divisional VP or the Presidents.

Each of us have a personal responsibility to help keep our community safe and to remain focused on mitigation measures. If you do travel on college/university business or choose personal travel outside of MN by public transportation, please complete the Employee Travel Form prior to traveling. CSB/SJU will follow MDH guidelines advising a 14-day quarantine upon return to MN. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html#travel>

Employees who can perform their job remotely following travel should do so until receiving a PCR-negative test (not an antigen test or antibody/blood test) 5-7 days after returning to MN. With receipt of a negative test result to Human Resources, you may return to work on campus day 7 or return on day 10 if you do not test. See the email from Carol Abell sent on 3-15-21 for more information.

Voluntary Vaccination Reporting: Reporting to CSB/SJU that you have been vaccinated is voluntary. Doing so helps us in assessing ongoing campus mitigation needs and overall campus vaccination coverage. A voluntary report may be made through Forms Manager at this link [COVID Vaccination Report](#). The form will be received by the Director of Human Resources and the Employee COVID Coordinator. Providing your name is optional, and the report does not ask for health related information. The data collected is for statistical tracking only.

COVID-19 Information: Students

Students received the following message from Barb May, Mary Geller, and Mike Connolly on 3-15-21. See the email shared by Carol Abell on 3-15-21 for more information.

Travel: Given current outbreaks of COVID-19 variants in multiple areas across the country, both CDC and MDH are recommending to **delay any personal travel**. If you do travel outside the state of MN via public transportation, CSB/SJU will follow MDH guidelines advising a 14-day quarantine upon return and COVID-19 testing day 5-7 post travel. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html#travel>

Each of us has a personal responsibility to help keep our community safe and to remain focused on mitigation measures. It is recommended you quarantine at your permanent residence and attend class remotely following travel. If unable to quarantine at home, please contact Student COVID-19 Coordinator to determine if quarantine space is available on campus. You can contact CSB Health Services at 320-363-5370 or 320-363-5605 to schedule a post-travel COVID-19 test.

Student Employees Post Travel: Student employees will not be able to work post-travel during 14 day quarantine period. The only exception will be if a student can do work remotely. It is the student employee's responsibility to inform and review their post travel work-plan with their supervisor.

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Honors

Call for Honors Course Proposals for 2022-23 – deadline 3/30/21. You can find the course proposal form here <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/92SANU9OIX>. For additional information, please see the 1/12/20 email to the Faculty Discussion List from Academic Affairs. Contact Honors Director Beth Wengler, ewengler@csbsju.edu, or Associate Director Emily Esch eesch@csbsju.edu with questions.

Integrations Curriculum

Co-Teaching Awards: We are extending the call for the next cohort of Co-Teaching Awards. Information about the requirements for the award, the timeline, selection process, and the actual application can be found here. These awards allow faculty from two different Ways of Thinking to co-teach a Thematic Focus course, which in turn will carry two Ways of Thinking. Applications are due **March 21st** and Award recipients will be notified by the end of April. Please contact Shane Miller for more information.

GECC Proposal Deadline Extension: If you have some additional time to develop proposals, please consider whether a Benedictine Raven would be a good designation to attach to your 200- or 300-level courses. You can review the requirements here: Benedictine Raven requirements. As a reminder, this designation no longer requires the direct experiential component of the original engagement and instead allows for readings, assignments, and class discussion to satisfy the designation. If you have questions about the Raven and your course, please reach out to Shane Miller, the Integrations Curriculum Director, samiller@csbsju.edu. Proposals are due **March 24, 2021**. See the email sent by Greg Schroeder on 3/3/21 for more information.

Mini Grants for Benedictine Raven Course Development: The Benedictine Institute is offering mini grants to provide stipend support (\$400) for faculty to engage professional development in preparation to integrate a Benedictine perspective into one or more of their courses. The goal is to generate a course proposal that would fulfill the Benedictine Raven designation in the Integrations Curriculum. Proposals will be reviewed and granted on a rolling basis until **June 15, 2021**. More information and the application link can be found at <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute>. Please contact Rodger Narloch if you have any questions or would like further information.

Academic Advising

Major Advising Week – March 22-26 *see 3/16 email from Academic Affairs – please share this information with your students.*

FYX

FYX is reaching out to first year students in several ways this spring semester. Below is a summary of what is being offered to students.

FYX Spring 2021 Canvas Shell

- All first-year students have access to this canvas shell; Important academic and co-curricular information and resource links have been included here;
- An “FYX Block Newsletter” is sent out the Friday before the start of each new block;

- If any first year faculty advisor would like access to this shell, then please send a note to Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman (KDavis@csbsju.edu) and she will gladly add you.

First Year Student Advising Training Sessions (in partnership with Academic Advising)

These sessions are similar in format to those offered recently to first year advisors. Feel free to share the information with your advisee and attend a presentation!

- Four-Year Planning: What does it mean and how to do it!
 - Hosted by Academic Advising (Advisor and Student Worker)
 - Wed March 24, 2021 at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
 - Zoom link: [March 24th Four-Year Planning Training Session Zoom Link](#) (any session)
- How to Register for Fall 2021: Making a semester plan!
 - Hosted by Academic Advising (Advisor and Student Worker)
 - Wed March 31, 2021 at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
 - Zoom link: [March 31st How to Register for Classes Training Session Zoom link](#) (any session)

Registration Planning Worksheets

The following “planning” worksheets can be accessed by first year students in the FYX canvas course; Feel free to pass on to your first-year advisee

- [Integrations Curriculum E-Booklet](#)
- [Fall 2021 Mon-Fri Semester Planning Worksheet](#)
- [Researching a Major "How To" Guide \(CSB/SJU Academic Advising\)](#) _

IT Services

The new IT Services Support Portal: The IT Services portal has been refreshed and updated! You'll find familiar options like creating an incident, searching our knowledge, and viewing your incident information. You'll also find a new option to view system-wide outages. IT Services will continue to improve upon this service, and additional features will be added soon. Check back frequently! [More Information](#)

Faculty Development

Faculty Development Panel on Benedictine Raven Courses: Looking for ways to integrate a Benedictine perspective into your courses so they can fulfill the Benedictine Raven designation? This panel features colleagues from many different disciplines who will each share their ideas and then there will be time for Q&A. This synchronous panel will be held virtually on **March 18** at 4:45-6:00 and on **March 31** at 11:15-12:30. Visit the following website to find the Zoom meeting link: <https://www.csbsju.edu/benedictine-institute>. If you are unable to attend “live,” one of the versions will be recorded and posted on the Integrations Curriculum website.

Racist and Racialized Language in the Classroom: A Panel Discussion. How should instructors approach class content that includes racial slurs or outdated racial terms? What do students want to build their critical awareness of language about race? Panelists will share their practices and invite broader discussion in Q & A. **Wednesday, March 31, 3:30-5:00 pm.** Panelists: Ted Gordon, Anthropology Ken Jones, History Terri Rodriguez, Education Shannon Smith, History For questions or more information, please contact Yvette South, English Department (ysouth@csbsju.edu). Sponsored by Becoming Community

Sign up here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/4WSTCITK65>

Undergraduate Research

CSC Day Spotlight Nominations Now Open! Each CSC Day, the Undergraduate Research Program highlights the research and creative work of 10 exceptional student projects as part of our CSC Day Spotlight. To be considered for the spotlight, students must be nominated, register to present their work at CSC Day, and submit a short reflection on their research experience. To nominate a student or submit a self-nomination, please visit our link. **Deadline April 12.** Recipients will be announced on April 19! [More Information](#)

Featured Academic Impressions Resources

Each issue of The Buzz will highlight a few of the virtual trainings offered on the Academic Impressions site. Note that thousands of training resources are available; these are just a sample! Accessing your Academic Impressions member resources is a breeze with SSO (Single sign-on). [Please log in](#) using your existing *CSBSJU Login* and start learning today!

Anti-Racism in Higher Education: Ensuring It's a Movement, Not Just a Moment May 26 – 27, 2021 | Online *Develop a sustainable strategy to facilitate your anti-racist initiatives for your campus.*

Mapping Your Career Path in Higher Education

April 26, 2021 | Virtual Training. *Take control of your career by defining where you want to go and how to get there.*

Addressing Conflicts Related to Bias, Privilege, and Identity in the STEM Classroom

April 29, 2021 | Virtual Training. *Gain confidence in your ability to address identity-based conflicts in your classroom.*

Faculty Governance

JFS meeting: **Tuesday, March 23 from 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.** via Zoom

JFA meeting: **Thursday, April 8 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

Community Engagement Day – March 19

See schedule here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/community-engagement-days/march-19>

“A Piano, A Pencil, and a Really Good Eraser” - Friday, March 19, 12:00-1:00pm

[Timothy Takach](#) talks about his experiences as a professional composer, including his careers as a touring singer and music publisher. Takach introduces the life, inspiration, and workflow of a composer and dispels some of the mystery behind creative work and what it takes to pursue the arts as a career. There will be time for Q and A. Open to all members of the CSB/SJU community. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqf-mprT0qHtaSJQOExfRSa-1cQyQeYbhz> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. *Timothy Takach's presentation at CSB/SJU is supported by the Central MN Arts Board.*

Somali Language and Culture Classes with Unite Cloud- Sign up Today! Your facilitator, Farhiya Iman, will act as your guide through 3 exciting Somali language and culture Zoom sessions. You will learn conversational phrases to share with your colleagues, customers/clients/patients, or friends. You'll also dive into Somali culture exploring things like family roles and religion. At the end of the 3 sessions, Farhiya will give you a guided tour of the Somali Mall in St. Cloud (if possible). ***You must commit to all three sessions 5:30-7:30 PM 3/22, 3/29, and 4/5***

[More Information](#)

Sister Dennis Virtual Artist Speaking Series: On behalf of the CSBSJU Art Department, we are happy to announce the Spring 2021 Sister Dennis Virtual Artist Speaking Series! Our second (C block, **March 22 at 7 pm**) visitor is multidisciplinary, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate/ Odawa artist, educator, and community organizer, **Erin Genia**. You can learn more about her and her work at her [website](#) (we especially encourage you to click on the blog part of it). Webinar link: <https://csbsju.zoom.us/j/91644730163>

“Dangerous Religious Ideas”: **March 23 webinar with Rabbi Rachel Mikva.** This webinar will focus on Rabbi Mikva’s new book [*Dangerous Religious Ideas: The Deep Roots of Self-Critical Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*](#). The link to join this webinar is in the [news story about this event](#) and on the Jay Phillips Center’s [webpage for this event](#). All are welcome!

BEN Talks--Coming to a computer near you! On **March 24**, the Benedictine Institute will be premiering an educational video series titled "BEN Talks" designed to help viewers gain a better understanding of the Benedictine history and values that shape the culture of our community. These "BEN Talks" focus on Benedictine values and are delivered by monastic members from Saint Benedict's Monastery and Saint John's Abbey. Look for them on the Benedictine Institute website and the CSB/SJU Digital Commons beginning Wednesday, March 24. [More Information](#)

Maple Syrup Month with Outdoor U!

Join us in the celebration of Maple Syrup season on campus! Saint John's is known for producing their own maple syrup with the help of the Abbey and the Outdoor U. Learn about our production and get a taste of our liquid gold at our upcoming events. [More Information](#)

Do you have a submission for The Buzz? Click [here](#) to submit.