

Provost Update to Senate March 21, 2024

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Previous updates to the Academic Senate and faculty newsletters can always be found at <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>.
- **Catholic University Research Day will be held Wednesday, April 17th.** The Keynote address will be given by Dr. Jeffrey Herrmann, the St. Abbo of Fleury Chair of Engineering. Dr. Herrmann will talk on Metareasoning by Humans and Robots. There will be twelve morning oral presentation sessions as well as a poster session in the afternoon in the Pryz Great Room. An awards ceremony will be held at 4:00 pm in Heritage Hall honoring student presentations and posters at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. Information can be found at <https://research-day.catholic.edu/>

DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY

- The second annual Doctoral Hooding Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall, followed by a reception. See the [Commencement Weekend](#) website for all Commencement activities.
- During the ceremony, the name of each doctoral graduate in attendance from the August 2023, January 2024, and May 2024 degree conferrals will be called, and the graduate will go on stage with his or her faculty adviser(s) or school dean.
- The adviser or school dean will place the doctoral hood over the head of the graduate, signifying his or her success in completing the doctoral program, and the Dean of Graduate Studies will congratulate the graduate.
- Each doctoral graduate who anticipates attending the ceremony should [complete this RSVP form](#).

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATES

- Undergraduate Admission Events
 - Cardinal Preview Day 2: April 5
 - Cardinal Preview Day 3: April 21
 - Virtual Cardinal Preview Week: April 9 to April 11
 - Virtual Parent Chats: March 20 and April 16
 - Academic Focus Days (10 to 3):
 - School of Architecture and Planning: April 8
 - Busch School of Business: April 8
 - Conway School of Nursing: TBD
 - Cornerstone Program: April 19
 - School of Engineering: April 19
 - Department of History: April 18
 - National Catholic School of Social Service: April 18
 - Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art: April 8
 - School of Philosophy: April 8

REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS

- To Martin Cordiner, Physics/IACS, \$103,592 from NASA through subaward from Auburn University, for “Physical Processes in the Coma of 29P/Schwassmann Wachmann 1”
- To Ian Pegg, VSL, \$283,452 from Atkins Energy Federal for “Atkins “BNI WTP DFHLW Testing”
- To Leon Ofman, Physics/IACS, \$415,653 from NASA for “Study of Ion Velocity Distributions and Kinetic Wave Activity Observed in the Acceleration Region of the Solar Wind with Theory, Modeling and Machine Learning”
- To Jeanne Moor and Mary Flynn, Nursing, \$49,500 from Institute for Technology In Healthcare for “Transforming Nursing Student Clinical Learning Through Extended Reality”

REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- From Rick Thompson, Civil Engineering, \$999,716 to NSF for “S-STEM “Top CEE” Topping Out Commuter Transfer Student Engineering Education”
- From Peter Lum, Biomedical Engineering, \$4,625,606 to National Institute on Disability Independent Living and Rehab Research for “At-Home Telerehabilitation for Recovery after Neuromotor Injuries”
- From Chris Raub, Biomedical Engineering, \$2,148,770 to NIH for “Engineering High Throughput Microphysical Systems to Determine Cell and Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer-Related Oral Mucositis and Recovery”
- From Hang Liu, Electrical Engineering, \$1,000,000 to Google for “Cybersecurity Clinic”
- From Brendan Rich, Psychology/A&S, \$495,216 to Spenser Foundation for “Improving Academic Engagement and Motivation by Building Resilience in Economically Marginalized Youth”
- From Mary Selzer, Nursing, \$4,999,765 to DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration for “Flourishing in Age-Friendly Care in Emergency and Nursing Home Settings (FACES)”
- From Xiaolong Luo, Mechanical Engineering, \$470,510 to NIH – NIGMS for “Deciphering the Spatiotemporal Organizations of Polymicrobial Biofilms in Chitosan Membrane-based Microfluidics”

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

- ***Gaeloidhreacht na Cartlainne.*** This exhibition of books, pamphlets, and more from the library’s collection in Irish Gaelic and in English bears witness to the university’s deep ties to Ireland, Irish Independence and Republicanism, and the Irish language. The Irish Studies program and Modern Languages department welcomes you to attend this exhibition in the Rare Books reading room, [214 Mullen Library](#): Wednesday March 20th: noon – 2 p.m., Thursday March 21st: noon – 3 p.m, Friday March 22nd: noon – 2 p.m. For questions or accommodations contact Seán Ó Coistealbha at ocoistealbha@cua.edu

- **University museum collections online.** The University Libraries has implemented two new tools which make it easier to explore our special collections as well as improve management of them. ArchivesSpace gives a modern interface for creating and [searching the finding aids for our archival collections](#). CollectionSpace improves management of museum collections and even allows for [public browsing of our museum inventory](#).

CUA PRESS UPDATES

- Journals coordinator Amanda Muscente (alumna '23) and press director Trevor Lipscombe spoke to the *Inventio* class about careers in academic publishing.
- The Press has recently published a three-volume edition of Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*, together with the commentary by Cajetan.
- The Fall 2024 catalog is now in preparation. It features "The Young Adult Playbook: Living Like it Matters" (by Thomas Smith, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Villanova's Anna Moreland) as the lead title. Other broad-appeal books include Thomas Joseph White, OP, "Contemplation and the Cross: A Catholic Introduction to the Spiritual Life" and a collection of Pope Benedict's homilies for the major feasts and holy days of the liturgical year, edited by Pietro Rossotti.
- Titles of "local interest" in the catalog include a collection of essays in honor of Robert Kaslyn, SJ, late dean of the School of Canon Law, edited by Kurt Martins (SCL); vice provost and adjunct assistant professor David Long (Canon Law) has a study of John Henry Newman and canon law; and the catalog features the first volume of Sr. Maria Kiely, OSB, (Greek and Latin) and Andrew Wadsworth on the hymns of the Liturgy of the Hours.