

## Provost Update to Senate April 18, 2024

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Previous updates to the Academic Senate and faculty newsletters can always be found at <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>.
- Friday, April 26 is the Thesis and Dissertation Deposit Deadline for the Spring 2024 semester.
- Grades: Due by noon on May 6 for students who are graduating and all other grades by 3 pm on May 7
- 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

- Cardinal Preview Day #3: April 21, 2024
- Honors Convocation: May 10, 2024 at 1pm

### REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS

- From NSF to Jack Wang, Physics/IACS, \$292,835 for “Investigation of Thermospheric Circulation Using Mesoscale-resolving Whole Atmosphere Model and Satellite Observations”
- From Atkins Realis to Ian Pegg, VSL, \$1,844,818 for “ATKINS IHI Melter Testing in Support of HLLW Vitrification”
- From Korean Community Services Center to Eun Koh, NCSSS, \$71,276 for “KCSC's SHINE Project”
- From NASA to Leon Ofman, Physics/IACS, \$415,653 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”

### REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- To DC Water and Sewer Authority, from Arash Massoudieh, Civil Engineering, \$109,830 for “Improving Treatment Capacity of Secondary Treatment by Operating A Pilot Scale System with Physical and Biological Selection to Improve Settleability.”

- To Templeton Foundation, from Luke Burgis, Busch School of Business, \$,499,516 for “Solving the Three City Problem-Creating Interdisciplinary Conversations Around Important Ideas with Real-World Applications”
- To Space Telescope Science Institute, from Jeremy Hare, Physics/IACS, \$40,000 for “Probing the Quiescent Emission of a Unique Isolated Neutron Star”
- To U.S. State Department, from Jennifer Maxwell, Modern Languages, \$35,000 for “Diversity Perspectives in Global healthcare: Clinical Practicum in Peru”

### **UNIVERSITY RESEARCH DAY**

- University Research Day was held on April 17th, highlighting scholarship and research across the university to include faculty, staff and students. This year’s event was co-chaired by Christopher Raub (Biomedical Engineering) and Greg Miller (Chemistry). President Kilpatrick welcomed participants and guests, and Provost Dominguez gave a State of Research address.
- Dr. Jeffrey Herrmann, St. Abbo of Fleury Chair of Engineering gave the keynote address, “Thinking about Thinking: Metareasoning by Humans and Robots”.
- There were 48 oral presentations and 108 poster presentations given, and awards were presented to the best oral and poster presentations for doctoral, masters and undergraduate level students.

### **PROVOST’S RESEARCH and TEACHING AWARDS**

The 2024 Provost’s Research and Teaching Awards were announced at the University Research Day Awards Ceremony to the following:

- **Award for Achievement in the Creative Arts:** Dr. Nikita Fitenko, Rome School of Music Drama, and Art
- **Award for Achievement in Research:** Dr. David Walsh, Politics, School of Arts and Sciences
- **Young Faculty Scholar Award:** Dr. Daniel Svogun, Busch School of Business
- **Overall Teaching Excellence:** Dr. Greg Behrmann, School of Engineering
- **Teaching Excellence in Early Career Faculty:** Dr. Katherine Havanki, Chemistry, School of Arts and Sciences
- **Advancement of Teaching:** Dr. Jason Davison, School of Engineering

The 2024 Provost’s Part Time Faculty Teaching Awards were announced as part of the Part Time Faculty Town Hall to the following:

- **Early Career Award:** Eric Fontaine, J.D., Metropolitan School of Professional Studies
- **Overall Teaching Award:** Leon Hutton, CPA, CGTM, MBA, SPHR, Metropolitan School of Professional Studies

### **GLOBAL STRATEGIES**

- By the end of April, OGS will finalize all pre-departure orientations for approximately 150 students going abroad during the Summer and Fall 2024.

- Chiara Baldussi from the Rome Center visited the university and engaged in conversation with the Dean of students office, the housing office, enrollment office and the honors program. She also worked with OGS in the pre-departure orientation for all students going to Rome.

### UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

- Special Collections has completed the annual inventory of the museum collections displayed around campus. We appreciate the assistance of all departments which have borrowed items—your help has greatly eased the process of managing and protecting the 535 objects exhibited throughout the campus. If your department is interested in a new loan, our collections are now searchable online in our new [Museum Objects catalog](#). Please contact [lib-archives@cua.edu](mailto:lib-archives@cua.edu) if you have any questions.

### CUA PRESS UPDATES

- By the end of April, book sales exceeded those for all of FY23, which was the previous best year for book sales. In sharp contrast, most university presses have seen flat or declining sales over the past twelve months.
- Revenue for electronic subscriptions from our journals are likewise at record levels, though in part this is offset by a decline in print subscriptions, as library budgets increasingly cannot stretch to subscribe to both print and electronic versions.
- CUA Press author John Finnis (*Moral Absolutes: Tradition, Revision, and Truth*) is to receive an honorary doctorate at Commencement.
- In honor of Our Lady, the Press will offer a 20% discount and free shipping on all books purchased during the month of May.