

Provost Update to Senate October 28, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Here is a brief report of what we are all doing together and once again I thank you for your work.

A reminder that our regular newsletter with lots of current information in it can be found here: <https://provost.catholic.edu/newsletters>

FALL SEMESTER

- Undergraduate student midterm grades should still be entered even though we are past the deadline
- After Thanksgiving, the plan is to engage in repeated testing of students who are not vaccinated upon their return to campus.

MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

In light of the world we live in, we have been working on several initiatives to further secure our campus. Some of these initiatives will require the involvement of all of us to keep the campus environment safer:

- Windows Updates (Feature) with Community Assistance (In-Progress)
 - Program Page - <https://technology.catholic.edu/programs/windowsupdates/index.html>
- Gmail: Multi-factor Authentication for Google Workspace (mid-November)
 - Enrollment can be done prior to campus-wide rollout - <https://www.google.com/landing/2step/>
- We are currently exploring expanding multi-factor authentication using DUO for other systems and services. More on this in the near future

Technology Services also reminds us of the following websites that can provide further information on how to help keep CatholicU safe:

- Security and Privacy - <https://technology.catholic.edu/resources/security.html>
- Multifactor Authentication - <https://technology.catholic.edu/resources/mfa.html>
- Phishing Emails - <https://sites.google.com/cua.edu/ts-infosec/menu/phishing-info>

GRADUATE ADMISSION

- On October 12th, we welcomed Mary Ellen Mahoney as Dean of Graduate Admission.
- She joins us most recently from Becker College and previously served in graduate admission roles at St. Joseph's University.
- She is currently meeting with constituencies across campus and is in the process of developing marketing and recruitment plans.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Faculty participated in two webinars relating to research funding. On October 3, we presented "National Endowment for the Arts Opportunities for small and Mid-Sized Colleges and Universities", and on October 13, we presented "Social Sciences Funding Opportunities."

- Faculty participated in two roundtables with McAllister and Quinn to present our research capabilities in “Advanced Materials” and “Genomics and Infectious Diseases.”

REPRESENTATIVE NEW GRANT AWARDS

- Tongjiang Wang, Physics, IACS, A&S, \$686,060 from NASA for “Probing the solar corona with MHD waves on local global scales.”
- Steven Kraemer, Physics, IACS, A&S, \$101,947 from NASA for REaching the limit: The fast wind in the NLS1, PG 1448-273 CU.”
- Sandra Barrueco, Psychology, A&S, \$44,689 from Rush University Medical Center (U.S. Dept of Education prime) for Validation of a Spanish-language social reasoning assessment for Spanish-speaking English language learners.”
- Andrew Yeo, Politics, A&S, \$29,433 from Brookings Institute for a Fellowship.
- Arpad von Klimo, History, A&S, \$5,800 from German Embassy for “Campus Weeks 2021 - Time to act.”

REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL ACTIVITY

- Eun Koh and Laura Daughtery, NCSSES, \$4,666,313 to NIH for “Effect of caregiver competence and its relation to well-being of children and caregivers.”
- Ekaterina Nestorovich, Biology, A&S, \$440,565 to NIH for “Channel-forming binary bacterial toxins, examining the shared translocation pathways.”
- Sang Wook Lee, Biomedical Engineering, \$180,237 to NIH for “Understanding implicit decision-making process underlying learned nonuse following stroke.”
- Pam Tuma, Biology, A&S, \$427,810 to NIH for “Mechanisms that promote hepatocellular carcinoma due to chronic ethanol exposure.”
- Jia Yue, Physics, IACS, A&S, \$696,873 to University of Colorado (NASA prime) for “Wave-induced Atmospheric Variability Enterprise (WAVE).”
- Abby Adler Mandel, Psychology, A&S, \$250,000 to University of Pennsylvania for “Do primal beliefs affect suicide ideation?”
- Glyn Collinson, Physics, IACS, A&S, \$3,847,429 to NASA for “Erebus and Terror: Rockets for heavy ion upwelling.”
- Diedre Carolan Doerflinger, Nursing, \$1,080,555 to DHHS/Health Resources & Services Administration for “Students equipped to R.I.S.E.”
- Chris Raub, Biomedical Engineering, \$563,888 to NIH/NCI for “MULTiplexed nanoparticle in situ hybridization for highly sensitive RNA imaging in cancer cells.”

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

- We currently have 65 students approved to Study Abroad in the Spring Semester (35 to Rome).
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration was very successful with 23 events across campus. The Institute of Latin American and Iberian Studies (ILAIS) celebrated its 1st anniversary on 10/15. ILAIS announced a new research scholarship to empower researchers pursuing Latin American and Iberian studies by a generous donation from alumni Dr. Luis Alberto Ambroggio. Applications will be accepted later this year.

- The Office of Global Strategies will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Fulbright program on 11/04 at the May Gallery in the Mullen Library at 5pm. Fulbright scholars, including Dean Jo Ann Regan, will be participating. Dr. Jandro L. Abot, Associate Professor at the School of Engineering, will receive the inaugural Office of Global Strategies International Engagement Award.

LIBRARIES

- Our Special Collections recently accepted eight small manuscript collections from the Sisters of Life. These collections highlight the American Catholic Pro-Life movement since Roe vs. Wade. www.lib.cua.edu/wordpress/newsevents/15423/
- The Special Collections are working with the Smithsonian to do conservation work on the Dorothy Dress as part of a short-term loan. It will be put on public display in the National Museum of American History in early 2022 temporarily in place of the iconic Ruby Slippers. The display will include a placard crediting Catholic U. communications.catholic.edu/news/2021/07/garland-dress.html
- *The Sacred in the Modern: The Art of Helen Schrider Higgins* will be on display in the May Gallery from October 4 – January 9. Helen Schrider Higgins received her B.A. and M.F.A. at CU in the 1950s. Her primary themes—the New Testament and the lives of the saints and nature—share a reverence for the miraculous. The exhibition reception is tonight (Thursday). nest.cua.edu/event/7361118
- This week is International Open Access Week. Organized by SPARC, the theme this year is, “It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equity.” www.lib.cua.edu/wordpress/newsevents/15481/
- Earlier this month the schedule for Mullen Library increased to nearly its pre-pandemic schedule including overnight service. Please see the list of liaison librarians for how best to schedule classroom instruction and research consultations. libraries.catholic.edu/contact-us/liaison-librarians.html