

FACULTY NOTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 29, 2022

Fall classes begin

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Mass of the Holy Spirit (12 noon)

Special Class Schedule

OCTOBER 3, 2022

Faculty self-evaluations due to department chairs

Tenure/promotion dossiers due to department tenure/promotion committees

OCTOBER 10, 2022

Summer Research Fellowship applications due to Provost's Office

OCTOBER 24, 2022

Grael Faculty Fellowship applications due to Provost's Office

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Tenure/promotion dossiers due to appropriate Dean's Office

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Applications available for *Celebration of Scholarship*



Dr. Jackie Schmidt is retiring after 49 years of service to JCU.

Hail and Farewell

[The 24 full-time faculty who have retired since the end of the 2020-21 academic year—representing 12 different academic departments—have altogether contributed well over 700 years of service to John Carroll. Beginning on this page, their department colleagues offer reminiscences of that service.]

Dr. Jacqueline Schmidt

(Professor of Communication)

Department of Communication

by Peggy Finucane, Ph.D., and Brent Brossmann, Ph.D.

Dr. Jacqueline J. Schmidt has been a visionary leader, outstanding teacher, important scholar, student advocate, and great friend since first joining John Carroll's Communication Department faculty in 1973. Fresh from her graduate program at the University of Iowa, Jackie brought expertise in the field of interpersonal communication. Over the next 49 years, Jackie was instrumental in growing the Communication Department and later the Entrepreneurship Minor. She published more than 50 articles, wrote grants that garnered over \$600,000 from external sources, chaired the department for 15 years, and oversaw a wide variety of student organizations ranging from WJCU to

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LISTED ARE SELF-REPORTED FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIP, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES. AS OF FALL 2017, FACULTY PUBLICATIONS ARE RECORDED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE FACULTY BIBLIOGRAPHY; ALL PUBLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO MINA CHERCOURT IN GRASSELLI LIBRARY (MCHERCOURT@JCU.EDU).

ACCOUNTANCY

Joanna Garcia, Ph.D., presented "The Business of Incarceration in the United States" at the American Accounting Association Diversity Section Midyear Meeting held in Bethesda, MD, on October 23, 2021.

Dr. Garcia also spoke on a panel titled "Evolution of Tax Education" at the American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting held in St. Louis, MO, on February 10, 2022.

Dr. Garcia has been appointed to the editorial board of *Issues in Accounting Education* beginning January 1, 2023.

BIOLOGY

Jeffrey Johansen, Ph.D., made an oral presentation at the Northeast Algal Symposium, which was held on April 8-10, 2022, in Burlington, VT. The title was "Mojavia aguilerae and M. dolomitestrus – two new Nostocaceae (Cyanobacteria) species from the Americas." Dr. Johansen was accompanied by three students, all of whom made presentations as well.

Dr. Johansen hosted the 22nd Great Lakes Algal Foray at the Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology in Linesville, PA. Over thirty students and scientists attended the event, which included sampling of algae from a variety of locations in the region, examining the samples in microscopes, and submitting records of observations to *iNaturalist* as part of an effort to make such reports in connection with Earth Day.

CAREER SERVICES

The Ohio Career Development Association has awarded the 2022 OCDA Outstanding New Professional Award to **Tainne Dallas**, adjunct faculty member in the CMH Counseling program and Assistant Director in Career Services. She will be honored during the 2022 OCDA Conference in May.

CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter organized and chaired two sessions at the 2022 Modern Language Association annual meeting, which was held in Washington, D.C., from January 6-9, 2022. The sessions were entitled "Affect and Multilingualism in the USA" and "Hungarian Gastronomy and Terroir as a Source of National Identity." Both sessions were chosen for inclusion in the "MLA Presidential Theme for 2022: Multilingual U.S."

Dr. Pereszlenyi-Pinter also served on the Conference Program Committee, Education Division, and chaired a session on "Issues in Online and Vocational Education" at the 45th Annual AHEA Conference, June 24-26, 2021. The conference was moved online and sponsored by the University of Pécs, Hungary.

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Peggy Schauer, Ph.D., joined by Tahani Dari and student Miranda Peck, presented "The Global Pandemic and the Development of Critical Consciousness in Preservice Teachers" at the Critical Questions in Education Conference, in Cleveland in October 2021.

Dr. Schauer and student C. Walker presented "Purposeful Placements and Curriculum: Supporting the Development of Critical Consciousness in Year-Long Student Teaching Experiences" at the Ohio Middle-Level Association Conference in Columbus, OH, last October.

ENGLISH

George Bilgere, Ph.D., gave several poetry readings from his new book *Central Air* (University of Pittsburgh Press): at Case Western University (March 25, 2022); at the White Whale Book Store, Pittsburgh, PA (March 26); at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, TX (April 6); and at the Hocking Hills Poetry Festival in Logan, OH (April 23).

Peter Kvidera, Ph.D., presented "Shifting Perspectives: Narrative Point of View and Rhetorical Play in the Immigrant Fiction of Julie Otsuka and Cristina Henriquez" at the MELUS (Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States) Conference, held in New Orleans on March 25, 2022.

Philip Metres, Ph.D., delivered two talks, one on "The Poetry of Faith and Doubt," and the other on chapbook publishing, at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference in Philadelphia on March 25, 2022.

Dr. Metres also participated via Zoom in a BIPOC Publishing Panel for Vermont College of Fine Arts on February 21, 2022, and delivered a talk entitled "More Than Just a Pretty Hat: On Titles as Signals, Contexts, Dimensions, Tethers, Dialogues, and Other Invitations to Amazement" at Vermont College of Fine Arts in January 2022.

EXERCISE SCIENCE

Anna Simonson, Ph.D., presented a poster entitled "Associations between Dietary Intake and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Firefighters" at the American College of Sport Medicine Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, on June 4, 2022.

MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & SUPPLY CHAIN

Saban Adana, Ph.D., presented "Supplier Opportunism in Performance-Based Contracts" at the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute Virtual Conference on April 8-9, 2022.

NEUROSCIENCE

At the 76th Annual Eastern Colleges Sciences Conference (ECSC) at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, on April 2, 2022, five Neuroscience students of **Helen Murphy**, Ph.D. (Psychology), and **Cyrilla Wideman**, Ph.D. (Biology), received Award of Excellence plaques for their research project manuscripts: Sarah Fallavollita (Physiology); Meghan Graeca (Biochemistry); Emily Januck (Cell and

Molecular Biology); and Alexandria Iemma & Olivia Janolo (Experimental Psychology). The manuscripts were judged in a blind review. Also receiving an Award of Excellence for Poster Presentation were Alina Castillo, Sarah Fallavollita, Alexandria Iemma, Olivia Janolo, Emily Januck, and Kathryn Willey.

The manuscripts and posters were a culmination of an independent research project, which is a component of the interdisciplinary Neuroscience concentration. The judges came from various universities and research institutions in the Eastern U.S.

ECSC is the oldest undergraduate research conference in the United States. For 35 consecutive years, the students of Drs. Murphy and Wideman have received Excellence/Outstanding Awards in Biology, Chemistry and/or Psychology at the conference. The Neuroscience concentration at JCU involves students who major in Biology, Chemistry, or Psychology.

PHILOSOPHY

Earl Spurgin, Ph.D., participated in an "Author Meets Critics" session about his book *A Liberal Theory of Practical Morality* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021) at the Thirty-First Annual Meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, which was held in Cincinnati on February 24-27, 2022. He also took part in a "Lunch with an Author" session on his book, and he served as a judge during the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl that is held annually as a part of the conference.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Pamela Mason, Ph.D., presented "McGirt v. Oklahoma: Land, Sovereignty, and Indian Country" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago on April 9, 2022.

THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

James Bretzke, S.J., Ph.D., presented a public lecture—"The Scholar's Stone (水

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Fr. Bretzke was interviewed by John Gehring, Catholic program director for "Faith in Public Life," regarding the Catholic Church's position on terminating ectopic pregnancies in light of the pending Missouri legislation that would outlaw and criminalize as a felony the termination of ectopic pregnancies. Gehring's article appeared as "Catholic Moral Tradition More Nuanced Than Anti-abortion Slogans or Extreme Bills" in the *National Catholic Reporter* (March 31, 2022) (<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/catholic-moral-tradition-more-nuanced-anti-abortion-slogans-or-extreme-bills>).

Sheila E. McGinn, Ph.D., presented "Human Trafficking in Romans 1:18-32" at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature held in San Antonio on November 20-23, 2021. She presented a revised version of the essay at the annual meeting of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society on March 17-18, 2022.

Dr. McGinn hosted a panel for the annual JCU Celebration of Scholarship, which was held on April 4-7, 2022. Panelists included Sophia Cross (CAS, 2024), Susan Russell (Graduate School, 2023), and Richard Kress (GS, 2023).

WRITING CENTER

Megan Connor and JCU graduate student Mackenzie Clinger presented "How Tutors Become Part of Our Story: Critically Examining the Equity of Our Recruiting, Hiring, and Training Practices" at the East Central Writing Centers Association Conference in Lansing, MI, on April 1, 2022.

Ms. Connor and Maura Grady, Associate Professor of English at Ashland University, made a presentation entitled "What Stories Do Our Mission Statements Tell?: A Qualitative Content Analysis of Writing Center Mission Statements" at the same conference.

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the JCU chapter of the national communication honor society, Lambda Pi Eta. In recognition of her incredible accomplishments, Jackie earned John Carroll's Distinguished Faculty Award in 2014.

The list of Jackie's contributions to JCU is extensive. As a junior faculty member, she worked with Joe Miller to create Communications Day in 1979 to draw high school students' attention to John Carroll and the Communication Department. The program ran for decades, drawing key people who worked in local television, radio, and print media to present workshops yearly to approximately 1,000 high school students.

When Jackie became department chair in 1983, she was instrumental in growing the faculty from 7 full-time faculty members to 14. Student growth in the major jumped from 70 graduates a year in the 1980s to 90-100 graduates a year in the 1990s.

In 1987, JCU was presented with the opportunity to create a local news archive when WEWS TV-5 in Cleveland donated footage from 1958. Jackie was instrumental in shepherding the process through the university administration, and the archive has remained a vibrant source of Cleveland historical news footage.

When the O'Malley Center was being built in the early 1990s, Jackie was actively engaged in the planning and coordination of the department's move, working to design offices and create a new television studio as well as an electronic classroom for our media/journalism programs. Once the department settled into the new space, Jackie developed and implemented the department's public relations sequence. As part of the program development, Jackie established and acquired accreditation for a student chapter of the Public Relations Society on campus.

Jackie initiated a department advisory committee, working closely with them to develop the graduate program in Communication Management in 1997 that the department shared with the Boler College. She conducted the research, worked with faculty to write the proposal, and coordinated the process through the university's committee structure and Faculty Forum.

In her time as chair, Jackie led the effort to gain national recognition for our Communication Department. The Central States Program of Excellence Award (1995) is a peer-reviewed award chosen from universities and colleges in a 13-state area. Jackie led the completion of the department review and wrote the proposal and corresponding packet for the application. Under her leadership, the department also earned the Program of Excellence from the Speech Communication Association (now the National Communication Association) in fall 1995. Colleges and universities from across the United States are eligible for this peer-reviewed award. Additional national recognition came through a special issue of the *Journal of Communication Administration* that focused on successful Communication programs. Jackie led the development of the article.

While those programmatic developments advanced the department and its students, Jackie was also actively involved in developing a variety of programs that directly enhanced the lives of our students. In the late 1990s, she established the department chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's honors program for students. She has served as its advisor since its inception. She was also instrumental in building scholarship funds for Communication majors. Under her leadership, the department added six scholarships worth approximately \$15,000 annually. And in the mid-2000s, Jackie agreed to serve as Academic Director for the Entrepreneurship minor and has helped build a strong program that serves hundreds of students annually.

It is easy to see these vibrant programs today and not recognize the instrumental role Jackie played in developing them. This opportunity to reflect reminds us of the tremendous role she played in making the department and University better places over the last 49 years. It is for all these reasons that we voted unanimously to confer Emerita status on Jackie in the Tim Russert Department of Communication.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD



Chrystal Bruce, Professor of Chemistry, has been named the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Faculty Award. The award is the highest honor that John Carroll University can bestow on a member of its faculty. Chrystal earned a B.S. from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She joined the JCU Department of Chemistry in 2012 at the rank of Associate Professor and went on to secure not only tenure but eventually promotion to full Professor as well. Dr. Graciela Lacueva, Emerita Professor of Physics, and Dr. David Mascotti, Professor of Chemistry—who joined forces to nominate Chrystal for the award—noted that “Dr. Bruce has been a very valuable asset to the university because of her teaching and research, her dedication to her students, her work advancing the profession, and her many contributions to enhance JCU’s reputation nationwide.”

At JCU, Chrystal has taught not only courses in her area (Physical Chemistry) but also introductory General Chemistry as well as Core courses. For the current Integrative Core, she developed a popular linked course in the chemistry of poisons, linked with an English course on detective fiction. In her teaching she engages students in the learning process using high-impact pedagogy. She has also made efforts to ensure that students get both recognition and financial support for their work. In addition, her students have benefited from participation in JCU’s Summer Research Undergraduate Fellowship Program. These students have presented their research results at Celebration of Scholarship, as well as at regional and national meetings of the American Chemical Society.

Chrystal’s record of publications and presentations is impressive. In fact, according to her nominators, her publication record at John Carroll is 3.4 times the rate of natural science faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions. The quality of her work is demonstrated by its appearance in highly regarded, peer-reviewed journals. Her research is focused on peptide-nucleic acid interactions. Perhaps the most significant impact of this field is in its biomedical applications, from diagnostic tools to therapeutics.

Outside of the classroom and laboratory, Chrystal has been generous in her service. She does more than her share of academic advising in the chemistry department. She has also participated in the American Chemical Society Examinations Institute since 2008 and has chaired the 18-member Physical Chemistry Committee since 2016. The committee prepares national exams for chemistry majors that are administered at colleges and universities as a way to assess student learning. At JCU, Chrystal has been not only a member but also chair of the Committee on Academic Policies. She also participates in the Health Professions Advisory Committee and chaired the search committee for the CAS Dean in 2019-20. Moreover, she played a key role in the success of the Department of Education’s First in the World program, taking over in the last year of the grant, when final reports had to be written and financial accounts closed.

Let one of Chrystal’s former students have the last word: “During my senior year of college, I decided to apply to graduate programs in chemistry, and Dr. Bruce supported me in that process from start to finish. . . . When I later decided to make a career switch from chemistry to science education a couple years after graduation, Dr. Bruce provided me with advice on that transition, even though I was not one of her current students or advisees. . . . I cannot express how thankful I am to have met and worked with Dr. Bruce. She has undoubtedly had a tremendous influence on my professional and personal development. The generosity she has shown me over the years is the most profound way that I have experienced *cura personalis* as a member of the JCU community.”

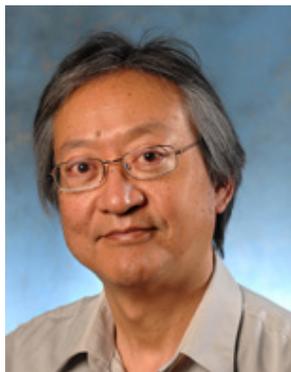
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Dr. Patrick Chen

(Associate Professor of Mathematics)
*Department of Mathematics, Computer
 Science, and Data Science*

by Barbara D'Ambrosia, Ph.D., et al



Patrick earned an M.S. in Mathematics at JCU in 1980, left to complete a Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University, and returned to JCU as a

faculty member in 1986. He has been here ever since.

Patrick has taught math courses at all levels, from introductory calculus and elementary statistics to graduate-level real analysis, and everything in between. He was instrumental in writing problems and test questions for the annual John Carroll University/Cleveland Municipal School District high school math competition from 1987 to 2014, and he served as the director of the competition in its last two years. The success of the competition was due largely to Patrick's efforts. Toward the end of his career, Patrick leveraged his interest in mathematical problem-solving to help prepare JCU students for the national William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition every fall.

A couple of department colleagues have offered testimonials. First, Jerry Moreno: "Thank you, Patrick, for including real data in your statistics classes, the Reaction Timer in particular. It is very much appreciated. Your students have told me of your use of certain terms, e.g., "Bummer." Well, "Bummer" that you are leaving, Patrick. Your students will miss your quiet, competent, respectful demeanor, and so will I."

And Doug Norris: "Patrick is a superb mathematician and teacher. I'll always remember his great delight when encountering an unexpected mathematical surprise. His commitment to the department's programs is remarkable, especially with respect to the upper-level undergraduate and graduate mathematics courses. I consider him a dear friend and will always fondly remember our professional trips together to San Francisco and New Orleans."

The entire department wishes Patrick much happiness in his retirement.

Dr. Karen Schuele

(Professor of Accountancy)
Department of Accountancy

by Albert Nagy, Ph.D., and Lindsay Calkins, Ph.D.



In her over 30-year tenure at John Carroll, Karen Schuele has contributed to the University's success and its renown through her efforts in administrative service,

teaching, and scholarship. Karen has a B.S. in accounting from Case Western University, a masters in professional accounting from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D. in accounting from Kent State University. She is also a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Ohio. She began teaching at John Carroll after working for Price Waterhouse in Houston, Texas. She was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in 2000 and was promoted to full professor in accountancy in 2010. Karen served as Associate Dean of the Boler school for several years, as well as in a variety of other roles at John Carroll, in the community, and in professional organizations.

In 2007, Karen became the first female ever to be appointed as Dean of the Boler College of Business. Under Karen's leadership, the Boler College initiated and continued many successful endeavors, including an overhaul of the MBA program, successful AACSB reaccreditations, the development of Boler Community Day, Boler Ambassadors, and the establishment of the Boler Professional Development (BPD) program. In 2015, following her successful tenure as dean, Karen returned to the full-time faculty of the School of Accountancy.

As a member of the faculty, Karen always displayed excellence in the classroom. Her tireless preparation to maintain currency and rigor in her courses greatly benefitted the thousands of students she taught. Her love of teaching is demonstrated by consistently

offering high-quality courses that cover the most current topics of the day. She has also published in some of the leading academic journals throughout her career.

Karen has academia in her blood. Her father and JCU alum Donald Schuele was a renowned Professor of Physics at Case Western Reserve University for more than 40 years. Like her father, Karen has maintained an intense passion for the Cleveland Guardians. She attends many games throughout the summer and proudly wears the team's colors around campus during playoff runs. Perhaps Karen honed her leadership skills in navigating a family life with five sisters. She is the proud mother of Melissa, Elizabeth, and Austin, wife of David, and grandmother of Sophia and Noah.

We have known Karen most of her career, working with her as colleague, associate dean, and department chair, collaborating on research, celebrating our successes, and commiserating on life's challenges. She has been a wonderful mentor, supervisor, and friend. Unsurprisingly, we often turned to her as the person considered by many to be the "smartest person in the room" for advice. We are truly blessed to call her friend, and her presence will be missed. Congratulations, Karen, on a well-deserved retirement!

Dr. Douglas Bruce.

(Associate Professor of Communication)
Department of Communication

by Peggy Finucane, Ph.D.



In 1985, shortly after earning his doctorate from the University of Iowa, Dr. Douglas R. Bruce joined the faculty of the Communication Department (now the

Tim Russert Department of Communication) at John Carroll University. After 37 years, during which he developed and taught 27 different courses and was a central faculty member in the master's program in Communication Management, supervising most of the master's theses and essays from the

program's inception in the late 1990s until its end in 2016, Dr. Bruce has decided to retire in May. He will be remembered for his collegiality, his whimsical sense of humor, his love of conversation about sports and current events, and especially for his dedicated mentoring of students, graduate students, and colleagues. For 25 years, he chaired the department's Tenure Committee, shepherding new faculty in their early years as they progressed toward tenure. He directed the COMM 100 public speaking program for many years. He served as parliamentarian for Faculty Council for several years, including 1999-2000 and 2017-2020, as well as serving on the Faculty Handbook Committee and the Elections Committee of Faculty Council.

A specialist in rhetoric and argumentation, Dr. Bruce's doctoral dissertation was, somewhat ironically, an examination of silence. Focusing on the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions invalidating school-sponsored prayers in public schools, he analyzed the debates in the Tennessee state legislature concerning a moment of silence instituted to replace such prayers. In his later research, Dr. Bruce published articles about the cartoon character Road Runner, including a 2001 work in the highly regarded journal *Critical Studies in Media Communication* entitled "Notes toward a Rhetoric of Animation: The Road Runner as Cultural Critique." It was later reprinted in the 2006 book *Critical Readings: Violence and the Media*. Dr. Bruce presented many papers at academic conferences, including one for The Rhetoric Society of America in which he compared philosopher Michel Foucault to St. Augustine, and another for the American Forensic Association drawing upon the psychoanalytic theories of Jacques Lacan to update Richard Whately's classic theories of argumentation. His most recent research used psychoanalytic criticism to analyze the words and topics chosen by President John F. Kennedy in his responses to media questions at press conferences. He found that Kennedy "repressed" comments on civil rights, speaking only briefly in response to such questions, particularly on the topic of race, but was loquacious about the space program and NASA. This Kennedy research was cut short by illness in the spring of 2020 from which Dr. Bruce has not recovered sufficiently to return to work. This led to his decision this spring to retire. He has been, and will be, greatly missed in

the department, in the classroom, among the faculty, and in the halls of academe.

Dr. Paul Shick

(Professor of Mathematics)
Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science

by Barbara D'Ambrosia, Ph.D., et al



Paul Shick earned a B.S. in Mathematics at JCU in 1977. He returned as a faculty member in 1985 after earning a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and

spending a few years teaching at Lake Forest College.

Paul is a mathematical Jack of All Trades (or is that "Paul of All Trades"?). He has taught most of the standard courses in the mathematics curriculum and has also developed new courses in topics such as Modern Cryptography. Prior to becoming chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in 2011, he was the chair of Faculty Council and, before that, director of the First-Year Seminar. Stepping down as chair of the department allowed Paul to refocus some of his time and energy on his research in topology. He plans to continue that research in his retirement.

Jerry Moreno has the following to say about (and to) Paul: "We first met in the classroom decades ago when you were a student of mine in Probability. I recall Bob Kolesar mentioning often to me that you would develop into a very competent mathematician, and so you have. And thanks for learning statistics considerably better than I learned topology." From Doug Norris comes these words: "Paul has always been a vibrant and stimulating presence. In addition to being an excellent teacher and researcher, he has been a strong leader in both the department and the University. His sensitive concern for the welfare of both students and faculty has greatly benefited us all. I will always feel privileged to have known and worked with my dear friend Paul."

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Paul's colleagues wish him a retirement filled with as much happiness and topology as a person could reasonably want.

Dr. Marc Lynn

(Associate Professor of Management)
Department of Management, Marketing & Supply Chain

by Charles Watts, Ph.D.



Dr. Marc Lynn was born in Cleveland and completed a Ph.D. in Regulatory Biology at Cleveland State University. In his pre-academic career, he worked in several hospitals

as a Certified Respiratory Therapist. He did post-doctoral work at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, focusing on research in the area of cardiovascular neurophysiology. He also became a research technologist at the Cleveland Clinic. He was very active in the design and development of systems for use in medical research at the UT Health Science Center, the Southwest Research Foundation, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Research Division. After 14 years of consulting in the design and management of business systems, Dr. Lynn served as Director of Information Systems for a multinational manufacturing company headquartered in the greater Cleveland area.

Marc began teaching at JCU in 1987. His areas of research interest include expert systems and artificial intelligence, system development and migration strategies, legal and ethical issues in information systems, and educational technology. His publications span a wide range of areas, including information technology, education, medical research, business, and management.

Marc has been president of Professional Computing Systems, the BarLynn Technological Corporation, and the Empire Industrial Supply Company. He first conceived the idea of using integrated business software and a "model" company as a means of integrating the business curriculum in 1992. The Virtual Corporation Project at John Carroll University's Boler College of Business is the result of the efforts of the many faculty members

and administrators who shared this vision, and the many companies, organizations, and individuals who have donated more than \$400,000 in cash and \$2,000,000 in kind. Dr. Lynn helped lead an effort to make the Boler College of Business a member of the SAP University Alliance Program, and in 1999 co-authored a proposal that won the SAP Curriculum Development Award (\$100,000) and brought the SAP R/3 system to John Carroll University.

At JCU, Marc has been the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and chair of the Department of Management, Marketing and Human Resources (as it was known at that time). He has also won the Wasmer Teaching Award for his wide variety of efforts in the classroom.

In addition, Marc has worked as a professional musician since the late 1960s. He and his wife Debora (a jazz vocalist) opened and ran a fine dining jazz club, Jazz 28, for several years. Marc and Debora performed with many nationally and internationally known jazz artists not only there but also in many other venues. Marc is also a pilot with over 1,000 hours of flying time. His department colleagues wish him happy times both in the air and on the ground in his retirement.

Dr. Jeffrey Johansen

(Professor of Biology)
Department of Biology

by Christopher Sheil, Ph.D.



Jeffrey Johansen's career at John Carroll University spans 34 years, and during that time he has contributed to the success of our University through

teaching, research, and service. Originally, Jeff was hired in the Department of Biology to teach botany and genetics, but since then he has taught more than 25 different courses—likely a record for our department. The list of courses includes lectures and labs offered at the graduate and undergraduate level that have served both majors and non-majors. Many of these classes bridged

Jeff's interests in teaching and research, and they have included disciplines as diverse as climate change, taxonomy, and phycology. Jeff has mentored nearly 50 students in the M.S. program, and many more undergraduates have worked in his lab. For Jeff, mentorship has always been about supporting original research, and the measure of his success in this area can be seen in the number of peer-reviewed papers he's published with these students, as well as the array of jobs and professional programs that these students have landed; several of his past students are now professors and professional research peers. Jeff's research accomplishments bring great prestige to our institution, and his research is recognized internationally in the areas of cyanobacterial taxonomy and systematics. His list of active collaborations is extensive, with research colleagues in the Czech Republic, China, Russia, India, Chile, Brazil, and Mexico. He has been responsible for 170 peer-reviewed publications and approximately \$3.5 million in external grants. At the national level, Jeff's research was recently recognized by the Phycological Society of America, which conferred on him the PSA Award of Excellence. On the international stage, Jeff received an honorary doctorate from the University of South Bohemia in the Czech Republic in 2021. In 2009 he was named an honorary professor at Bashkir State Pedagogical University in Russia. Dr. Johansen has also been recognized by his colleagues here at JCU, where he was the 2016 recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. Throughout his career, Jeff has been very active in service to professional societies, having served as associate editor for two academic journals and member of the editorial board of *Journal of Phycology*. By his estimate, he has reviewed well over 250 manuscripts for numerous scientific journals. Jeff has organized and hosted numerous regional, national, and international conferences, including annual meetings for the Phycological Society of America, the International Association for Cyanophyte Research, and the North American Diatom Society, as well as numerous Great Lakes Algal Forays. In addition to serving as graduate program coordinator and department chair of the Department of Biology, he has also chaired a college-wide search committee for a new CAS dean, and he has chaired the Faculty Handbook Committee during a particularly

busy and challenging time for our institution. Through his career, he has demonstrated a commitment to the institution that has been student-centered and intentional. As he leaves the ranks of our full-time faculty, you can be sure that Jeff will remain visible on campus, as he plans to maintain an active research lab while mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. On the occasion of his retirement (a very well deserved one), we offer our deepest congratulations to Jeff, his wife Robin, and his children.

Dr. Karen Gygli
 (Associate Professor of Theater)
 Department of English

by Maryclaire Moroney, Ph.D., and Peggy Finucane, Ph.D.



Dr. Karen Gygli is a much loved professor of all things acting, theater and stagecraft. She began her career at JCU in the Department of

Communication in 1990, when the department included theater. Karen chaired the Communication department for four years, from 2007 to 2011. She was also actively involved in faculty governance for many years, serving as secretary for the Faculty Council, among other roles. When theater moved to the Department of English in 2019, Karen made the transition as well. No matter the department affiliation, however, during her decades at JCU, she directed everything from student-authored one-acts to Brecht. No matter what the material—classical tragedy, contemporary musical comedy, and everything in between—Karen brought her signature care, expertise, and inspired support for students. As one student so eloquently noted:

“Dr. Gygli has facilitated the important task of creating a theater community at John Carroll. By introducing students to the Marinello Little Theater, she has introduced her students to the freedom of creativity and play. Dr. Gygli has transformed the black box theater right before our eyes into a place where we can be whoever we want to be, the

best and most colorful versions of ourselves. Dr. Gygli has not only created a space that breaks the boundaries of imagination, but a place of growth and kindness. Dr. Gygli's efforts have given us a safe space to explore the possibilities of our own person as well as those around us.”

She is cherished and will be much missed.

Dr. Dwight Hahn
 (Assistant Professor of Political Science)
 Department of Political Science

by Andreas Sobisch, Ph.D.



Dwight and I started our careers at John Carroll in the same year, 1990. It may well have been the last time a department at JCU was able to hire

two new full-time faculty members in the same year! He arrived in Northeast Ohio from California in July, by car, with his pregnant wife, a native of Brazil, riding shotgun. Their son, Nicholas, was born that August, and the family initially settled in Shaker Heights, just a few streets over from my house, which made commuting to campus each morning a snap. Dwight is a native of Los Angeles, and he had received his Masters and Ph.D. from UC Riverside, having previously completed his B.A. at UC Santa Cruz. It did not take him long to adjust to Cleveland and John Carroll, and he has been an excellent citizen of his community and of this University ever since: highly engaged in its governance; extremely supportive of his colleagues both in and outside of the Political Science department; and a demanding teacher who has been a role model to our students.

Dwight served many years on Faculty Council, including one year each as chair and as vice-chair. He also chaired several Council committees, had two stints as president of JCU's AAUP chapter, and for many years served on our vital Faculty Handbook committee. Dwight has always had a knack for procedure and has often served as parliamentarian, both formally and informally. As department chair, I

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often rely on his advice to ensure that I am following the process correctly.

Dwight cares deeply about his colleagues; he supported them as younger faculty with guidance to get their careers off to successful starts, or with a kind word at the right time when they were experiencing personal hardship. In addition, his colleagues have always appreciated his wicked sense of humor.

But, most important, Dwight cares about our students. He has been a magnet particularly for our strongest students who strive for high achievement in our field and who appreciate his insights and wise counsel, not to mention his challenging classes. He enjoys talking with students about the world of politics and truly engages with their ideas. These discussions can often be heard in the hallways outside his office for lengthy periods of time.

As a scholar of Latin American politics, Dwight opened up a new world to our students, to our University community, and to Northeast Ohio. Over three decades he developed many courses through which he shared his expertise with our students, he chaired or participated in symposia on important topics of the day, and he has led a number of short-term excursions to Mexico and El Salvador. His publications have focused mainly on Bolivia and Brazil, and he has collaborated with colleagues from other departments on numerous projects in and outside of the University.

Dwight will be greatly missed by all who know him as a colleague, teacher, and friend. We look forward to seeing him often in the department, on campus, and in the neighborhood in the years ahead.

Dr. Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter

(Associate Professor of French)

Department of Classical & Modern Languages and Cultures



by Julia Karolle-Berg, Ph.D.

Martha Pereszlenyi-Pinter joined the JCU faculty in 1991. In a career that has spanned more than thirty years,

she has established herself as an indefatigable servant of CMLC. A consummate servant-leader, Martha was department chair from 2009 to 2017 and in general participated in virtually every departmental committee related to searches, event-planning, outreach, and/or curricular matters. Particularly when community-building met festive culture, Martha was sure to step up and help out. Committed to speaking truth to power in any number of languages (and then inviting it to dine on some delicious ethnic food), she has brought a unique blend of perennial optimism, fierce loyalty, and youthful conviviality to departmental culture.

Martha's commitment to advancing and expanding JCU's offerings in French language and culture have been equally impressive: from film to media, from Versailles to medical French, Martha has taught dozens of courses at JCU and introduced scores of JCU students to the Francophone world. Her research interests have shown similar breadth. Key words include Josephine Baker, 17th-century France, cats, Hungarian folk culture, and food.

Martha is a devoted contributor to the ethnic communities of Cleveland as well. She has been active in La Maison Française de Cleveland, having served on its board and planning committees, and delivered authoritative lectures on topics including the history of French cheeses. She is also fully engaged in the Hungarian-American community locally and nationally.

Martha: I'm not sure you realize this, but you won't need to attend departmental meetings after retirement. Needless to say, we'll miss your presence. Best wishes and *félicitations!*

Dr. Sheila McGinn

(Professor of Theology & Religious Studies)

Department of Theology & Religious Studies

by Edward Hahnenberg, Ph.D., et al



Retiring at the end of her 30th year at John Carroll, Dr. Sheila McGinn has left an indelible mark on the field of early Christianity, the University,

and the lives of her students.

Sheila received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1989, studying under the legendary feminist scholar Rosemary Radford Ruether—a choice that would anticipate her career-long commitment to issues of gender, justice, and equity. Her main area of scholarship has been the development of the earliest Christian communities, including “dissenting” movements. She has published six books, ranging from a widely used textbook, *The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church*, to a collection of scholarly essays, *By Bread Alone: The Bible through the Eyes of the Hungry*. For years, she has served as editor of the journal *Conversations in the Biblical World* and has written more than two dozen major articles, over 400 short articles, book reviews, and abstracts.

In the classroom, undergraduate students are usually bowled over by Dr. McGinn’s high expectations. They quickly learn that the interpretation of ancient texts ought to be as academically rigorous as any calculus class or biology lab. Not one to suffer fools gladly, Sheila calls out BS when she sees it (whether in the classroom or a faculty meeting!), always demanding a coherent argument over a specious claim. Yet whenever students meet with her one-on-one, they find a teacher who cares deeply about their learning, and who is willing to bend over backwards to help.

Students have testified to Sheila’s dedication.

One graduate assistant remembers his shock when Dr. McGinn said she would list his name alongside hers as co-author of an academic text (a rare practice in the humanities). A former advisee reflected on the ways Sheila helped her to grow: “reading scripture with broader eyes, seeing my work with the poor as serious theology, dreaming big when it came to my future, and feeling supported knowing I had a formidable woman who believed in me.”

For decades Sheila has been an energetic innovator in the classroom. Before some of her colleagues were using email, Sheila had a highly developed and widely cited website with over a thousand links to online resources. While most of us were still sliding VHS cassettes into VCRs, Sheila had figured out how to link her class to an online seminar of world-renowned biblical scholars. She was at the forefront of high-impact pedagogies and published articles on engaged learning.

As if that were not enough, Sheila served for two terms as chair of Theology and Religious Studies, during which time she oversaw a thoroughgoing professionalization of the department. As chair, Sheila onboarded a corps of part-time faculty; introduced faculty in-service training; diversified the curriculum; renovated the TRS office suite (including asbestos abatement!); implemented advising for seminarians; established a visiting fellow position; and advocated constantly for resources. Her impact, not only on the lives of her students, but on the life of the department, is lasting. I can honestly say that, at an institution teeming with smart and hardworking people, Sheila is one of the smartest and most hardworking colleagues I have ever had.

Godspeed, Sheila!

Dr. Paula Britton

(Professor of Counseling)
Department of Counseling

by Nathan Gehlert, Ph.D.



Dr. Paula Britton has been a member of the faculty at John Carroll for 29 years, nineteen of them at the rank of full Professor. She received a

B.S.W. from Valparaiso University in 1978, followed by an M.A. in Community and College Counseling from the University of Akron in 1982 and, in December 1991, her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the same institution. Before coming to JCU, Paula was an instructor at Cleveland State University and a member of the part-time faculty at Walsh College. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and a Licensed Psychologist in Ohio.

During her time at John Carroll, Paula has been remarkably prolific. Her resume includes 28 journal articles, three book chapters, and over 100 professional presentations at national, state, and local conferences. She is beloved by students for her leadership as the Practicum and Internship Coordinator for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. At her initiative, the Department of Counseling established internship placement agreements with over 80 agencies, hospitals, and clinics in Northeast Ohio. In addition, as a distinguished trainer in the State of Ohio in the field of clinical supervision, Dr. Britton has made significant contributions as a member of the advising committee for the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll.

Particularly inspiring to Paula’s colleagues and students were her fortitude, courage, and grace during her cancer diagnosis and treatment some years ago. During that difficult time, she met every one of her classes and kept every appointment without fail.

She will be much missed by her colleagues and students, who wish her a very happy retirement.

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Dr. Pamela Mason

(Associate Professor of Political Science)

Department of Political Science

by Mindy Peden, Ph.D.



Pam Mason's legacy at John Carroll will live on long after her retirement. A political theorist and specialist in comparative politics, Pam has been ahead

of her time in the field of Political Science her entire career. She began working at JCU in 1993 after earning a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in Political Science, an M.A. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a B.A. from the University of Texas, Austin, Phi Beta Kappa. Pam's scholarship has included important advancements in our understanding of several canonical political thinkers, including Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Alexis de Tocqueville, and Niccolò Machiavelli. A known expert on the role of place in Rousseau's thought, Pam has brought subtlety and sophistication to situating Rousseau's important contributions to political ideas within the context of his attachment to his hometown of Geneva, Switzerland. Most recently, she published "The 1718 Genevan *"lettres séditieuses"* in Translation: The Early Emergence of an Influential Republican Vernacular 1," adding to a body of work that began in 1993 with "Communion of Citizens: Calvinist Themes in Rousseau's Theory of the State," which was awarded the George Armstrong Kelly Prize of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought. Though Pam's written work has largely been focused on canonical figures in political theory, her approach to scholarship has shown a deep appreciation for the role of place, religion, and history in political thought, and she has published articles in *History of Political Thought*, *American Society of Church History Papers*, *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, *The Review of Politics*, *Mosaica*, and *Social Science Quarterly*, as well as several book chapters.

While Pam has had an admirable publishing career, it is her service to the University that is her most lasting legacy. She was the founding Director of the Center for Global Education at JCU (2000-2005) and was also its interim Director (2015-18), while serving as Associate Dean for Social Sciences, Education, and Global Studies from 2014 to 2018. From 2011 to 2015 she was the Project Director of the McGregor Fund Grant, which oversaw the development of the Engaging the Global Community component of the Core Curriculum and resulted in 28 revised courses across all departments. Her leadership on issues of global importance has included other major administrative contributions (such as directing East Asian Studies). Pam has been a vital part of the development of countless initiatives that have had a big impact on the curriculum, including the teaching of Chinese and paving the way for the Law and Society program through her courses and most recent scholarship (she recently presented "McGirt v. Oklahoma: Land, Sovereignty, and Indian Country" at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association).

To those of us close to Pam, though, her most outstanding quality is surely her creativity; as Margaret Farrar has noted, "I think what always impresses me most about Pam is her creativity: whether it's in her teaching or in thinking about her division or thinking about the department, she always has great ideas and a spirit of innovation that can be all too rare in seasoned academics." This sentiment has been echoed by Colin Swearingen, who correctly links this quality to her breadth of knowledge: "Pam's interests are so well-rounded. I honestly believe she can teach anything in political science . . . Her curiosity about all things politics makes her a perfect fit for a place like John Carroll, where teaching should matter more than anything. She approaches her classes with an outside-the-box approach, uses new technology and pedagogical tactics, and constantly tweaks her courses to affect students in the classroom. My pedagogical discussions with her have pushed me to take a similar approach to teaching."

In addition to her creativity, Pam is known for her calm demeanor and frankly calming effect on the rest of us. Pam has been an incredible mentor and senior colleague, an amazing mix of deep sophistication, classy conduct, creativity at its most exciting, and an approach to life that exudes a deep sense of contentment and wisdom. We have been so lucky to have a woman of her intelligence, character, and work ethic in our midst for so long. On behalf of the Political Science department, I wish her every comfort and serenity that I hope comes with retirement, knowing that her impact on the University, the department, her colleagues and generations of students has been profound.

Dr. Paul Nietupski

(Professor of Theology & Religious Studies)

Department of Theology & Religious Studies

by Edward Hahnenberg, Ph.D., et al



Dr. Paul Nietupski has been inspiring John Carroll students since 1993—teaching, leading international research expeditions, and

promoting awareness and sensitivity to Asian cultures and ideas on campus and beyond.

After Paul completed undergraduate studies in Comparative Literature at the University of Massachusetts, he set out on what would become a harrowing trek over the Atlas Mountains in North Africa and found himself in the Sub-Saharan Sahel and equatorial West Africa. Awakened by this experience, he returned to study Chinese, Tibetan, and Sanskrit at the University of Washington, where he received a master's degree in Asian Languages and Literature. After further travel and teaching in China and India, he earned his Ph.D. in Religion from Columbia University.

An expert on the religious cultures of Tibet, Paul has authored 4 books, 28 major articles, and more the 35 conference papers. He regularly travels to Asia to conduct field research. A 2002 Fulbright gave him a year in the Tibetan highlands, where he interviewed nomad chiefs, everyday people, religious experts, and young students. One reviewer called his book on the Buddhist Monastery of Labrang “definitive,” the result of Paul’s “thorough investigation of the field, the hundreds of hours of interviews in Amdo-skad and Chinese with informants throughout the political spectrum, and his complete investiture in Labrang as a religious, political and economic entity.” Another colleague in the field said of Paul, “For many of us, he is the model scholar/teacher. He simply loves research, yet he seems to love teaching and the successes of his students even more.”

Paul’s commitment to his students was recognized in 2015 when he was awarded the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence. His courses on the religious traditions of China, India, Tibet, and Japan are among the most popular in the department. Students comment on his extensive knowledge, fascinating first-hand accounts, humor, and humility. One of his most exciting teaching initiatives was a series of student-faculty research trips to study religion along the Silk Road in central Asia. These trips provided a small group of students an unparalleled experience of on-the-ground research and intercultural exchange. His subsequent mentoring of students led, in one case, to a student winning her own Fulbright to study religious art in China after graduation.

He is an extraordinarily generous mentor—whether donating hours of his own time to tutor a graduate student in the Tibetan language or dedicating years to the East Asian Studies program at JCU, including serving as director. He is likewise an extraordinarily generous colleague, always ready to assist with a smile and self-deprecating aside. While Paul will still be around, teaching when he can, we are all going to miss the more regular presence of this gentle genius.

Dr. Barbara D’Ambrosia

(Professor of Mathematics)

Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science

by Her Grateful Colleagues in MCSDS



Barbara D’Ambrosia joined the JCU faculty in 1994 immediately after completing her Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. Other than her interview

for the faculty position, her previous exposure to Ohio consisted of attending one professional conference in Cincinnati and passing through the state on road trips between New Jersey and Colorado when she was too young to even say “Ohio.”

Barbara taught many different math courses in her time at JCU, but somehow managed to avoid ever teaching statistics. She developed a special affinity for the “math for teachers” courses, as well as for linear and abstract algebra. She was very active in the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America and in faculty governance at John Carroll. Her last four years of her career at John Carroll were spent in thoroughgoing and generous service to the department as its chair. Of that service, colleague Jerry Moreno said the following: “You have been an excellent chair, Barbara, keeping us informed of things University-related so that we never missed an issue, especially for those of us who did not always pay the closest attention. When departmental life runs smoothly, it doesn’t happen by chance. You made it happen. Oh, your gifts of soap shaped as the Greek letter π every March 14 will always be on my shelf to remember you by.” To which fellow mathematician Doug Norris added the following: “Barbara is widely respected for her total devotion to students and the University. More than anyone else, she selflessly performs the difficult and exhausting tasks that make the University a much better place. Her exacting standards when teaching foundational

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mathematical courses for our majors are a gift to those of us who teach those students in subsequent courses. I'll always be grateful for her kindness and friendship."

Barbara's colleagues wish her a thoroughly satisfying retirement, especially now that she knows where Ohio is and can even pronounce the word.

Dr. Enrique Luengo

(Associate Professor of Spanish)
Department of Classical & Modern Languages and Cultures

by Julia Karolle-Berg, Ph.D.



Enrique Luengo joined the JCU faculty in 1995. During his time at JCU, he has brought creativity and innovation to teaching conversation and writing

in Spanish, areas that became his particular niche. At a time when most of us were still figuring out Canvas, he included digital and cooperative learning strategies in these courses, and they came to play an integral role in preparing students to succeed as Spanish majors and minors. Enrique helped many a Spanish student achieve their goals toward graduation and beyond.

Enrique's research specialties lie in 20th and 21st century Latin American literature, film and culture, with his most recent research focused on memory and reconciliation in post-dictatorship Chile. Outside the classroom, Enrique has cultivated an identity as an international man of mystery: he enjoys international travel and has translated a crime novel into Spanish, but his real passion is painting.

Enrique: may the canvas of your retirement be soon filled with much adventure, color, and light!

Dr. Patrick Mooney

(Assistant Professor of Philosophy)
Department of Philosophy

by Earl Spurgin, Ph.D.



Since the fall of 1995, Pat Mooney's Ancient Philosophy course has been both a jewel and a mainstay of the Department of Philosophy's course

offerings. Pat's commitment to teaching is unparalleled. Early in his career, his tutorials, during which he sat with small groups of students from his classes to examine their papers, captured the attention of many. Several department members felt they should copy his method but simply were unwilling to devote the time that Pat devoted enthusiastically to his tutorials. Pat's teaching is so effective that he once was challenged by two senior faculty members, one from Philosophy and one from Classics, because they were encountering students who did not share their own interpretations of Plato and Aristotle. Those students questioned the professors' interpretations precisely because Pat conveyed, and argued for, his own interpretations so effectively. Pat's teaching effectiveness was acknowledged when he received the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence while still on the tenure track.

In addition to his exceptional teaching, Pat has served the Department of Philosophy in countless ways. Among the most notable is his chairship of the tenure committee for many years. Later, as department chair, Pat guided us through a successful academic program evaluation.

Pat also has served the University and the faculty more broadly. In addition to being a member of Faculty Council, he took on the Executive Officer role of secretary during part of his time on Council. He was a member of the Committee on Academic Policies and the Faculty Handbook Committee, and he served a stint as chair of the former. After the faculty adopted the Integrative Core

Curriculum, Pat worked with Dwight Hahn in Political Science to develop and teach a pair of linked courses.

Pat served the local philosophy community by founding the Northeast Ohio Philosophy Consortium. The consortium debuted as a conference, organized by Pat and held at John Carroll, at which philosophy students and professors from colleges and universities in northeast Ohio presented, and commented on, original papers on which they were working. It was a lively event that all enjoyed, and it was one from which we all grew as philosophers.

Having had the opportunity to be Pat's colleague is something I always will treasure. I met him on a summer day when I dropped by the department as a member of the faculty for the first time. I was there to set up my office before fall classes started. Pat was there, in the office across the hall, doing the same thing. The ensuing years have convinced me that Pat is the most principled person I have ever met. He also is the wittiest person I know. I apologize to him for shamelessly plagiarizing his material countless times!

The department will miss Pat and his contributions. We hope he will visit often and take part in department events. And, Pat, please teach an Ancient Philosophy course for us every now and then!

Dr. Daniel Palmer

(Professor of Computer Science)
Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science

by Barbara D'Ambrosia, Ph.D., et al



Dan Palmer was the first JCU faculty member to earn a Ph.D. in Computer Science; he completed it at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

in 1996, during his first year as a faculty member here.

Dan quickly modernized the computer science major by introducing such courses as the senior Software Engineering Project capstone, Technical Writing, and Hot Topics in Computer Science. Under his leadership, JCU's computer science program developed a wildly successful internship program with the Cleveland Clinic. Dan has managed the academic component of these internships since their inception. In addition to the creativity that Dan brings to the classroom, he has engaged in many computer science outreach activities, including as a Healthcare IT mentor for John Marshall High School students for two years.

Colleague Jerry Moreno recalls Dan in the following way: "Dan, the Bike Guy. You remind me of my earlier years when I biked to and from campus every day, weather permitting in my case, but not in yours. Bravo. SWARM [experiments in the human swarm phenomenon] was really neat. And thanks, Dan, for having your students write code for me on determining if Mark Twain wrote the letters signed as Quintus Curtius Snodgrass. I included that often in workshops I gave to high school teachers." Doug Norris had his own recollections: "Dan is a consummate teacher and scholar. He completely modernized our computer science programs and forged links to off-campus organizations, including the Cleveland Clinic. Dan's enthusiasm for learning new concepts, even outside his chosen expertise, is so infectious that he excites and inspires those of us even in our own areas of interest. Dan truly stands out as a gifted and special person, and I'll always cherish his friendship."

That's a sentiment no doubt shared by all of the people who worked beside Dan in the department and now offer him warm wishes for a happy retirement.

Dr. Carl Anthony

(Professor of Biology)
Department of Biology

by Christopher Sheil, Ph.D.



Carl Anthony began his career at JCU in fall 1996, and over the past 26 years he has contributed to the success of the Department of Biology and our

graduate program through his commitments to teaching, research, and service. Carl was hired to teach quite a broad diversity of courses—in his first year he covered Principles of Biology 2, General Ecology lecture/lab, Evolution, and Behavior—and since then he has regularly taught 10 different courses, all of which are critical for our majors and students in the biology graduate program. Carl has been a model of exceptional teaching, and in 2014 he received the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence. Students have flocked to his classes, and he is well respected for his ability to stimulate in-class discussions of complex topics in ecology and evolution. He is particularly effective at engaging students through an intentional approach to understanding primary literature. Several students have described his lectures as "exhilarating" and "inspirational." One noted that he "demonstrates the ability to have fun while doing what he loves"; another said, "the most interesting part of the course was that Dr. Anthony showed that all these concepts are interconnected with each other by using local ecosystems as examples." Highlights of advanced ecology included student-driven research projects that involve work in the lab and field, and his courses in Herpetology and Biology of the Amphibia always culminated in a week-long field trip that involve camping, data collection, and hands-on learning.

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During his time at JCU, Carl has published 33 papers, including a book, *Behavioral Ecology of the Eastern Red-backed Salamander: 50 Years of Research* that was coauthored with his dissertation advisor Dr. Robert Jaeger, and a 2008 paper published in the *Journal of Animal Ecology* titled “Ecological separation in a polymorphic terrestrial salamander,” which became important for setting the stage for many subsequent research projects. Carl served our department as the graduate program coordinator for many years; he was a thesis reader for nearly 60 students. He has also been the primary thesis advisor for 28 M.S. students and at least 20 undergraduates, all of whom have worked in his research lab. In discussing Carl’s research, we would be remiss if we didn’t also mention his wife and collaborator, Dr. Cari Hickerson. Carl and Cari have developed a dynamic research program that builds upon each other’s strengths, and over the years they have become known nationally in the herpetology community as a powerhouse of mentorship and training for undergraduate and graduate students. Carl’s commitment to JCU and the Department of Biology has always been student-centered and intentional, and we are happy to say that during his retirement Carl plans to remain active in mentoring students and conducting research. We offer Carl our most sincere congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

Dr. Charles Watts

**(Professor of Supply Chain Management)
Department of Management, Marketing & Supply Chain**

by Rick Grecni, Ph.D.



Charles Watts is the department chair and Professor of Supply Chain Management in the Department of Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain,

where he previously held the Standards Product James S. Reid Endowed Chair. Charlie received his B.S.B.A. and M.B.A.

from Bowling Green State University and his D.B.A. from Indiana University. He has published research in the *Journal of Operations Management*, *Journal of Supply Chain Management*, *Production and Operations Management*, *Management Science*, *Production and Inventory Management*, *International Journal of Operations and Production Management*, *International Journal of Production Research*, and *Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education*. He conducts research and consults in the areas of supplier development, purchasing and materials management, supply chain management, warehouse location and rationalization, scheduling in service and manufacturing organizations and the Theory of Constraints.

Charlie has given seminars on Information Technology in Purchasing, Basic Purchasing Training, Purchasing and Contracting, Advanced Purchasing and Contracting, Purchasing Certification, Supplier Development, Customer Focus, Project Management, Theory of Constraints, and Total Quality Management for major corporations such as Lincoln Electric, Dana, Samsung, Lucas Industries, and Marathon Oil. On several occasions he has gone to Saudi Arabia to give supply chain certification training. He is currently an archivist for the Midwest Region of the Decision Science Institute. Charlie was the 2004 program chair for the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute and a past President and one of the first Midwest DSI Fellows. In addition, he served as a Vice-President for the National Decisions Institute and as track chair to the national conference. He was President of the Toledo APICS Chapter and served for several years on the national steering committee for the Small Manufacturing Specific Industry Group within APICS. Charlie was also the Chief Science Officer for the On-Point Group Consulting firm. He is the Executive Vice President of Education and Certification at the International Supply Chain Education Alliance and a charter member of the Stellar Fellars.

In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Charlie is a certified Alpine Patroller with the National Ski Patrol and patrols at Alpine Valley for the BM/BW/AV Ski Patrol. He also has a fondness for espionage and spy novels, especially in audio

format. In 2021 Charlie was inducted into the JCU Silver Circle. He is scheduled to be staying on as department chair through fall 2022.

Charlie's colleagues wish him a satisfying retirement, a ton of good reads (or listens), and continued safety on the slopes.

Dr. Bradley Hull

(Associate Professor of Management)
Department of Management, Marketing & Supply Chain

by Charles Watts, Ph.D.



Brad received a B.S. in Mathematics and a minor in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He then completed an M.S. in Operations Research

at Stanford University and a Ph.D. in Operations Research from Case Western Reserve University. While working on his doctorate, he also taught Mathematics at Lake Erie College, and subsequently began academic life as Assistant Professor of Operations Research at Washington University. But his academic career soon changed course.

Just after beginning his academic career, Brad was recruited by British Petroleum to model the Alaskan oil delivery system as the oil fields came on-line. After developing this and several other transportation models, he was promoted to supply chain management positions in BP's crude oil, refined products, and chemicals divisions. As such, he was responsible for much of the Alaskan Crude Oil supply chain, moving oil to refineries on the West Coast, Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent, and Great Lakes Basin by ship, pipeline, rail and truck. He became known as BP's pipeline "guru." He was also responsible for domestic and international logistics activities for BP Chemicals Company and managed their rail, truck, and barge fleets. His 28-year career was involved in planning, operations, and strategy.

Never abandoning his goal of becoming a college professor, Brad left BP for John

Carroll University twenty-three years ago, and at JCU he would rise to the rank of Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management. He has taught courses in Business Information Systems, SAP, Supply Chain Management, and Transportation. In fact, he became known as "Mr. Transportation." He has published articles in the *International Journal of Logistics Management*, *Transportation Journal*, *International Journal of Production Economics*, *Journal of Macromarketing*, *Journal of the Transportation Research Forum*, *Logistics Information Management*, *Journal of Leadership Education*, *Proceedings of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum*, and *Great Lakes Seaway Review*.

While holding the Dr. James S. Reid Standard Products Chair at JCU, he and the Dutch Consul provided the analysis and support that led to the startup of the Cleveland Europe Express. This is first direct all-water container delivery service in the Great Lakes. The Cleveland Europe Express has weekly sailings between Antwerp and Cleveland while also generating jobs in our community. It is faster and environmentally superior to the current route to Europe, which involves truck or rail movements to East Coast ports. Further, Brad has also worked with the Great Lakes Commission to analyze the environmental impact of shutting down crude oil lines in the Great Lakes Basin.

Brad is looking forward to retirement with his lovely wife Sheila, his son Brad (JCU Class of 2003), daughter Darcey, and grandchildren Sean, Eric, and Colin. Brad Jr. is a lawyer and partner at Cavitch Familo & Durkin Co. LPA, and Darcey is a physician at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. We wish Brad and his entire family all the best.

Dr. Michael Setter

(Assistant Professor of Chemistry)
Department of Chemistry

by Michael Nichols, Ph.D.



Mike Setter set down the path to becoming an academic by leaving Cincinnati to earn dual bachelor's degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering

from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He then moved to Arizona State University to pursue his Ph.D. in Solid State Chemistry, specializing in electrochemical methods. After a stint as a postdoctoral fellow at UC San Diego, Mike came back to Ohio to work for the Energizer Battery Company. After six years working on battery materials chemistry at Energizer, Mike decided to pursue a calling to return to academia, spending time as a lecturer at Cleveland State, then two years as a visitor at Ball State University. As fate would have it, Mike's next position was as a visiting assistant professor of analytical chemistry here at JCU. This served as a vicarious homecoming of sorts since his wife Susie is an alum of the JCU chemistry department. The following year, Mike was hired into the tenure-track position where he has spent the past 22 years.

While his experience working as an industrial chemist certainly informed his teaching and his discussions of careers with students, Mike's background as a chemical engineer has proven to be invaluable to students contemplating whether to pursue work as a chemist or chemical engineer. This also included his teaching of an introductory chemical engineering course as an upper-level elective which offered students the opportunity to explore the engineering discipline.

Mike's research at JCU built directly on his industrial experience working on battery materials. In his research program, Mike has focused on using electrochemical, chromatographic and spectroscopic techniques to examine surface components of powders, particularly metal oxides. He

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has developed novel ways to probe surface components without the use of traditional, but high-cost, surface spectroscopic techniques. Embracing our focus on building research programs that engage and involve undergraduates, Mike has made it possible for a number of chemistry students to earn research credit through projects in his laboratory.

In addition to teaching and research, Mike has contributed to the department and the broader chemical community in a number of other ways. He spent many years engaged in professional service, for example, leading the award-winning National Chemistry Week programs of the Cleveland section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Mike has also served for more than two decades as the Chemical Hygiene Officer for JCU. One must also recognize his service as department chair for two full terms, which means not just managing the department but also overseeing Central Stores and laboratory Support Services.

Finally, with his retirement, JCU and its students are actually losing two scientists: not only the real Mike Setter but also his fictional alter ego Dr. Marenevich, who has appeared prominently in Mike's homework assignments, quizzes and exams.

Dr. Linda Seiter

(Professor of Computer Science)
Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Data Science

by Barbara D'Ambrosia, Ph.D., et al



Linda Seiter earned her Ph.D. in Computer Science in 1996 from Northeastern University. She taught at Boston College, Santa Clara University,

and Princeton University before landing at JCU in 2003. Linda is the only one of the retiring faculty members in the department not to have had an office in the old Bohannon Science Center. Which means she will not be receiving hardship pay.

Linda's superpower is the ability to shepherd struggling students through the introductory computer science courses. A number of JCU's computer science graduates owe their success to Linda's patience and extra office hours along with their own hard work. Linda also has a strong commitment to social justice. She has worked extensively with the Cleveland Chapter of the Black Data Processing Association, and her research has strong roots in her service activities, which include efforts to broaden participation and increase diversity in the field of computing through outreach to children in the K-12 grades.

Colleague Jerry Moreno recalls: "When I was on the School Board at the time your children were in school, you kept me informed of what goes on in the classroom, according to them, and asked questions that kept me on my toes. I enjoyed and needed such input to be a good board member. And thanks, Linda, for your Scratch workshops that my grandchildren attended and enjoyed very much." Doug Norris adds the following: "Linda is a talented and inspirational teacher and a fine scholar. Her contribution to the redesign of our programs and courses allowed us to stay at the forefront of computer science education. Linda's research has evolved over the years to find ways to use computer science in the service of social righteousness. Her frank and genuine

manner is always refreshing. I'll always value her friendship."

The entire department wishes Linda a fulfilling and happy retirement.

Dr. Carrie Buchanan

(Assistant Professor of Communication)
Department of Communication

by Mary E. Beadle, Ph.D.

Dr. Carrie Buchanan joined the faculty of the Tim Russert Department of Communication in the fall of 2009 after moving here from



Ottawa, Canada, the city where she had lived for 28 years and where she had had a long career in journalism, mostly at the *Ottawa Citizen*.

Her major research focused on local news and how it builds a sense of place (or in chain newspapers, often fails to do so) about the community it serves. Publications based on this theme include *The Canadian Geographer*, and in a peer-reviewed online conference publication, "The Future of Local News: Research and Reflections." She also gave numerous academic presentations on this topic. Dr. Buchanan's most-cited publication concerned international communications. Entitled "Revisiting the UNESCO debate on a New World Information and Communication Order: Has the NWICO Been Achieved by Other Means?," it appeared in 2015 in *Telematics and Informatics* and is still downloaded regularly by people from a wide range of countries on Academia.edu as well as the journal itself. Another research area has been the situation of adjunct faculty in our universities. In 2018, she coauthored a publication in *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal* entitled "The Poor and Marginalized among Us: Contingent Faculty in Jesuit Universities" with JCU colleague Dr. Richard Clark and then-adjunct Dr. Christina Rawls.

Dr. B., as she is known by students, won the Advisor of the Year award for her work with

the Environmental Issues Group, which she advised for nearly a decade, leaving that post in Fall 2018 to advise *The Carroll News* for three years. During that time, she helped *The Carroll News* and its student journalists win numerous awards while transitioning to a successful online publication with an award-winning website and thousands of new off-campus readers. The awards won by *The Carroll News* during her time included six regional Mark of Excellence Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) for news reporting, opinion writing and sports writing, and, in 2021, for the best college-affiliated newspaper website. (The region for these awards includes all universities in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania.) *The Carroll News* also won three Ohio SPJ Awards, one in 2018 for opinion writing and two in 2021, for opinion writing and sports writing. It also won three awards from the Ohio News Media Association in 2019 (two for opinion writing) and 2020 (one for opinion writing). Another source of awards for *The Carroll News* during these years was from School Newspapers Online (SNO). TCN began entering these competitions in 2020 and has earned dozens of them for individual articles over the past two years, competing against other online college and high school newspapers.

During her entire time at John Carroll, Dr. B. has also advised the campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and served on the board of the Cleveland Professional Chapter of SPJ. In 2021, she won a Lifetime Achievement Award from SPJ Cleveland.

Carrie's department colleagues wish her a happy, and much deserved, retirement. She will be missed!

Fellowships

Grael Faculty Fellowships for 2022 - 23

[The following fellowships were awarded in December 2021 and will be taken in 2022-23.]

Denise Ben-Porath / Psychology will conduct research on cross-generational changes in attitudes regarding stigma and mental health treatment and the role social media play in moderating stigma and the willingness to seek mental health treatment.

Chrystal Bruce / Chemistry will carry out three projects: describing the properties of a class of therapeutic drug targets at the molecular level to aid in designing better medications; using mathematical models to predict student performance on standardized exams in chemistry; and evaluating the use of peer-mentoring networks to support mid-career women STEM faculty in their professional advancement.

Rebecca Fang / Mathematics, Computer Science, & Data Science will develop a framework to jointly analyze different types of phenotypes and efficiently detect causal rare variants. She will also incorporate her research in undergraduate education.

Jisok Kang / Economics & Finance will carry out two research projects related to corporate reactions to climate challenges, as firms have not only caused but may also play a significant role in helping to solve many of our environmental and social issues. The first project will investigate whether a firm's local conditions affect its commitment to environmental issues; the second will test whether financial markets value or discredit a firm's commitment to environmental issues.

Jim Lissemore / Biology will identify additional proteins that assist Hsp90 in the normal function of reproductive stem cells and normal embryo development in *C. elegans*. (Hsp90, a protein important for folding other proteins into their correct three-dimensional shapes, is required for the proper function of stem cells in the reproductive system of the well-studied roundworm *C. elegans*. It is also necessary for proper development of embryos.)

Dan Reynolds / Education will support weak decoders in high school (that is, readers who read printed text aloud automatically) by assessing their needs, building an intervention that extends research from younger grades, and evaluating its effect on reading outcomes.



Congratulations to **Dan Kilbride** (History), who has just marked a quarter-century of service to the University.

And special kudos to **Cyrilla Wideman** (Biology) and **Helen Murphy** (Psychology), both of whom are celebrating their 50th year at John Carroll.

2022 Summer Research Fellowship Awardees

Sokchea Lim / Economics & Finance (Category B)

Dr. Lim will analyze the impact of labor migration on economic development by considering the effect of migrant workers on the investment flows of firms from the country where migrants work to the country from which they emigrated.

Maria Marsilli / History (Category A)

Dr. Marsilli will collect archival information on the family lineage of "La Quintrala," the iconic figure of the female criminal in colonial Chile, focusing on her mixed-race (mestiza) ancestry, since it has often been used to explain her depravity. The research will contribute to the larger conversation about the attributes attached to *mestizaje* in Chilean national identity.

Sara Parrish / Education & School Psychology (Category B)

Dr. Parrish will reanalyze the data from a research project done a few years ago in order to write an article on the topic for submission to a peer-reviewed journal. The project is on the use of nonfiction children's literature and the discussion strategies used to support understanding of the genre.

Anna Simonson / Exercise Science & Sports Studies (Category A)

Dr. Simonson will investigate student dietary habits utilizing survey data on behaviors such as meal skipping, supplement use, weight management techniques, cooking at home, and ordering out. The project also addresses the rationale as to why students are exhibiting these behaviors with the goal of implementing necessary change.

SUPPORT FOR TEACHING

The following teaching-related grants for the coming summer have been awarded under the aegis of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Rebecca Fang, Ph.D. (Mathematics, Computer Science, & Data Science), has been awarded a *Summer Teaching Fellowship* (Category B) to incorporate Team-Based Learning (TBL) into Applied Statistics (DATA 422). TBL, which was originally designed for business schools, has become more popular as an active pedagogical strategy that engages student knowledge through individual testing and group collaboration. For DATA 422, students would work in teams throughout the entire semester to solve real-world problems, sharing and explaining information to one another in small and stable groups and receiving feedback in a timely manner, thus improving learning retention.

Margaret Farrar, Ph.D. (Political Science), has been awarded a *Summer Teaching Fellowship* (Category A) to develop the course “Politics and Conspiracy” to be offered in Fall 2022. The course will put the emergence of conspiracy theories—a feature of the “paranoid style” that historian Richard Hofstadter identified as typical of U.S. politics—in historical context, examine the commonalities and differences between various conspiracy theories, and analyze both the reasons for and the effects of widespread conspiratorial beliefs. Rather than treating conspiracies as far-fetched fantasies pedaled to the ignorant, the course will engage conspiracy theory as communicating something profound about our notions of reason, decision-making, and democracy.

Sharon Kaye, Ph.D. (Philosophy), has been awarded a *Catholic Studies Summer Course Development Grant* to create a course for the Department of Philosophy titled “Philosophy4Kids—Partnership with Gesu Parish School.” The course, which will carry a Catholic Studies designation, will survey a dozen Catholic philosophers, comparing and contrasting them with non-Catholic counterparts. Every week students will hold discussions about these philosophers with pupils at Gesu Parish School.

Kathleen Knoll-Frey, Ph.D. (Sociology & Criminology), and **Mindy Peden**, Ph.D. (Political Science), have been jointly awarded a *Summer Teaching Fellowship* (Category A) to develop an interdisciplinary introduction to Law and Society that they will individually pilot in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. The summer will be partly devoted to developing shared learning goals that will be used to help recruit other faculty from across the University whose expertise and interest may lead them to teach the course in the future. The development of the course will help shape the new Law and Society minor and will guide the subsequent development of interdisciplinary courses for the program by modeling learning goals, approaches, and assessment.

TENURE AND PROMOTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FACULTY

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR



Yuh-Cherng Chai
Chemistry



Gregory Farnell
Exercise Science & Sports Studies



Tripp Petzel
Accountancy



Sokchea Lim
Economics & Finance

PROMOTION TO SENIOR LIBRARIAN



Michelle Millet
Grasselli Library & Breen Learning Center



Daniel Reynolds
Education & School Psychology

TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to **MICHAEL SETTER**, Ph.D. (Chemistry), who has received the **Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence** in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Congratulations to **JISOK KANG**, Ph.D. (Economics & Finance), who has received the **Wasmer Outstanding Teaching Award for 2021**.

Congratulations to **MEDORA BARNES**, Ph.D. (Sociology & Criminology), who has received the **Dr. William F. O'Hearn Award for Faculty Advising**.

Congratulations to **JACKIE ZERA**, Ph.D. (Exercise Science & Sports Studies), who has received the **Curtis W. Miles Faculty Award for Community Service**.

Deep thanks and hats off to the following faculty for serving as department chairs. Their terms officially come to an end this summer, but renewal is always a possibility:

Al Nagy (AC)

Chris Sheil (BL)

Peggy Finucane (COMM)

Nathan Gehlert (CG)

William Elliott (EC/FN)

Charlie Watts (MNMK)

Earl Spurgin (PL)

Naveed Piracha (PH)

Angie Canda (PS)

Edward Hahnenberg (TRS)

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