

In The Know

December 2023 Issue

Rules for In The Know

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate faculty-related information. It is meant to augment, not replace, existing channels such as Campus Pulse, HR Communication or The Simpsonian.

Submission deadlines: Please submit any items to chesea.grenier@simpson.edu by the last day of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty Meeting Wednesday, December 6 from 12:45- 2 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

Jingle Mingle Thursday, December 14, from 4- 7:00 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

December Commencement Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Smith Chapel.

Spring Classes Begin Monday, January 8, 2024.

See links below for full list of events on campus this month

[Simpson College Events Schedule](#)

[Athletics Schedule](#)

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Reminders:

Fall grades are due on Monday, December 18. Grades being turned in on-time is very important, as we have to process all grades and academic standings prior to the college closing on Thursday, December 21.

Department schedules are due December 18th.

DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT DETAILS

- Friday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Smith Chapel.
- Faculty will line up in the basement of Smith Chapel between 6:00- 6:20 p.m. Please come dressed in your regalia.
- Processional will begin at 6:30 p.m. from the basement into the chapel.
- Reception to follow the ceremony in the Kent atrium.



FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. David Foshee, Assistant Professor of Spanish, published his article "Migration and Capitalist Spectacle: Imagining the Child as Waste in *Icebox* (Sawka, 2016)" in the journal *Letras Hispánicas*, (vol. 19, no. 2, 2023, pp. 67-78).

Jeremy Griffin, Assistant Professor of English, was recently awarded the 2023 Black Lawrence Press Hudson Prize for his short fiction collection "Scream Queen." The book will be released in October 2024.

Mark Pleiss, Director of the Center for Teaching & Learning, and Nick Proctor, Professor of History, presented "Upgrade New Faculty Orientation with The New Faculty Game" at the Professional & Organizational Development (POD) Network Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on November 16, 2023.

Heidi Berger, Professor of Mathematics, and her summer research group, recently published their article on Health care satisfaction and medical literacy habits among caregivers of individuals with Down Syndrome. Read their article [HERE](#).

Spencer Waugh, Director of Exploratory Studies, received the E.R. Nichols Award from Pi Kappa Delta at the National Communication Association National Conference in Washington, DC last month. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the discipline of intercollegiate forensics (speech & debate). It is also awarded as recognition for excellence in teaching.

Maeve Callan, Professor of Religion, "'The Mary of the Gael': The Blessed Virgin among Saints and Heretics in Medieval Ireland" was just published in *Mystics, Goddesses, Lovers, and Teachers: Medieval Visions and Their Legacies* (Brepols Press, 2023).

John Walker, Associate Professor of Management, published his [case study](#) in Harvard Business Publishing and the North American Case Research Journal last fall. John also received notice that he was selected as a 2023 Tate Award Finalist for the best case published in the Case Research Journal. This is a great accomplishment as CRJ publishes around 60+ cases every year and is highly selective on the number of cases submitted versus published (under 20%).

Steven Heffner, Assistant Professor of Music, will be featured as a guest artist on Monday, December 4, with [First Take](#), a vocal Jazz Group. The concert will take place in the Amy Robertson Music Center from 7:00- 8:00 p.m.

Congratulations

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Check out the latest issue of the CARs newsletter *Drive* [HERE](#)!

Student Support Services has moved into their new home in Dunn Library.

- Karen Lynch, Dunn Library 103E
- Mollie Hinkle, Dunn Library 103F

CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Upcoming Events:

Spring faculty development day on January 5, 2024

SOFA is coming this summer for Moodle 4.0

Annual Faculty Spring Writing Group

Sign up here!

 [2024 Spring Writing Group.docx](#)

Fall Newsletter

 [Waterfalls Issue 2 Oct Nov 2023.pdf](#)



2024 Spring Workshop Schedule

 [Spring Workshops.docx](#)

There are some upcoming professional development opportunities on Training for **Department Chairs through the Council of Independent Colleges**. These are offered through various organizations. The SCTLC will cover costs for anyone who is interested.

Council of Independent Colleges Workshops (CIC):

April 18–20, 2024 (St. Louis, MO)

May 8–10, 2024 (Jacksonville, FL)

May 20–22, 2024 (Baltimore, MD)

June 3–5, 2024 (Tacoma, WA)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Abstract submissions for the 2024 Research and Creativity Symposium are now open!

The symposium will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Please encourage students who are doing research inside or outside of class this fall to submit their abstracts before the end of the semester.

Students are encouraged to present results from undergraduate research or creative projects (summer programs, capstone courses, etc.), results of class projects, or internship experiences.

Student abstract submission link [here](#).

Faculty class panel submission link [here](#).

Faculty and students can contact undergradresearch@simpson.edu with any questions.



DUNN LIBRARY

Library services will return to the remodeled Dunn in January. Our new location is on the second floor, and Teacher Education, CARs, and Student Support Services on the first floor.

Break hours for January 2-5 will be 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Expanded hours will return on January 8; see the [library website](#).

Pulling materials for faculty and staff has been popular, so we will continue that service. Simply find the item you want in Discovery and choose Place a Hold.

Getting all collections back in exact order will take a while, so please be patient. Let us know if you can't locate what you need.

Join us in exploring the new Dunn in 2024!

COMING SOON

