

Campus Update Monday, March 4, 2019



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SRCA Seminar Series - Toxicologist: A gatekeeper in redefining biomedical research

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 6 from 3-4 p.m.** for Dr. Saurabh Vispute's (Senior Scientist at Pfizer) seminar on his personal experiences and available career paths in the exciting field of toxicology, geared at protecting the health of people, pets, and the environment. The seminar will be held in McDonough 213, with pizza and conversation to follow.

Questions? Contact Assistant Professor of Biology Derek Dube at ddube@usj.edu.

The Center for Student Research and Creative Activity with the Society of Toxicology's ToxScholar Program presents:

**Toxicologist:
A gatekeeper redefining
biomedical research**

Dr. Saurabh Vispute, Senior Scientist at Pfizer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019
SEMINAR: 3 - 4 p.m.
PIZZA & CONVERSATION: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

MCDONOUGH 213
University of Saint Joseph
1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117

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Open Sessions for CMHE Site Visit (Faculty and Staff)

A Conference for Mercy Higher Education Peer Review Team will be speaking to members of the campus community on March 5 – 7, to discuss how Mission and Catholic identity are incorporated into life of the University. We hope that faculty and staff will consider attending some of the open sessions on their schedule:

CONFERENCE *for* MERCY
HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 6

- Open Session for Staff 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. in the Crystal Room
- Open Session for Faculty 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. in the Crystal Room

Thursday, March 7

- Team's Exit Report 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in McDonough 213

To learn more about the visit, please go to MyUSJ/Employee/Office of the President and page down to CMHE Mission Accountability under "Important Information."

Questions? Contact Ruth Foxman, executive assistant to the President/secretary to the Board of Trustees, at rfoxman@usj.edu or extension 5221.

TLC Announcements

Attention Faculty and Staff: Please see attached

for the March offerings from the TLC. We are excited to partner with a number of departments for this month's workshops, including the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Women's Leadership Center and the Office of Accessibility Services. **Please note that most of the sessions will not be held in the TLC – they will be in the Collaboration Lab in the Pope Pius XII Library.**

March

Email tlc@usj.edu to register. Sessions may be canceled due to low enrollment.

All sessions are held in the Collaboration Lab, Pope Pius XII Library unless otherwise noted.

GRAPHIC DESIGN BASICS Thursday, March 7, 12-1 pm in the TLC
Do you need to design a poster for your research or a flyer for your program? Looking for ways to improve your PowerPoint? **Just Du-Jong, Graphic Designer** in the Marketing and Communications Department, will share some basic concepts of design that will help you strengthen your printed and presentation materials.

TRANSGENDER INCLUSION: MOVING BEYOND PRONOUNS Tuesday, March 19, 11 am-1 pm in the Brugette Reception Room
Co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Even when we hold no malicious will towards transgender individuals, we may view their gender as more of a choice than an integral part of who they are. How can we move away from "othering" these individuals? In this session, **Kamora Herrington, Mentor Program Director at True Colors**, will focus on cultural awareness of transgender populations, addressing internal barriers to full acceptance and exploring transgender experiences in a cisgender society.

MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE: MICROAGGRESSION IN ACADEMIC SETTINGS Wednesday, March 20, 12-1 pm
In academia, we've all heard the term "Microaggressions" and most of us have a sense of what it means, but do we really? In this interactive workshop, **Dr. Christiana Best and Dr. Gina Roach, both Assistant Professors of Social Work**, will engage participants in exploring how microaggressions show up in the classroom, on campus and in our daily lives.

CULTURALLY COMPETENT RESPONSES TO DISCLOSURES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT Thursday, March 21, 12-1 pm
Co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. In this session, **Regina Dytan, Program Director and Leo Murphy-Capella, Clinical Services Coordinator at the Saint Francis Hospital Child Advocacy Center** will discuss culturally competent responses to disclosures of sexual assault, with a focus on disclosures from the under-25 population. Learn how to integrate this important information into your lesson plan.



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Download the newsletter [here](#).

Spring Break Hours

USJ Office of Information Technology

Helpdesk and Main Computer Lab
Spring Break 2019 Hours:
March 11 – 17, 2019
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

Bookstore Hours

The Bookstore will be closed over the Spring Break (March 11-16). Please plan accordingly!

Cafe Hours

Friday March 8:
Jay's Nest Closed at 3 p.m.
Café Closed at 1 p.m.

Jay's Nest Open for Lunch:
Monday, March 11– Friday, March 15
11:30 a.m. –1 p.m.

Café and Coffee Cart will be closed the week of March 10–17.

Regular hours will resume on Sunday, March 17 from 5–7 p.m.

Community Service Opportunities

Opportunities to Serve:

Tuesday, March 5: Volunteer at Stations of the Cross in McGovern lounge. Come help set up, stay and help for all or part of the event. 10–1 p.m., any help is appreciated!
Contact: Lynnette Colon, Director of Campus Ministry at lcolon@usj.edu or 860.231.5269

Saturday, March 9: **PAID** opportunity for the annual 'Vines of March' fundraising event for the West Hartford Rotary club. McGovern Lounge 5–11 p.m.
Contact: Tom Wood at paladinct@comcast.net



Tuesday, March 12: Volunteer at Foodshare Bloomfield from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. There are 10 spots available! **Sign up [HERE](#).**

Friday, April 5: Celebrate National Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Day at our Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge. See if we can beat our best record in making 340 PB & J sandwiches in an hour. All donations will be given to those in need at the Friendship Center, St. Elizabeth House. Hosted by the Office of Community Engagement and Student Leaders in Service. Held in the Nutrition Lab MCD 203 from 6:30–8 p.m. **Sign up [HERE](#).**

For a full list of upcoming community engagement opportunities please click [here](#).

Campus Ministry Announcements

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday March 5: [Stations of the Cross Fair](#), 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in McGovern Lounge

Wednesday March 6: Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Thursday March 7: [Lenten Reflection](#) 5-6 p.m. in Lynch 107

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Sunday March 24: Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Monday March 25: [Invisible No More](#) 4–5:30 p.m. in Crystal Room

Thursday March 28: Lenten Reflection 5–6 p.m. in Lynch 107

Reminders:

- Weekly Wednesday Masses will take place at 12:05 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Download the flyer [here](#).
- The new Multifaith Prayer Room is located in Mercy Hall, room 304.

Volunteer for Avenue of Dreams

The Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families is seeking volunteers for the **9th annual Avenue of Dreams prom event on March 9, 2019**, for at risk youth.

The positions we are currently looking to fill are as follows: Fairy Glam Mother, Shining Knights, Shoe Attendants, Dressing Room Attendants, Traffic Flow, and Sign-In and Registration.

Questions? Contact the outreach coordinator at 860.258.3400 or by e-mail at Catherine.rose@cafafct.org.

Toiletry Drive

Personal Care Items are needed for the Toiletry Drive from **Feb.11–March 11**. Items will be given to those in need at the Chapel by the Pond Service in Bushnell Park.

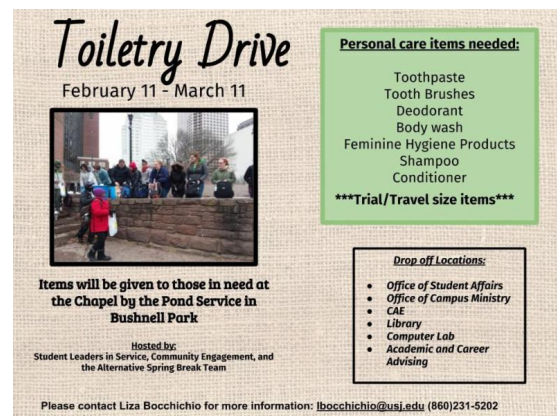
Drop off locations: Office of Student Affairs, Office of Campus Ministry, CAE, Library, Computer Lab, Academic and Career Advising.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Mentoring Opportunity

Would you like to mentor a 5th grader from West Middle Community School? **ConnectiKids, Inc.** is an after school academic enhancement program for Hartford youth. Tutors work with student using a literacy-based curriculum and mentoring that helps students succeed in Hartford Public Schools. Mentoring sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 4:20–5:35 p.m. at USJ. Download the flyer [here](#).

Questions? Contact Liza Bocchichio lbocchichio@usj.edu or 860.231.5202.



Toiletry Drive
February 11 - March 11

Personal care items needed:

- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

*****Trial/Travel size items*****

Drop off Locations:

- Office of Student Affairs
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- CAE
- Library
- Computer Lab
- Academic and Career Advising

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Hosted by:
Student Leaders in Service, Community Engagement, and the Alternative Spring Break Team

Please contact Liza Bocchichio for more information: lbocchichio@usj.edu (860)231-5202

The Latino Community Practice 7th Annual Research Lecture


Join us for a presentation, book signing, and community discussion with **Dr. Daisy Verduzco Reyes**, writer, sociologist, scholar, college professor, and author of *Learning to Be Latino: How Colleges Shape Identity Politics* (Rutgers University Press, 2018). In *Learning to Be Latino* Dr. Reyes describes the interactions of Latino

students with their college environment and how the college environment affects the identity development and future of students. Books will be available for purchase the event!

When: Monday, April 8

Time: 6-8 p.m.

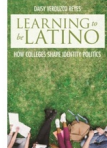
Where: Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

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Sponsored by the Institute for Latino Community Practice

**"Learning to Be Latino:
How Colleges Shape Identity Politics"**

a research lecture and book signing
with **Dr. Daisy Verduzco Reyes**
Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Connecticut



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Dr. Reyes now serves as assistant professor in the department of sociology and El Instituto: The Institute of Latino, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. Dr. Reyes earned her B.A. in Sociology from University of California Santa Barbara, an M.A. in Sociology from University of California Irvine and a Ph.D. in Sociology from University of California Irvine.

For information about this event, please contact Mary Schone (mschone@usj.edu), the Institute for Latino Community Practice Graduate Assistant.

Download event flyer [here](#).

2019 #MakeMercyReal Video Contest

Calling all Mercy students to tell the compelling story of how people in their communities "make mercy real" and live out the Sisters of Mercy's critical concerns. Put those creative ideas and skills to work, the **Grand Prize Winner will receive \$500!** Learn more [here](#).

Note: All entries must be received by April 1, 2019.



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