

# Campus Update Monday, April 16, 2018



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## Symposium Day 2018

We hope you are able to join us for Symposium Day on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the exciting research and creative activities our students are engaged with at USJ. Please see the attached program [here](#) for the schedule and complete list of activities. The program can also be found on the home page of [www.usj.edu](http://www.usj.edu)!



## Campus Ministry Announcements

**Holi Festival of Colors: Wednesday, April 18, 4 p.m. at the McGovern Patio**

- There will be Indian food and music! "Let this festival burn all negativity and bring positivity in life. Celebrate with vibrant colors."

**"You Raise Me Up" Voice Recital: Thursday, April 19, 5 p.m. in the Connor Chapel of Our Lady**

- Featuring Mary Anderson '18, Mezzo Soprano, A student of Dana Kephart, listen to Mary perform various works, including *Ave Maria*, *Send in the Clowns*, and *New York, New York*, featuring Susan Zybert on the piano.

**Gospel Fest: Friday, April 20, 7–9 p.m. in the Connor of Our Lady**

- Featuring: The Little Light Choir, Mt. Bethel Shekinah Praise Team, Ebenezer Holy Temple (EHT) Choir, and Mount Bethel Praise Team.
- **RSVP:** Marva Patterson at [mpatterson@usj.edu](mailto:mpatterson@usj.edu)

**UPCOMING INTERFAITH EVENTS**

**THURS., APRIL 12**  
12 - 1:15 P.M.  
McGovern Dining Hall  
**food for the soul**  
Come and learn more about Afro-Semetic Experience spiritual journey through their music and life experiences. Lunch will be provided! Cookies will be available for contributors for a small discount on lunch.  
For more information, please contact Lynette Colón at [lcolon@usj.edu](mailto:lcolon@usj.edu) or 860.231.5269

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McGovern Patio  
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For more information, please contact: Lynette Colón at [lcolon@usj.edu](mailto:lcolon@usj.edu) | Taji Prasad at [tprasad@usj.edu](mailto:tprasad@usj.edu)

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**GOSPEL FEST**  
Featuring The Little Light Choir, Mt. Bethel, Shekinah Praise Team, Ebenezer Holy Temple (EHT) Choir, and Mount Bethel Praise Team  
Benefiting homeless and families in need

ALL-AGES EVENT - Please bring one of the following:  
Non-Perishables, School Supplies, or Hygiene Products  
Sponsors: Strong Soldiers United, Angel, Redemptor and Marva Patterson, Campus Ministry, Lynette Colón, and Social Work Alliance  
RSVP by April 16 to [mpatterson@usj.edu](mailto:mpatterson@usj.edu)

Download event flyer [here](#).

## BioBlitz

BioBlitz will take place from **Friday, April 20–Saturday, April 21, 2018**, starting at 3 p.m.

What is BioBlitz? A free biological event involving scientists, taxonomic experts, and the general public. Participate in nature walks, art activities, live performances, and live animal

presentations.

This event is hosted by the USJ Women Lead, Empower, Advance, and Discover (L.E.A.D) in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M) Group.

For more information and to register: [giving.usj.edu/BioBlitz](http://giving.usj.edu/BioBlitz)

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Women **LEAD**  
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University of Saint Joseph

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## Faculty Development Day 2018 Call for Proposals – Deadline April 20

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Teaching and Learning Center Coordinating Committee is now accepting proposals for the Faculty Development Day on **Thursday, August 23, 2018**. Faculty Development Day is a great opportunity for faculty and staff to share their knowledge, skills and experience with their peers.

The theme of this year's Faculty Development Day is **Embracing Diversity: Campus and Classroom**. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit proposals that surround inclusive teaching strategies, examples of instructional methods employed by faculty to address diverse learning styles, or other topics related to supporting a diverse population in the campus community.

Dr. Amanda Irvin, Associate Director of Faculty Programs and Services at Columbia University, will deliver the keynote presentation: "Engaged Learning in Changing Times: Inclusive Teaching in Co-Educational Classrooms." She will also offer breakout sessions on strategies for facilitating an inclusive classroom. Please submit your proposal for a 50-minute session using [this form](#) by no later than **Friday, April 20, 2018**.

For questions about submitting a proposal or using the electronic form, please contact the TLC.

### Teaching and Learning Center

University of Saint Joseph  
860.231.5852 | [tlc@usj.edu](mailto:tlc@usj.edu)

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## Office Hours with President Rhona C. Free

President Rhona Free will be holding open office hours on **Monday, April 23, from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.** in the President's Office, Room 1, Mercy Hall (at the far end of the hallway). Faculty, staff, and students are invited to sign up (recommended) or stop in for a 15-minute appointment with the President during this time.

**Contact:** Ruth Foxman, executive assistant to the President/secretary to the Board of Trustees at [rfoxman@usj.edu](mailto:rfoxman@usj.edu) or 860.231.5221



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## Commemoration: Giving Gratitude for SJC/USJ's Past and Creating Possibilities for USJ's Future

Please join for *Commemoration: Giving Gratitude for SJC/USJ's Past and Creating Possibilities for USJ's Future* on **Monday, April 23 from 5–9 p.m.** in the Crystal Room at USJ.

This special evening will allow a cross-section of stakeholders (faculty/staff, students, and supporters, administrators) to have a safe space to reflect on USJ's institutional changes. Specially, we seek to **honor/show gratitude for aspects of our past institutional identity** (e.g.: The Women's College, SJC) and **welcome/imagine our new institutional identity** (e.g.: Co-Ed student body, new majors, sports).

This is a community potluck. Please sign up to state what you plan to contribute:  
<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/RUKR5559>

## School of Health and Natural Sciences – Colloquium Talk

The topic of this colloquium talk is, "Healthcare in a Time of Change: Finding Hope in the Chaos," and features Adam R. Silverman, MD, FACP – a Board Certified General Internist and Professor of Medicine at the Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University.

**When:** Monday, April 23, 2018  
**Time:** 12–1 p.m.  
**Where:** Bruyette AV Classroom

Questions? Contact Dean Raouf Boules at [rboules@usj.edu](mailto:rboules@usj.edu)



Download event flyer [here](#).

## Accounting & Business Society Toiletry Drive

Help mothers and their children of the women's shelter, My Sister's Place, by donating:

- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

Collection bins are located in McGovern Lounge

**When:** Thursday, April 12; Tuesday–Thursday, April 17-19; Monday-Friday, April 23-27.  
**Time:** 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Questions? Email Tina Nguyen at [inanguyen@usj.edu](mailto:inanguyen@usj.edu)

## Quad Party

Join Student Affairs and Bon Appetit for a **Quad Party** on **April 26, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Note:** Commuters, Faculty and Staff: Advance tickets will be available in the café on April 9– April 24 for \$7.00 and **\$10.00 day of event**. \*Residential Student Bring ID Card

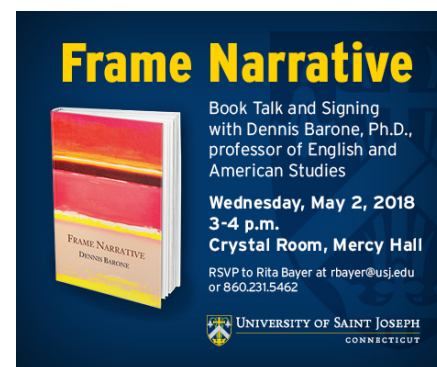
Download menu [here](#).

## Frame Narrative

You're invited to a book talk and signing with Dennis Barone, Ph.D., professor of English and American Studies, on his new book, "Frame Narrative."

**When:** Wednesday May 2, 2018  
**Time:** 3–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Crystal Room, Mercy Hall

**RSVP:** Rita Bayer at [rbayer@usj.edu](mailto:rbayer@usj.edu) or 860.231.5462



## Faculty and Staff Milestones to be Recognized at Community Forum

Please join me in congratulating our colleagues (**list attached [here](#)**) who have achieved milestones in continuous years of service or earned faculty promotions. We will be celebrating these achievements, as well as announcing the winners of this year's President's Recognition Award For Inspiring Staff Excellence

Questions? Contact Ruth Foxman at 860.231.521 or [rfoxman@usj.edu](mailto:rfoxman@usj.edu)

## Hands On Hartford Wine Tasting with Coach Calhoun

Hands On Hartford is excited to announce its first wine tasting fundraiser! Join us at our Center for Community at 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, CT for an evening of terrific wine, beer and spirits tastings; delicious hors d'oeuvres; and great connections. Coach Jim Calhoun, will greet guests and offer some reflections.

*Proceeds from the evening's event support Hands On Hartford's food and nutrition programs, including the MANNA Community Pantry and Children's Backpack Nutrition Program.*

**Tickets:** Purchase tickets online [HERE](#) or (to avoid service charges) mail your check payable to Hands On Hartford to:

**Questions?** Contact Kate Shafer at [kshafer@handsonhartford.org](mailto:kshafer@handsonhartford.org) or 860-706-1505.



**Hands On Hartford**  
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**Hands On Hartford Wine Tasting**  
May 9, 2018 / 6 – 8 PM  
with special guest  
**Coach Jim Calhoun**

55 Bartholomew Ave, Hartford  
Tickets \$75  
Beer and spirit tastings also available

## Professional Development Day

Professional Development Day for USJ staff and faculty is a learning experience that contributes a community based on the Mercy Core Values. We are honored to have Alfred Carter, M.S., as our keynote speaker. He will be facilitating our first workshop of the day.

**When:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Mercy Hall, Crystal Room

**Pre-register here:** <https://goo.gl/hneKrH>



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
MAY 16, 2018, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM  
MERCY HALL, CRYSTAL ROOM

*\*This event is open to all USJ staff and faculty. Attendance to this event will be first come first serve.*

Pre-registration is required (Space is limited so sign-up today on Eventbrite!) Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for participants

Professional Development Workshops:  
**How to Get It Done**  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Alfred Carter, M.S., Retired Dean of Students at Manchester Community College, an accomplished career educator, sociologist and humanist with over forty (40) years experience in higher education.

**Managing Difficult Conversations**  
1:00 PM-2:00 PM  
Kathryn Henderson, Ph.D., LPC (TX and GA) NCC.

**What's Your Hook?**  
Catching the ear of your listener and keeping them interested  
2:15 PM- 3:30 PM  
Janet Howes, Ph.D.

Alfred Carter, M.S., Career Educator, Sociologist and Humanist  
Kathryn Henderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Counseling and Applied Behavioral Studies  
Janet Howes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Business Administration

Questions? Contact Erica Lynn Dawson Head, Edgewaterhead@usj.edu, (860) 231-5629/5499

Download event flyer [here](#).

## Film Event: STEP

STEP documents the senior year of a girls high school step dance team, in inner-city Baltimore. Stay for a discussion after the film. Admission is free!

**When:** Saturday, May 19, 2018

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Where:** Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, Conn.

Presented in partnership with I Shall Not Be Afraid.

**For more information contact:** [jestinagilbert@gmail.com](mailto:jestinagilbert@gmail.com) or [inascentsbyre@gmail.com](mailto:inascentsbyre@gmail.com)



**I SHALL NOT BE AFRAID Foundation**  
presents  
**STEP**  
in collaboration with the  
**WADSWORTH ATHENEUM**  
MUSEUM OF ART  
600 Main Street • Hartford, CT  
Sat., May 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm  
FREE FILM ADMISSION

Hosted By  
**JESTINA GILBERT**  
CEO / PHILANTHROPIST

**STEP** documents the senior year of a girls high school step dance team, in inner city Baltimore. **STEP** is a must see! Be inspired and empowered!

Post-movie Q&A • Special Guest

For more information contact:  
[jestinagilbert@gmail.com](mailto:jestinagilbert@gmail.com) or [inascentsbyre@gmail.com](mailto:inascentsbyre@gmail.com)

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Download event flyer [here](#).

## Career Development Center Announcements

**Interested in business or banking?** Unsure of what goes into it? Dive in to an immersive experience inside the walls of major banks. Get a taste of challenging, rewarding careers in wealth management, marketing and sales, underwriting, IT, customer engagement and more in 5 fast-paced days. Meet senior banking leaders and hear from passionate professionals to broaden your career prospects for internships and entry-level employment. So, what are you waiting for?

**Deadline to apply is this Friday April 20** – email Breton Boudreaux – [bboudreaux@usj.edu](mailto:bboudreaux@usj.edu) for more details or to apply

**First Year Students - Interested in building a strong resume?** Exploring a career path and gaining some experience? Finding a summer internship and receiving a stipend? Success to Graduation will help you navigate your future through workshops, exploration and experiential learning all through attending only 3 sessions.

**First session takes place this Wednesday April 18 from 12-1**, lunch will be provided! Email [careercenter@usj.edu](mailto:careercenter@usj.edu) to sign up and for more details

**Get ready for the upcoming Spring Internship and Mini Job Fairs!**

**SAVE THE DATE: April 23**  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Local companies and representatives are coming to campus to speak to students about their internships, summer, part-time and full-time professional positions.

Need your résumé reviewed? Make an appointment today, by emailing [careercenter@usj.edu](mailto:careercenter@usj.edu) or stopping by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library.

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## Gengras Center Schol Reminders

At the Gengras Center School, we warmly welcome dozens of visitors every day.

We are very grateful to the visitors who come to support our community and we know that you have our students' best interests at heart.

While we can't wait to see those spring flowers bloom across campus, **when you visit we need you to be 100% fragrance free.**

**For security and record keeping, we also need you to check in and check out at our main office** – it just takes a minute. And **we require USJ IDs be visible so everyone knows who you are.**

Thank you for all that you do for Gengras. I look forward to seeing you in the Center soon.

Questions? Please contact Michelle L. Lestrud at 860-231-5429

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## Live Well Work Well Newsletter

Click [here](#) to download the April edition of *Live Well Work Well*, which provides you with health and wellness tips for your work and life—presented by 360 Corporate Benefit Advisors.

## TIAA Offering Individual Retirement Counseling

TIAA will offer individual retirement counseling for USJ employees on **April 17, 2018** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mercy Hall, Room 341 main campus.

To schedule an appointment: Call the TIAA office in Hamden, 866.842.2051 X252403

**Contact:** Lisa Peruccio, Benefits Administrator at [lperuccio@usj.edu](mailto:lperuccio@usj.edu) or at 860.231.5509

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## Hartford Symphony Orchestra Performances

Attend the he Hartford Symphony Orchestra's next POPS! concert, ***The Celtic Spirit featuring Eileen Ivers, coming April 21*** and Masterworks concert, ***Shostakovich 5, coming May 4-6 to The Bushnell in Hartford.*** Student tickets are just \$10! We are thrilled to be celebrating the work of one of the most influential composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century!

For more information, visit: <https://hartfordsymphony.org/concerts/shostakovich-5/>

Download event flyer [here](#) and [here](#).

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## Office of Diversity and Inclusion Hours

Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to visit the office, call, or email with concerns, recommendations, or programming requests, as well as to discuss issues related to diversity and inclusion.

Located in Mercy Hall's lower level in Room LL5, the ODI will be open four days per week. The phone number for the office is 860.231.5499.



Please see below for office hours and assigned staff:

Monday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Lynnette Colón, Director of Campus Ministry, [lcolon@usj.edu](mailto:lcolon@usj.edu)

Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Erika Dawson Head, Diversity and Employee Engagement Coordinator, [edawsonhead@usj.edu](mailto:edawsonhead@usj.edu)

Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Erika Dawson Head, [edawsonhead@usj.edu](mailto:edawsonhead@usj.edu)

Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Nancy Billias, Professor of Philosophy and Interim Diversity Coordinator, [nbillias@usj.edu](mailto:nbillias@usj.edu)

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