



As the holidays approach, the newsletter gets longer and longer. There are many activities happening or will happen on campus. Be certain to attend some of these plays, concerts, dinners, etc. We also have a seminar in the Department this afternoon. I encourage everyone to attend. There are no classes scheduled at 3:00 PM on Friday, so please show up.

I will close by reminding all of you that you should attend graduation at least once a year. Please sign up if you have not attended for a while.

Have a great week-end.
--Lou

Department News

Friday Seminar - TODAY!

Allen Roberts will give a seminar next Friday (16 November) on: *The Effects of Changes in Land Cover and Land Use on Nutrient Loadings to the Chesapeake Bay Using Forecasts of Urbanization*. The talk is at 3:00 PM on 332 Martin Hall. Please plan to attend.

December Graduation

Fall Commencement will be divided into two ceremonies at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Friday, December 14, 2012 as follows:

4:30 p.m. - College of Arts & Sciences
College of Commerce & Business Administration
Library faculty

7:00 p.m. - College of Education & Professional Studies
College of Nursing & Health Sciences

"The University encourages faculty, on a voluntary basis, to participate in all commencement ceremonies. The University, however, allows faculty members the privilege of choosing one of the three commencements held each year in which to participate." Please let Tracy know if you plan to attend this graduation. Please contact Cathy Rose at 782-5284 or crose@jsu.edu no later than December 3rd to reserve regalia.



iPad Users Group

- Interested in iPads? Do you want to know more about them? What they can do? What they can't do? Then, this is a group for you!
- Do you already know a tremendous amount about iPads? Do you intentionally make all the icons shake? Then, this is a group for you!
- Are you an okay iPad user, but not quite an expert? Then this is a group for you!
- Do you use your iPad as a cutting board in the kitchen or a doorstop in your office? Then this might not be the right group for you!

The iPad Users Group will meet fortnightly (every two weeks) to discuss everything iPad. This is a chance for you to ask questions and to help answer questions. Our first meeting will be 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, on the 11th Floor of the Houston Cole Library. Bring your iPad! For more information, please feel free to contact Lou Reinisch lreinisch@jsu.edu.

University News

Fall Concert of JSU Show Choir, Encore!

Encore!, the JSU Show Choir, will present a rousing evening of song and dance on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. The event will feature hit songs from such well-known movies as Footloose, Risky Business, Wayne's World, Eragon, and Animal House. The ensemble of 30 singers and instrumentalists will entertain the young and old. Admission is free.

JSU Drama Presents 'The Illusion' November 15-18

At the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on November 15-18 (Thurs-Sat at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.) In this comedy based on the 17th-century French play *L'Illusion Comique* by Pierre Corneille, a father seeks news of his estranged son from a sorcerer named Alcandre. The magician conjures three episodes from the young man's life, each one filled with romance, action, comedy, and pathos. The father's angry heart softens as he follows his son's quest for perfect love, while the sorcerer delights in sending the father (and the audience) on an exciting adventure that culminates in an unexpected twist. Tickets: \$10 (Adult), \$8 (Senior Citizen/JSU Personnel), \$5 (Student/Child/Military). To order tickets, please call 256-782-5648



JSU Faculty and Staff:

Below is a list of upcoming Digital Measures training sessions. Sessions typically do not last longer than 30 minutes.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. in Ayers 361

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. in Ayers 361

To sign up, please go to the URL: <http://www.doodle.com/352mk4ivfqbv8hkx>

Remember to bring a copy of your curriculum vita with you to training.

Hear Ye! Annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

On Friday November 30 and Saturday, December 1, the JSU Choral Activities will present their Annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner in the Leone Cole Auditorium on the JSU campus. Join us for an evening of music and high (and low) drama, featuring the JSU Chamber Singers and A Cappella Choir! The Madrigal Dinner is a dinner theatre event written and produced by JSU Choral Activities under the direction of Dr. Patricia Corbin, director of Choral Activities. Both



evenings will begin with Wassail followed by a multi-course feast while members of the JSU Chamber Singers and A Cappella Choir enact a farcical drama. The Madrigal Dinner will also feature as its special guest the Weaver Concert Choir, directed by Ms Paula Segrest.

This event is great family entertainment, suitable for children and adults. Seat reservations are \$32 for regular seating and \$55 for Patron seating and advanced purchase is required. All reservations must be received by the Choral Activities office by noon, Tuesday, November 20. Seating is limited so make your reservations early. You may phone in your order to the JSU office of Choral Activities (256) 782-5544.

Wassail!

Wuhan Scholar Exchange

Begun in the early 1990's, JSU's partnership with Wuhan University (WU) provides an opportunity for professors, staff and students from JSU to travel to Wuhan, China, to teach and study, as well as allowing professors from Wuhan to conduct research, teach classes and observe educational practices here in the US.

The Office of the Provost invites applications to receive professional travel support to Wuhan. Interested faculty members should apply using the Professional Development Leave Program application available on the Academic and Student Affairs web site under "[Faculty Resources](#)." Applications should include a detailed proposal for lecturing and research (or performance and research, if applicable) at Wuhan University during May Term of 2013. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2012.

Faculty selected for this honor will be notified at the beginning of the Spring 2013 term.

Student News

Federal Employment Tutorial

A Federal Employment Tutorial will take place on Wednesday, November 14, at 3:15 p.m. in Rm. 355 Ayers Hall. The event will be a 1-hour demonstration and presentation of "how to" apply for federal jobs using key words and cover tricks for writing a resume that will make it a competitive one in usajobs.gov. Students and alumni are invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information, contact Becca Turner at bturner@jsu.edu or the Office of Career Services at (256)-782-5482.

Opportunity for JSU Graduates to Study in Canada

Attention JSU students graduating before August 1, 2013! The Fulbright Canada Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Award is a new initiative of the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Canada). The STEM award, which is a three-year award valued at \$120,000 (tuition, fees, and an annual stipend of \$20,000), is the counterpart to Fulbright's International Science and Technology award for foreign students coming to the United States. It is open to students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (complete list available on web site). The deadline for applications has been extended to December 17, 2012, and GRE scores must be submitted by December 31, 2012. For full details, please visit this web site: http://www.fulbright.ca/programs/american-students/STEM_program.html

Good luck!

Other News

Males Wanted to Fill Out Opinions on a Survey

My name is Sheryl Kelly, a doctoral student in counseling psychology at Western Michigan University. I am asking you to take part in an anonymous survey (www.surveymonkey.com/s/maleexpectations). This survey is meant to assist me in gathering data for my dissertation, which involves examining the counseling expectations of males. I would ask all adult males to go to this web site, and I would ask everyone to forward the link to any willing participants to this anonymous survey. If you have questions you can contact me. Please reply to sheryl.n.kelly@wmich.edu or call 269-387-5152.



Contact Details

If you have items of news or interest that you would like included in the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences newsletter, then contact **Tracy Casey** before noon on Thursdays at: tscasey@jsu.edu or phone (256) 782-5232.