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INSIDE MU

Inside MU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *Inside MU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT... Benefits Fair Coming Soon

Marymount will host its annual Benefits Fair on November 7 and 8. A variety of benefits providers will be available to answer your questions and distribute literature. The fair will be held on Main Campus in the atrium of the Lee Center on Tuesday, November 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in the Ballston Center's conference room on Wednesday, November 8, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Stay tuned for news about when the annual open enrollment period will take place.

FYI Get Into Action!

The Center for Teaching Excellence will conduct a series of seminars entitled "Step Away from the Podium: Active Learning Techniques." During the course of three sessions, faculty will learn how to incorporate more active learning techniques into their classes. The first session will define "active learning" and identify easy first steps to help activate lectures. The next two sessions will focus on student-driven techniques, such as in-class writing, collaboration, etc.

These sessions will take place on Friday, November 3, 10, and 17, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Reinsch Library's Graduate Reading Room. You may attend one or all sessions. For more information or to sign up, contact the center at ext. 5761 or teaching@marymount.edu.

Unmark Your Calendar

The Distinguished Visiting Professor event, featuring Paul J. Klaassen, that was to be held on November 9, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for next spring on a date to be announced.

Children's Book Illustrators at MU

An exciting new exhibit, "The Art of Children's Book Illustration," will be on view at the Barry Gallery from October 27 to December 10. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the opening reception on October 27, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. – and to bring along their young children and little friends.

The three extremely talented artists whose work will be featured in the exhibit will be available to chat and sign books. They are: **Karen Lee Schmidt**, who often uses animals to convey relationships and emotions; **Nancy Hannans**, an adjunct lecturer in Fine Arts at MU; and **Cheryl Shaw Barnes**, best known for her popular Washington Mouse book series.

Get Answers to Grad School FAQs

Are you or a student you know considering graduate school? If so, be sure to attend the Graduate School and Professional Day hosted by Marymount's Graduate Admissions office. On Wednesday, November 1, representatives from Marymount and other local universities, including law and medical

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Mother Butler Mission Guild
Christmas Tea and Raffle
Tuesday, December 12 • 2 to 4 p.m.
Main House

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schools, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about their programs. Representatives from Kaplan and Princeton Review will also be available to speak with students. And there will be free food and door prizes!

The fair will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lee Center. For more information, contact **Francesca Reed**, Graduate Admissions, ext. 5901.

Learn More about RSHM History

If you've ever wanted to know more about the history of Marymount's founding order, you won't want to miss **Sr. Jacqueline Porter's** Spirit Day talk entitled "RSHM: The Heritage." Sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Philosophy/Theology/Religious Studies Department, the event will take place on Wednesday, November 1, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Bernie's. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. The first 100 attendees will receive a free lunch!

Examining Globalization

On Wednesday, October 25, the Philosophy/Theology/Religious Studies Department will host **Dr. Robert Paul Churchill**, professor of Philosophy at George Washington University, as it kicks off its year-long probe, "Globalization – The Ethical Implications."

Dr. Churchill will give a short talk and then lead a discussion on both the up- and downside of globalization from noon to 1 p.m. in the Dining Hall. All members of the MU community are invited to attend.

Jump Into Deeper Waters

Don't miss the next Deeper Waters meeting to discuss the second half of the book *The Idea of a University*. It will be held on Wednesday, November 1, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., in the Campus Ministry Lounge.

On December 1, the discussion group will examine the book *He Leadeth Me*, by **Fr. Walter Ciszek**. Copies of the book are available in the Campus Ministry office. Please call ext. 1607 if you would like to borrow one or need additional information.

Dinner Conversation

Join Campus Ministry for Dollar Dinner night on November 3, at 5 p.m. in Bernie's. The topic of discussion will be the life and work of **Cardinal John Henry Newman**, led by **Fr. Drew Morgan**, an Oratorian priest and renowned authority.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Kristi Johnson, associate professor of Education; **Dr. Edward Cannon**, assistant professor of Psychology; **Dr. Shannon Melideo**, assistant professor of Education; **Dr. Jennifer Gelman**, assistant professor of Education; and **Dr. Diane Murphy**, assistant professor of Information Management and Management Science, have teamed up to present at several conferences this year. Their "Layers of Culture" panel discussions use their multidisciplinary expertise to help educators prepare to teach in increasingly diverse classrooms.

Do you have a professional accomplishment or a personal milestone to share with the University community? Send it to insidemu@marymount.edu.

PEOPLE

Welcome

Cassandra Jones, senior assessment associate, Institutional Effectiveness (ext. 3809; cassandra.jones@marymount.edu)

Matthew Miller, men's assistant basketball coach, Athletics (ext. 1619; matthew.miller@marymount.edu)

Transitions

Jessica Anderson, has been promoted to academic counselor, Academic Success Center, ext. 6962

Linda Cortez has been promoted to assistant director, Admissions, ext. 1504.

Meghan Finley has been promoted to assistant director, Admissions, ext. 1510.

Nova Wiggins has been promoted from mailroom assistant to administrative assistant for Judicial Affairs, Residence Life, ext. 2649.

EVENTS

October 24—Women's volleyball vs. Salisbury University, Verizon Sports Arena, 7 p.m.

October 27—HalloweenFest, Lee Center, 3-7 p.m.

November 1—All Saints Day Mass, 7 a.m. and noon, Sacred Heart of Mary Chapel

November 3—Swim meet with York and Gallaudet, Lee Center Pool, 6 p.m.