

Oct. 18, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have had a rewarding and productive fall break. Though the semester is half over, we have many things to look forward to and yet to accomplish!

The Center for Faculty Excellence will host its 2024 Teaching, Learning and Assessment Symposium on Thursday, Oct. 31, and Friday, Nov. 1, and sessions will be available in a mix of in-person and online for both Omaha and Phoenix. The keynote speaker is Todd Zakrajsek PhD, editor of *The Scholarly Teacher*, an online resource for faculty in higher education. His recent books include *Classroom Assessment Techniques* 3rd ed. (2024, with Tom Angelo) and *Teaching at Its Best*, 5th ed. (2023, with Linda Nilson). I hope you will find time to participate in as many of the [valuable sessions planned over the two-day event](#) as your schedule allows. [You can register now online.](#)

The College for Professional and Continuing Education recently introduced a [new online platform for lifelong learners](#) in which users can earn continuing education credits in a variety of areas or explore topics of interest.

If you are interested in a *free* opportunity to upskill, consider applying to participate in the Human-Centered Design Faculty Development Course being offered by the [Institute for Population Health](#) (IPH). The application deadline has been extended to Wednesday, Oct. 30. Find information and a [link to download the application on the IPH pages in NEWmyCreighton](#). The course will run asynchronously from Jan. 6 through Feb. 28, 2025.

Our colleagues serving on the Public Honors and Events Committee are seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Service Faculty and Administrator Awards and the Distinguished Service Staff Award. You can find [award descriptions and criteria](#) on their web page, along with the nomination form. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, Dec. 5.

The first half of October saw Creighton host several important events. The IPH held its second annual Symposium on Population Health on Oct. 10, on the Health Sciences Campus – Phoenix, featuring two separate events — Beyond Barriers: Advancing Population Health in Arizona and Surgical Equity: A Call to Action. Both events featured national speakers and attracted students and health professionals to engage in conversation about ways to bring equity in healthcare to the underserved populace in the state.

From Wednesday through noon Friday, the University hosted the annual Joint Commission of the

AJCU/JCCU (Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States) Mission Officers' meeting on our Omaha campus. The theme was "Creating a Hope-Filled Future: Fostering Faith, Justice and Reconciliation." [The Rev. Dennis Holtschneider, CM](#) delivered the keynote address, titled "Grace Under Pressure: Advancing Our Mission in Times of Financial Stress and Socio-political Division."

I also had the privilege of hosting the AJCU Chief Academic Officers' (CAO) fall 2024 meeting on the Omaha campus Oct. 10-12, the second of two meetings held each year by the group. We welcomed 17 provosts/chief academic officers to campus where we addressed a variety of topics, toured our terrific Omaha campus, celebrated Mass in The Our Lady of Montserrat Chapel within the Jérôme Nadal Jesuit Residence, and enjoyed a wonderful kickoff dinner that included the Vice-Provosts, Deans and Fr. Hendrickson who provided a history of our path to Phoenix.

As we look toward November, remember that we are coming up on open enrollment. Please consider attending the annual Benefits and Well-Being Fair. The Omaha fair is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the Harper Center Ahmanson Ballroom. The Phoenix fair is scheduled from 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Doris S. Norton Ballroom.

Enjoy the autumn transitions and be well!

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## Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Symposium

Author and scholar Todd Zakrajsek, PhD, an expert in evidence-based teaching and learning, will serve as the keynote speaker at the Center for Faculty Excellence's 2024 Teaching, Learning and Assessment Symposium on Thursday, Oct. 31, and Friday, Nov. 1. Interested faculty and professional staff in Omaha and Phoenix can register for single or multiple sessions. The symposium includes interactive panel presentations, roundtable discussions, and workshops plus bonus raffle prizes! [View the full schedule](#) | [Register now](#).

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## Virtual Reality Goggles and Racial Sensitivity Training

**Joseph Maurice, MD**, professor and chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and **Julia Laforce**, second-year medical student and co-investigator, spoke with KETV about their research project that uses virtual reality to enhance racial sensitivity in medical training.

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## National Institutes of Health Grant Writing Series

McAllister and Quinn, a premier federal grant consulting firm out of Washington, D.C., held a three-part series on important aspects of writing National Institutes of Health grant proposals. The

[recordings and PowerPoint slides for these trainings](#) are now available in Bridge.

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## 50 Years of Paramedicine Event



This year marks 50 years of paramedicine education at Creighton. To celebrate the occasion, the College of Nursing welcomed back **Bill Leggio, BSEMS'09, MS'10, EdD'13, MHCM'20**, who reminded us of our trailblazing roots and celebrated our legacy of educating compassionate leaders in emergency medical services.

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## CIPER Associates and Scholars Announcement

Please join CIPER in congratulating the 2022-2024 CIPER Associates and Scholars for completing their projects as part of the two-year Associates and Scholars Program. **Timothy Ivers, PharmD; Carrie Bose, OTD; Sara Bharwani, EdD; Marisa Welch, OTD; Lindsay Iverson, DNP; Jane Stein, PharmD; Kylie Widhelm, OTD; Philip Lomneth, MDiv; Katie Zander, MSN, ARPN.** CIPER also thanks their mentors: **Amy McGaha, MD; Ann Ryan Haddad, PharmD; Colleen Spellman, OTD; Jenny Jessen, EdD; Julie Manz, PhD; Courtney Duggan, DNP; Joanna Stratton, PhD; and Cary Moore, PhD.** [Read more.](#)

## Rump Receives Humboldt Research Fellowship

**Jacob Rump, PhD**, associate professor of philosophy, received a Humboldt Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The fellowship will support Rump's research project "Understanding Understanding" which examines accounts of understanding and meaning in the history of German philosophy in dialogue with contemporary questions regarding these issues in

the philosophy of artificial intelligence.

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## Wishart, Danielsen Publish Two Articles

**Sabrina Danielsen, PhD**, associate professor of cultural and social studies and director of the Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, and **Ryan Wishart, PhD**, assistant professor of sociology and sociology program director, with a Clemson University colleague, recently published two articles on racial inequality and segregation in Omaha. Both articles use innovative location-based services data provided by a Spin Mobility Data for Safer Streets Initiative grant jointly awarded to Creighton's Social Science Data Lab and the city of Omaha. The articles are: "[Using Large-Scale Location Data to Examine Racial Diversity and Segregation in Church Attendees' Home Neighborhoods](#)" and "[Driving Environmental Inequality: The Unequal Harms and Benefits of Highways](#)."

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## Steyger Earns \$1 Million NIH Grant

**Peter Steyger, PhD**, has received a [\\$1 million NIH grant to advance research on hearing loss and vestibular disorders](#).

This grant will not only support groundbreaking research but also foster a sense of community for graduate students who have experienced hearing loss – a true reflection of Creighton's values of academic excellence, family and community.



## Upcoming CURAS Grant Deadlines

### Summer Faculty Research Fellowship (SFRF)

Deadline Nov. 13, 2024. Awards up to \$10,000 to faculty engaging in undergraduate research and scholarship during the summer. [Application and information](#).

### CURAS Faculty Publication Grants

Rolling submissions. Awards up to \$500 to defray open-access publication costs for manuscripts with Creighton undergraduate co-authors. [Application and information](#).

### CURAS Student Travel Grants

Rolling submissions. Awards \$800 for domestic, or \$1,500 for international, travel to present the results of undergraduate research and scholarly work at a conference. [Apply anytime](#).

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## Klontz Appears in 'Hidden Brain' Podcast

**Bradley T. Klontz, PsyD**, associate professor of practice in economics and finance, appeared in the [Sept. 23 podcast episode of Hidden Brain](#). The podcast focused on rewriting of individuals' "money stories" by identifying and understanding the unconscious beliefs that inform behaviors around money.

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## **Raj Receives *Phoenix Business Journal's* Inaugural Champion of Change Award**

**Jaya Raj, MD**, assistant dean of Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging at the Creighton University School of Medicine in Phoenix, received the [Phoenix Business Journal's inaugural Robin Reed Champion of Change Award](#). As a leader on the Phoenix campus, Raj has been committed to fostering an inclusive health sciences community.

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## **SPAHP Welcomes Woodhouse**

**Linda Woodhouse, PhD**, has joined the Department of Physical Therapy in Omaha as professor and department chair. Woodhouse has an international reputation with over 35 years of experience as a clinician, educator and researcher. Most recently she served as director of research and faculty development in the Tufts University doctorate of physical therapy (DPT) program in Phoenix. [Read more.](#)

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## **Burch and Team Present at Medical Surgical Nurses Convention**

**Aimee Burch, DNP**, and her team recently presented on "Interprofessional Opioid Safety in the Medical-Surgical Unit" at the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses Annual Convention in Toronto. This exemplar CHI Health collaboration was conducted in partnership with Brooke Schmitt, Medical-Surgical Director at CHI Health St. Francis, and **Jessica Scheideler, BSN'16**. Burch was also recognized at the Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse certificate luncheon for her role in chairing three National Nursing Certification Committees.



## **Begley, A. Haddad, A.R. Haddad Manuscript Published**

**Kimberley Begley, PharmD, Amy Haddad, PharmD, and Ann Ryan Haddad, PharmD**, recently had their manuscript titled “Interprofessional Ethics Simulations and Debriefing to Develop Collaborative Skills,” published in the prestigious journal *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*. The focus of this article summarizes a model for healthcare programs to create, conduct, and assess synchronous IPE ethics discussions and debrief sessions.

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## Creighton University School of Medicine Distinguished Lecture



**Michelle Roett, MD, MPH**, presented the School of Medicine’s Distinguished Lecture earlier this month, titled “Advancing Health Equity Through Meaningful Community Engagement.” As founding director of the Georgetown University Center for Health Equity, Roett shared her experience of championing health equity improvements and held up community partnerships as essential to improving health outcomes and social determinants of health.

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## Pharmacy Students Represent Nationally

A team of fourth-year pharmacy students have qualified for the Quarterfinal Round of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. Out of 110 teams across the country that entered the first round of competition, only eight teams made the quarterfinals. **Jared Hester, Josh Pham and Trevor Carbonel** competed with other qualifying teams at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix on Oct. 12.

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## CURAS Team Selected for National Advocacy Program

A Creighton team of CURAS Director **Ashley Fricks-Gleason, PhD**, and three undergraduates from the College of Arts and Sciences – **Alessandra Kakish, Alexandra Woog, and Cleo Zagurski** – has been selected to participate in the 2024-2025 Council on Undergraduate Research Students Transforming Through Research (STR) Program. The team will spend five

months receiving formal training to become more effective, civically engaged researchers who are prepared to advocate for the importance of undergraduate research with various stakeholder groups. The experience culminates in March with meetings on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., with our congressional representatives. This is the first time a team from Creighton has applied for this prestigious program.

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## New National Institutes of Health Series Starting

Beginning May 25, 2025, the National Institutes of Health will require the use of SciENcv for “Other Support” documents; PDFs made from Word documents will no longer be allowed. Because this is a significant change, **Barbara Bittner, MA, CRA**, Sponsored Programs Administration, and **Karina Kletscher, MLIS, AHIP**, Creighton University Health Sciences Library, will facilitate a series of 30-minute sessions to prepare faculty for what’s to come.

- **NIH Biosketch: Leveraging ORCID for SciENcv Documents: Mon., Nov. 4;** 11-11:30 a.m. CT/10-10:30 a.m. MT; Virtual – [Register in Bridge](#)
  - **NIH Biographical Sketch: Using SciENcv: Wed., Nov. 6;** 11-11:30 a.m. CT/10-10:30 a.m. MT; Virtual – [Register in Bridge](#)
  - **NIH Other Support: Using SciENcv: Fri., Nov. 8;** 11-11:30 a.m. CT/10-10:30 a.m. MT; Virtual – [Register in Bridge](#)
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## Elliot-Meisel Publishes Book

**Elizabeth Elliot-Meisel, PhD**, associate professor of history, published a new book titled “Reconsidering the Northwest Passage: Arctic Sovereignty and Continental Security in US-Canada Relations.” [Read the book online.](#)

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## Kingfisher Names Malik, McEwen and Brown as '24-'25 Fellows

**Surbhi Malik, PhD**, associate professor of English; **Britta McEwen, PhD**, associate professor of history and department chair; and **Jill Brown, PhD**, professor of psychological science, were named Kingfisher Fellows for 2024-2025, for their interdisciplinary project titled “Beyond the Rational: Tracing an Interdisciplinary Vocabulary of the Intangible.” The institute chose the project for its 2024-2025 Research and Scholarship Seminar. The project, one of three selected, seeks to integrate insights from each of their disciplines and create a methodology to capture the role of intangible elements of the human experience, such as emotions and dreams, in knowledge production.

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## Carney Publishes Article in *Theologic Studies*

**Jay Carney, PhD**, professor of theology, published a research article with the flagship journal *Theological Studies*, exploring the foundational role of base ecclesial communities within the Congolese Catholic Church. The article argues that lay-led base communities provide grassroots examples of the participatory, dialogical and synodal church that Vatican II and Pope Francis have called for. Creighton's Kripke Center provided grant funding for Carney's 2022-23 field research in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. [Read the article.](#)

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## Fazilatfar Receives New Voices Award

**Hossein Fazilatfar, JD**, associate professor of law, is one of the 2024-2025 recipients of the AALS New Scholar Award Series, receiving the *New Voices in Dispute Resolution* Award.



## Leavelle to Serve on National Humanities Alliance Panel

**Tracy Leavelle, PhD**, director of the Kingfisher Institute for the Liberal Arts and Professions, and professor of history and medical humanities, will serve as a panelist in an upcoming webinar on integrative liberal arts curricula. The webinar introduces the National Humanities Alliance's (NHA) latest national report, “Attracting Students to the Liberal Arts Through Integrative Curricula,” which features a profile on the Kingfisher Institute. Leavelle also serves on the board of directors of the NHA. The [webinar](#) is scheduled Oct. 24.

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## Borchers Serves as Delegate to Uniform Law Commission

**Pat Borchers, JD**, professor of law and Lillis Family Professorship in Law Professor, was appointed by the governor as one of the three delegates from Nebraska to the Uniform Law



Commission (also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws). The Uniform Law Commission oversees the drafting of the UCC, and other important uniform state laws.

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## O'Reilly's Research Published

Research conducted by **Colin O'Reilly, PhD**, associate professor of economics and finance, on the dynamic correlation effects of economic freedom across states in the U.S. finds a positive relationship between economic freedom and economic growth. This study, titled "[The Dynamics of Non-Intervention: Applying the Dynamic Common Correlated Effects Estimator to State-level Economic Freedom,](#)" is currently featured in *Applied Economics*.

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## Fox Article Cited by Louisiana Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Louisiana cited an article by **Irina Fox, JD**, professor of law, in Succession of Maloney, 2023-01447 (La. 9/4/24), 2024 WL 4099903, at \*3. The article cited is titled "Penalty Clauses in Testaments: What Louisiana Can Learn from the Common Law, 70 La. L. Rev. 1265, 1273 (2010)."

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## NIH Awards Stairs \$400k to Study Cannabis Abuse Potential

**Dustin Stairs, PhD**, professor of psychological science, received a \$440,924 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study how one's environment affects the likelihood one will abuse delta-8-THC and CBD across adolescent development. Stairs and his undergraduate research laboratory in the Department of Psychological Science will collaborate with **Charles Bockman, PhD**, assistant professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, on the three-year research project titled "The Developmental Effects of Environmental Enrichment on the Minor Cannabinoid Drug Reward and Cannabinoid Receptor Levels." [Read more.](#)

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## Call for Applications: Faculty Development Grants

Faculty and professional staff who teach are invited to submit grant proposals that support newly initiated or early stage assessment of student learning, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), and/or related faculty development projects. Grants of \$500 to \$2,000 are awarded competitively.

- [Read the grant call for proposals](#)
- [Download the application](#)

Email proposals to [maryemmer@creighton.edu](mailto:maryemmer@creighton.edu). Proposal review begins Nov. 8. The project timeframe is Jan. 1, 2025-May 7, 2026.

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## College of Nursing and CHI Health Distinguished Scholar Lecture

Joyce Fitzpatrick, PhD, director of the Marian K Shaughnessy Nurse Leadership Academy and Elizabeth Brooks Ford Professor of Nursing and Distinguished University Professor at Case Western Reserve University, presented at the Creighton College of Nursing and CHI Health Distinguished Scholar Lecture on the topic of relational leadership and why it matters to nurses at the point of care.



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## Long Receives National Science Foundation Research Funding

**Makenzie Long, PhD**, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was awarded \$202,300 in National Science Foundation funding for her cutting-edge research project titled “Computational Modeling of Metal Ion Mediated DNA Adsorption to Functionalized Surfaces.” Since 2020, faculty in the department have collectively brought in more than \$4 million in research funding. [Read more.](#)

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## UPDATES

### Become an IPH Affiliate

Any Creighton faculty and staff member who is active in population health-related work through teaching, scholarship or service is eligible for an appointment as an Institute for Population Health (IPH) Affiliate. Learn more about [eligibility criteria](#), [expectations](#), [benefits and how to apply](#).

## Call for Proposals: President's Fund in Population Health

The IPH will open its call for proposals for President's Fund in Population Health grants on Monday, Oct. 21, with a submission deadline of Monday, Dec. 2. Faculty may apply for one or two years, up to \$25,000 per year for their projects. [Learn about this year's program](#) and register to participate in an open office hour session scheduled for [Friday, Nov. 1, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. CT, 11 a.m. to noon MT](#), or [Friday, Nov. 8, from noon to 1 p.m. CT, 11 a.m. to noon MT](#).

## IPH Sponsors PHIRE Conference

Creighton's IPH is co-sponsoring the Midwest Public Health Innovation and Research Expo (PHIRE) on Oct. 25 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health. The all-day event offers opportunities for networking and forging connections. IPH Executive Director **Scott Shipman, MD, MPH**, will present as part of a panel titled "Forging Collaborations Across Disciplines," followed by an individual presentation titled "Get to Know IPH." **Jonathan Fales**, a College of Arts and Sciences senior, will present "A Liturgical Mastery of Suffering Through the Imitatio Christi." **Mae Grahek, BS'23**, a current physician assistant student, will present "Loss of Dignity as a Cause of Suffering: Objectification of the Human Body and the Inhibition of Flourishing." Shipman will conclude the days' presentations with "Possible Collaborations for Data, Population Health and Public Health." [Learn more](#).

## Application Period Extended for Human-Centered Design Course

[Applications to participate](#) in the Human-Centered Design Faculty Development Course have been extended until Wednesday, Oct. 30. The course is scheduled to run Jan. 6 through Feb. 28, 2025. Learn more about [Human-Centered Design course instructors and expectations](#).

## CommonSpirit Health LEAD Scholars Program Kickoff

CommonSpirit Health and the Institute for Population Health celebrated the kickoff of the CommonSpirit Health LEAD Scholars Program in Phoenix last week. LEAD stands for Leadership in health Equity, Advocacy and Diversity. The program focuses on leadership through mentorship: from physicians in practice to medical residents and from those medical residents to medical students. The program will also have full-time physician assistants mentoring physician assistant students.

Contact [pophealth@creighton.edu](mailto:pophealth@creighton.edu) with questions about any of these offerings.

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Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mardell A. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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