

Nov. 21, 2024

Dear Faculty and Staff,

First, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the student-athletes and coaches in our volleyball program on earning an 11th straight BIG EAST Championship last weekend! This is an exciting time for Creighton Athletics, with our women's and men's basketball teams both playing the University of Nebraska on Friday and the volleyball team preparing to host the BIG EAST tournament on Nov. 27-30. Let's support our Bluejays!

Next, as we rapidly approach the end of the first semester, I want to share with you my gratitude for your commitment and dedication to our students and their success. I recognize that there is much to accomplish in the coming weeks, but please know how appreciative I am for the time and energy you give to our students and to the many functions of the university. Many of us will gather together in a few weeks to celebrate the achievements of those students in our graduate programs who are completing their programs of study this semester. [Graduate Hooding and Commencement ceremonies](#) will be held on the Omaha campus on Friday, Dec. 13. A big thanks to those faculty who quickly move to Winter Session classes, which begin on Monday, Dec. 16.

However, before the semester ends, Fr. Hendrickson will host the annual Creighton holiday parties in Phoenix on Monday, Dec. 9, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. MT in the Doris S. Norton Ballroom, and in Omaha on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. CT in the Harper Center Ahmanson Ballroom. I hope you will come and enjoy the holiday cheer with your friends and colleagues. I look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the application deadline for the second round of [President's Fund in Population Health](#) grants has been extended until Monday, Dec. 9. Another upcoming deadline is the Dec. 16 [call for abstracts](#) for the premier North American conference on interprofessional education and collaborative healthcare: [Collaborating Across Borders \(CAB\) IX: Converging Currents — Enhancing Health Outcomes through Interprofessional Collaboration](#). Creighton will co-host the annual CAB Conference May 27-30 in Omaha with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

I am excited for Dr. Michael Paulus, University Librarian and the recent [\\$250,000 Google.org grant](#) for the Creighton Libraries' emerging technologies initiative, which supports AI technology. These funds are yet another way in which Creighton University continues to advance our understanding and optimization of AI in the classrooms as well as in research.

The long holiday weekend ahead provides a wonderful opportunity to connect with family and

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

while you enjoy some terrific food and embrace traditions—old and new. I look forward to welcoming you back refreshed, inspired and ready for the weeks ahead.

Wishing you a joyful Thanksgiving!

---



## Elliot-Meisel Named to Morrison, SJ, Professorship in History

**Elizabeth Elliot-Meisel, PhD**, has been appointed to the Rev. Michael G. Morrison, SJ, Professorship in History. This professorship honors the legacy of Fr. Morrison, who served as the University's president from 1981 to 2000, and reflects his commitment to student-centered education and Jesuit values. As the Morrison professor, Elliot-Meisel's theme is "The Arctic in the Era of Climate Change: A Multi-Disciplinary Exploration."

---

## Upcoming CURAS Grant Deadlines

CURAS would like to ensure that faculty and students are aware of a handful of upcoming grant deadlines and opportunities.

- The deadline to apply for AY 2025-2026 [Magis! Investigatio Research Award \(MIRA\)](#) is Jan. 21, 2025. Awards of up to \$5,000 will be made to faculty engaging in undergraduate research and scholarship
  - Submissions for [CURAS Faculty Publication Grants](#) are accepted on a rolling basis and recipients receive up to \$500 to defray open-access publication costs for manuscripts with Creighton undergraduate co-authors
  - [CURAS Student Travel Grants](#) applications are accepted on a rolling basis and recipients receive awards of up to \$800 for domestic travel and \$1,500 for international travel to present the results of their undergraduate research and scholarly work at a conference
-

## Myslinska Book Reviewed in *Nordic Journal*

Dagmar Myslinska, JD, PhD, associate professor of law, had a review of her book, *Law, Migration, and the Construction of Whiteness: Mobility Within the European Union*, published in the [Nordic Journal of European Law](#). The reviewer describes it as both valuable for EU studies and for EU law scholarship. The book also has been nominated for the Socio-Legal Studies Association Book Prize in the United Kingdom and for the American Society of International Law Book Prize.

---

## CURAS Announces '24-'25 MAGIS! Investigatio Award Winners

The Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship proudly announces nine recipients for the [AY 2024-2025 Magis! Investigatio Research Award](#).

---



Hannah Graff



Ariana Modiri



Sara Avila

## Students to Present at Women in Machine Learning Workshop

On Dec. 10, computer science majors **Hannah Graff**, **Ariana Modiri** and **Sara Avila** will present their research poster on deep learning for counting outer and inner cochlear hair cells at the Women in Machine Learning Workshop in Vancouver, British Columbia, as part of NeurIPS 2024, one of the top AI conferences globally. They obtained an NSF travel grant and complimentary conference registrations. Their research project was funded through Creighton University's Dr. Richard J. Bellucci Translational Hearing Center, an NIH/NIGMS-funded Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (CoBRE).

---

## Vivekanandan, Chambers Recognized by the AMWA

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) announced 27 recipients of the [2024 AMWA INSPIRE Award](#), including **Renuga Vivekanandan, MD**, professor and associate dean for clinical

celebrates women physicians who exemplify the highest values of vision, integrity, service and role-modeling in medicine and healthcare.

---

## Nursing Faculty Present at NNA Convention

Several nursing faculty presented at the annual NNA Convention in Kearney, Nebraska. Assistant professors **Trina Walker, DNP**, and **Theresa Jizba, DNP**, presented “Building a Foundation for Precision Health in Nurse Practitioner Education and Practice.” **Lucas Manning, DNP**, also an assistant professor, presented “Unlocking Learning: Harnessing Escape Rooms as Innovative Simulations in Education.”

---

## Save the Dates: University Research Week

The University Research Week Committee invites you to save the dates for the following upcoming events. These early reminders will help you remind your students to submit abstracts so they can present their projects. They also allow you to block time to help judge their presentations and to see what other students have been working on this past year. Abstracts are due by midnight Feb. 21, 2025. University Research Days are scheduled for April 1 (9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. CT) and April 2 (9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT). Watch the [University Research Week](#) web pages for additional details as the event nears and watch for additional information in *Creighton Today* and other communication channels. Contact [CURAS@creighton.edu](mailto:CURAS@creighton.edu) with questions.

---

## Johns Hopkins Medicine ‘Faculty Factory’ Podcast Features Seaman

**Jessica Seaman, EdD**, assistant dean for faculty development in the School of Medicine, was recently featured on “[The Faculty Factory Podcast](#)” through Johns Hopkins Medicine – Episode 299, “[Best Supporting Practices and Strategies for Stressed-Out Learners and Faculty](#).” The Faculty Factory is an international faculty development community sharing tools to build academic leaders and includes a website with a host of resources and [three free downloadable eBooks](#). Episodes are archived on [The Faculty Factory YouTube Channel](#) by faculty development topics.



---

## Goedken Conducts Third Annual Mediation Training

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

the third annual Mediation Training for Lawyers at the federal courthouse in Omaha Aug. 21-23. This three-day CLE fulfills training requirements for lawyers seeking to be placed on the federal district court's mediation roster and who want to be better advocates when representing clients in mediation.

---

## Rafiq Receives CommonSpirit 2024 Vision Award

**Naureen Rafiq, MD**, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, was honored in October with the One CommonSpirit Award on behalf of the Midwest division. This award recognizes the outstanding work in patient experience that the division has achieved over the past fiscal year.

---

## Communication Journal Publishes Zboja, Su Research

The *Atlantic Journal of Communication* recently published "[The Effectiveness of Social Media Communication of Sustainable Fashion Brands: Evidence from Consumer Engagement](#)," written by **James Zboja, PhD**, associate professor of marketing and management, and **Qiuli Su, PhD**, assistant professor of marketing and management.

---

## Fox Presents at Nebraska Bar Annual Meeting

**Irina Fox, JD**, professor of law, presented for the securities section of the Nebraska State Bar Association at its annual meeting. Her presentation, "The Howey Test for Investment Contracts as a Definition of a Security in the Context of Digital Assets," focused on the Securities and Exchange Commission's treatment of digital assets and the courts' application of the Howey test to crypto-assets.

---



## Marshall Receives 'Best Reviewer' Award

**Jason Marshall, PhD**, assistant professor of marketing and management, received the Best Reviewer award for the organizational behavior track at the Southern Management Association conference Oct. 29-Nov. 2 in San Antonio.

---

Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center will co-host Collaborating Across Borders IX (CAB IX) in Omaha May 27-30, 2025. The conference theme, "Converging Currents: Enhancing Health Outcomes through Interprofessional Collaboration," reflects a collective commitment to improving health outcomes through effective collaboration across professions. CAB is North America's oldest and largest international conference dedicated to advancing the field of interprofessional education and collaborative care. Learn more at [CAB IX 2025](#) or [abstract submissions](#). **Jennifer Jessen, EdD**, associate professor of nursing and executive director of the Center for Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research, is co-chair for the event.

---

## Visit the CFE's New myCreighton Site

New content and resources are available on the Center for Faculty Excellence's new [myCreighton](#) page. Check for upcoming events and programs as well as learning, eLearning and assessment resources. The CFE also offers a dedicated calendar. Head to the [calendar page](#), click on the plus (+) by "Other Calendars" and add the Center for Faculty Excellence. All programs, communities of practice and discussion groups will be posted there.

---

## Gerhart, Heinrich Manuscript Recognized

The *Journal of Information Systems Education* selected the manuscript "[Privacy Education Effectiveness: Does It Matter?](#)" written by **Natalie Gerhart, PhD**, associate professor of accounting and business intelligence and analytics, and **Matthew Heinrich, DBA'21**, as the Best Paper Honorable Mention winner for 2023.

---

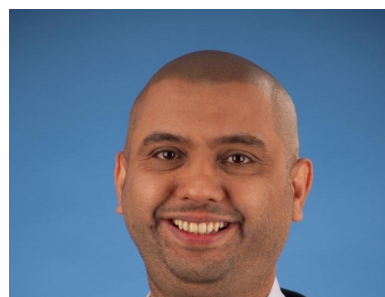
## National Institutes of Health Grant-Writing Series in Bridge

McAllister & Quinn held a three-part series on important aspects of writing NIH grant proposals. The [recordings and PowerPoint slides](#) for these trainings are now available in Bridge.

---

## Fernandes Receives AWS Cloud Credit support for AI Research

**Steven Fernandes, PhD**, assistant professor of computer science and informatics, has been awarded an AWS Cloud Credit for Research totaling \$26,334. This credit will support his research on developing robust deep learning models, which are



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.



---

## Center for Faculty Excellence 2023-2024 Annual Report

The Center for Faculty Excellence asks faculty to reflect on last year by exploring the [2023-2024 CFE Annual Report](#), which highlights the center's achievements and sets the stage for future initiatives.

---

## Nursing Faculty Present at APNA Conference

Assistant professors of nursing **Jacque Williams, Joely Goodman, PhD, Sarah Ball, PhD, Christine Young,** and **Beth Flott, EdD,** and nursing instructors **Trevor Woodward, EdD,** and **Kara Morgan** presented “Nurse-Faculty Work-Life Balance: Setting Boundaries to Combat Burnout” at the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, recently.

---

## Beste Named Finalist for Health Care Heroes Awards

**Jason Beste, MD, MPH,** executive director of the Arrupe Global Scholars and Partnerships Program and associate professor, was named a [finalist for the 2024 Health Care Heroes award in the Health Care Education category](#) by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona. Finalists are recognized for excellence in the medical community and were selected based on nominations from peers.

---

## Fazilatfar Presents at Works-in-Progress Conference

**Hossein Fazilatfar, JD,** associate professor of law, presented his paper titled “Clause Expansion” at the AALS ADR Section’s 17th Annual Works-in-Progress (WIP) Conference on Oct. 18 at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California.

---



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.



## Ferlic Fellows Poster Presentation

The Ferlic Fellows Poster Presentation was held on Oct. 22. Through Dr. Randolph and Teresa Kolars Ferlic's ongoing, generous support of undergraduate science research and our faculty's dedication to mentorship, students in the natural and physical sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences have been given invaluable research opportunities. [Read the students' research abstracts.](#)

---

## School of Medicine Adds Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

[The newly formed Department of Orthopaedic Surgery](#) in the School of Medicine is committed to providing consistent, exceptional clinical care to our patients. As part of this commitment, the department is devoted not only to training the next generation of skilled surgeons, but also to advancing the teaching of musculoskeletal medicine for medical students.

---

## Kirkpatrick Supports CommonSpirit Health Nursing Professional Practice Model Nomination

CommonSpirit Health's Virtually Integrated Care Nursing Professional Practice Model received the nationally acclaimed [Edge Runner Award by the American Academy of Nursing](#). The nomination for this award was supported by **Mandy Kirkpatrick, PhD**, professor and associate dean, and written in partnership with three CommonSpirit Health nursing leaders. [Read more about this model.](#)

---

## Center for Faculty Excellence Teaching, Learning, & Assessment Symposium Sessions Available in Bridge

The Center for Faculty Excellence thanks those who were able to attend its **2024 Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Symposium**. Keynote speaker **Todd Zakrison, PhD**, provided

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

teaching effectiveness, reflective practices and assessment strategies. [Presentation recordings and materials](#) are available in Bridge.

---

## Zboja Serves as Sales Pressure Expert on Canadian Podcast

**James Zboja, PhD**, associate professor of marketing and management, served as an academic expert on sales pressure on the Oct. 13 episode of *Cost of Living with Paul Haavardsrud* podcast titled “The Oldest Trick in the Book,” produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). [Listen to the podcast.](#)

---



## UPDATE

### IPH Co-sponsors Maternal Child Health Summit

The Institute for Population Health (IPH) is a sponsor for the Nov. 21 Nebraska Maternal Child Health Summit in Lincoln, Nebraska. The summit is focused on ways to improve maternal and infant health outcomes in the state. **Scott Shipman, MD, MPH**, executive director of the IPH, served on the planning committee for the meeting and will lead a panel discussion of session chairs about opportunities for Nebraska to become a nationwide leader in having excellent and equitable maternal and infant health outcomes. This session ends the daylong event to bring attention to the highest priorities and most promising interventions to pursue.

### President’s Fund Grants Deadline Extended

The deadline to apply for the 2025-2026 President’s Fund in Population Health grants has been extended to Monday, Dec. 9. Through this program, the IPH aims to support and promote faculty development, investigation, intervention and evaluation efforts that improve the health and well-being of our communities. Improving the health of all requires expertise and partnership from across all fields—law, business, education, policy, healthcare, service, social services, and more. Faculty can apply for up to \$25,000 a year for projects that aim to understand challenges, address barriers, and/or evaluate efforts to improve the health of a population. [Find additional information and how to apply.](#) Contact [pophealth@creighton.edu](mailto:pophealth@creighton.edu) with questions.

### Become an IPH Associate

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

teaching, scholarship or service is eligible for an appointment as an Institute for Population Health (IPH) Associate. [Learn about eligibility criteria and benefits and apply.](#)

---

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mardell A. Wilson".

**Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN**  
*Provost, Creighton University*

**Creighton**  
UNIVERSITY

2500 California Plaza | Omaha, NE 68178 US

View this email [online](#).

This email was sent to .

*To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.*

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.