

January 24, 2025

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The spring semester is off to a busy start, filled with opportunities and activities to participate in campus life. As February approaches, we look forward to this Sunday's Special Programs Day for prospective undergraduate students where many of you graciously give of your time and expertise as we will welcome our largest attendance for that program in its history as well as the events of [Founders Week, Feb. 3-7](#).

As referenced in **Fr. Hendrickson's** message yesterday, the spring semester has also aligned with the new presidential administration. In an effort to closely monitor and advise on current and future governmental regulations and policies, Fr. Hendrickson has charged a new committee, chaired by **Barron Breland, DM**, vice provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs and dean of the Graduate School, and **Cindy Schmersal, EdD**, vice president for Mission and Ministry. Watch *Creighton Today* for updates from the committee, where to access relevant materials, and opportunities to engage in information sharing and dialogue.

This year, Founders Week begins at the Phoenix campus with Fr. Hendrickson delivering his annual Founders Week Convocation at 4:30 p.m. MT on Monday, Feb. 3, in the Norton Ballroom. Fr. Hendrickson will then deliver his convocation address in Omaha on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m. CT in the Harper Center's Hixson-Lied Auditorium. I encourage everyone to take the time to attend. You can [register to attend in person or online for either Phoenix or Omaha](#).

Just two days later, on Thursday, Feb. 6, the Committee on the Status of Women will host its annual Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Awards Luncheon on the Omaha campus from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Harper Center, Ahmanson Ballroom. This year's luncheon will honor three exceptional individuals: **Jennifer Peter, PsyD**, senior director for Student Counseling Services and the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center; **Regina Taylor, PhD**, associate professor of management, Heider College of Business; and **Theresa Townley, MD**, associate professor, School of Medicine. I am hopeful that you have completed your registration, and I look forward to seeing you at the event.

Finally, please encourage your students to participate in the second annual **Envisioning Population Health Student Photo Contest**. The contest is open to students from all schools and colleges and will be accepting entries until Feb. 21. The contest is cosponsored by the Institute for Population Health and the Kingfisher Institute. This year, the sponsors will select first-place winners from both our Omaha and Phoenix campuses in each of three categories.

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Thank you for all you do to make Creighton such a special place. Enjoy the other side of the winter solstice as our daylight hours grow longer. Blessings on a wonderful semester!

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## CAB Registration Opens in February

Collaborating Across Borders IX (CAB IX) is coming to Omaha May 27-30, 2025. CAB is North America's oldest and largest international conference dedicated to advancing the field of interprofessional education and collaborative care and will be jointly hosted by Creighton University, represented by **Jennifer Jessen, EdD**, associate professor of nursing and executive director for the Center for Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research (CIPER), and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, represented by Devin Nickol, MD. Registration opens in February. Learn more at [CAB IX 2025](#).

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## CFE Awards Faculty Development Grants for 2025-2026

The Center for Faculty Excellence is pleased to announce the [recipients of the Faculty Development Grants for the Assessment of Student Learning/Scholarship of Teaching and Learning](#) for 2025-2026. Seven teaching/research teams, including 19 faculty and five staff, were awarded a total of \$12,549 for the 2025-2026 Faculty Development Grants.

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## Interprofessional Research Presented at AAA Conference

A collaborative project between accounting, business intelligence and analytics and occupational therapy faculty titled "An Interprofessional Learning Experience Between Accounting and Occupational Therapy Students: A Mixed Methods Study" was presented at the American Accounting Association conference. The research stemmed from a collaboration between **Angela Lampe, OTD**, associate professor of occupational therapy, and **Brenda Coppard, PhD**, professor and associate dean in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, supported by [Creighton's Kingfisher Institute](#).

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## Dūda Named A.F. Jacobson Chair in Communication

**Gintaras K. Dūda, PhD**, professor and chair of physics, has been named the new holder of the A.F. Jacobson Chair in Communication. As the chair holder, Dūda will bring a new emphasis to the Jacobson chair: science communication. The

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Kiewit Luminarium, both on the upcoming science and religion exhibit and in more traditional science communication to diverse audiences. Campus programming, made possible by the endowed chair, will support training faculty, staff and students to be more effective science communicators and will also support science outreach activities. [Read more online.](#)

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## University Research Week 2025

Creighton University will host its annual [University Research Week](#) celebrations on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. CT)**, and **Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT)**, in the Harper Center for the Omaha campus. The Phoenix campus will host its event on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. MT in the Doris S. Norton Ballroom**. Please encourage your students to participate in this annual event, which celebrates research across the University.

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## Lifelong Learning Platform Offers 15% Discount

Starting Jan. 1, 2025, faculty and staff, their spouses and eligible dependents qualify for a 15% discount on noncredit individual offerings through Creighton's Lifelong Learning platform. Visit [lifelong.creighton.edu](https://lifelong.creighton.edu) to explore current programs and noncredit courses. Use code **CULifelongFS** when registering. *One discount per offering. Other restrictions may apply.* Contact the College of Professional and Continuing Education with questions about Lifelong Learning and the discount at [CPCECreighton@creighton.edu](mailto:CPCECreighton@creighton.edu).

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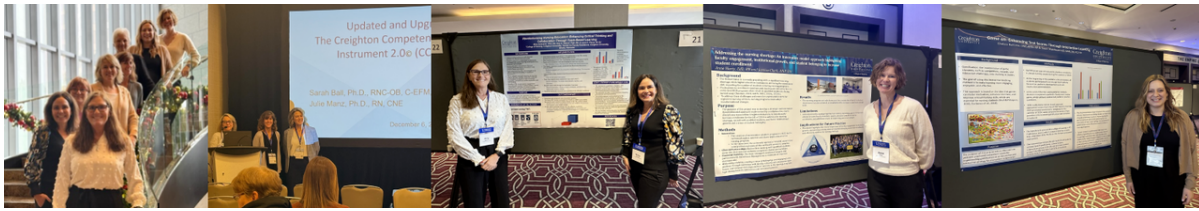
## Janousek Speaks with *Nebraska Examiner* about Election

**Christian Janousek, JD, PhD**, assistant professor of political science and international relations, recently spoke with the *Nebraska Examiner* about the 2024 election results within the state. The interview will contribute to a series of articles focused on providing additional understanding of the 2024 election in Nebraska.

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## Seaman Named Chair-Elect of AHME Council

**Jessica Seaman, EdD**, assistant dean for faculty development in the School of Medicine, has been named chair-elect of the Council on Professional and Faculty Development (CPFD) in the Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME). Seaman will serve a two-year term as chair-elect before moving to the position of chair for the council.



## Nursing Faculty Attend AACN Transform Conference

Creighton's College of Nursing was well represented at this year's American Association of Colleges of Nursing Transform conference in New Orleans with five scholarly presentations:

- **Becky Davis, DPN**, assistant professor of nursing; **Jo Anne Genua, PhD**, assistant professor of nursing; **Jenny Jessen, EdD**, associate professor of nursing; and **Holly Sak, EdD**, assistant professor of nursing, presented their AACN grant outcomes, "Clinical Checkpoints: A Roadmap for CBE Implementation."
- **Sarah Ball, PhD**, assistant professor of nursing and faculty chair, traditional BSN program, and **Julie Manz, PhD**, professor of nursing and chair, BSN program, presented, "Updated and Upgraded CCEI 2.0" (selected 20-minute podium with co-authors **Lucas Manning, DNP**, assistant professor of nursing, **Lindsay Iverson, DNP**, associate professor of nursing, and **Martha Todd, PhD**, professor of nursing).
- **Chelsea Hamzhie, DNP**, assistant professor of nursing and faculty chair, presented, "Game On: Enhancing Test Scores Through Interactive Learning" (selected poster with co-author **Trevor Woodward, EdD**, instructor in nursing).
- **Misty Schwartz, PhD**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Amy Abbott, PhD**, professor of nursing, presented, "Revolutionizing Nursing Education: Enhancing Critical Thinking and Collaboration Through Team-Based Learning" (selected poster with **Laura Praus**, instructional designer with the Center for Faculty Excellence).
- **Anne Harty, EdD**, assistant professor of nursing and director of the Harper Nursing Scholars Program, presented, "Addressing the Nursing Shortage: An Innovative Model Approach to Increase Student Enrollment" (selected poster with Dean **Jessica Clark, DNP**).



## Vivekanandan Provides Infectious Disease Expertise to OWH

**Renuga Vivekanandan, MD**, professor and associate dean for clinical affairs in the School of Medicine and chief medical officer at CHI Health, spoke with the [Omaha World-Herald](#) about Nebraska seeing a steep increase in cases of influenza and stomach bugs.

## Garcia Chosen for 2025 Emerging Leaders Program

**CJ Garcia**, research and instruction librarian at the Health Sciences Campus – Phoenix, has been selected to participate in the American Library Association's 2025 Emerging Leaders Program. The program provides new librarians with opportunities to serve the profession in a leadership capacity.

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## Opportunities for Undergraduates to Publish their Work

CURAS reminds everyone that Creighton hosts two undergraduate journals to ensure access to peer-reviewed publication options for students. *Shadows* is a fully student-run literary and arts journal publishing creative works. *QUEST* is the University's journal of undergraduate research. Both publications are accepting submissions through Jan. 31 for an early May publication date. Manuscripts for *QUEST* can be submitted [here](#). Direct all questions about *QUEST* to [curas@creighton.edu](mailto:curas@creighton.edu). Questions regarding *Shadows* should be directed to [shadowseditor@creighton.edu](mailto:shadowseditor@creighton.edu).

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## Wei to Receive Best Paper Award

Editors of the *European Accounting Review* selected the publication titled "[Does Voluntary ESG Reporting Resolve Disagreement Among ESG Rating Agencies?](#)" by **Sijing Wei, PhD**, associate professor of accounting and business intelligence and analytics, to receive the journal's Best Paper Award for 2024. Wei and her co-authors will be recognized at the Opening Ceremony of the European Accounting Association 2025 Annual Congress in Rome, Italy, May 28-30, 2025.

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## Carney Named Amelia B. & Emil G. Graff Faculty Chair in Catholic Theological Studies

**Jay Carney, PhD**, professor of theology and African studies and the director of Creighton's Christian Spirituality Program, has been named the new holder of the Amelia B. and Emil G. Graff Faculty Chair in Catholic Theological Studies. As the new holder of the endowed chair, Carney will spend his upcoming sabbatical at Hekima University College in Nairobi, Kenya, where he will explore a book project on Ignatian spirituality and social justice in the lives of modern African Jesuits. [Read more online.](#)



## 106 Celebrate Graduation at December Ceremony

Creighton held its annual December Commencement and Hooding Ceremony Dec. 13, 2024. A total of 106 graduates from August and December were hooded and recognized for earning master's or doctoral degrees.

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## CURAS Funding Opportunities

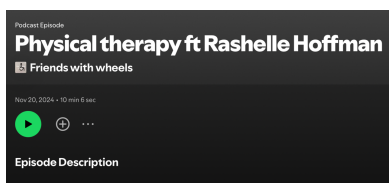
Applications are open for the following faculty funding opportunities:

- **Summer Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Fellowships (SURF).** Please encourage students seeking funding for research and creative projects during summer 2025 to apply for a SURF. Deadline: Feb. 14, 2025. [SURF Application](#).
  - **CURAS Faculty Publication Grants.** Awards up to \$500 to defray open-access publications costs for manuscripts with Creighton undergraduate co-authors. Rolling submissions. [Faculty Publication Grant Application](#).
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## Mindrup Neurofibromatosis Show at Gallery 92 West

A solo exhibition by **Rachel Mindrup, MFA**, associate professor and the Richard L. Deming, MD, Endowed Chair in Medical Humanities, is on display at [Gallery 92 West](#) in Fremont, Nebraska. The exhibition is titled, "Neurofibromatosis: A Portrait of Nebraska and the Midwest." The show runs through Jan. 28.

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## Hoffman Addresses Physical Therapy Benefits on 'Friends with Wheel' Podcast

**Rashelle Hoffman, DPT**, assistant professor of physical therapy, appeared on the ["Friends with Wheels" podcast](#) to discuss physical therapy and how it can be helpful for individuals in the community living with disability. She also advocated for wellness and lifestyle management practices which can be enhanced through physical therapy and community-based resources.

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## Council on Undergraduate Research – Enhanced Membership

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Membership to the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). This means that any faculty, mentor, administrator, staff or student from Creighton can join CUR at no additional cost to the individual and take full advantage of the shared knowledge and resources. [This link provides information on how to activate a membership.](#)

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## Jensen Named to APTA Code of Ethics Task Force

**Gail Jensen, PhD**, vice provost for learning and assessment and professor of physical therapy, was named chair of the American Physical Therapy Association's task force to revise its Code of Ethics. She is immediate past chair of the association's Ethics and Judicial Committee. The revised code will be reviewed by the organization in July 2025.

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## Santos Publishes Research in *Journal of Macromarketing*

**Nicholas Santos, SJ, PhD**, associate professor of marketing and management, published his research on "[Socially Responsible Fintech Using Open Social Innovation](#)" in the *Journal of Macromarketing*. The study examines how socially responsible marketing contributes to consumer well-being via financial inclusion.

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### Late Breaking Hot Topics Panel:

#### Impact of Trump's Election on the War in Ukraine

Join Panelists who travelled to  
Ukraine for Human Rights Day  
in San Francisco on Thursday,  
**January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:40 – 4:10pm**  
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Moderator

## Law Professors Attend AALS Annual Meeting

Creighton Law was well represented at the Association of American Law Schools 2025 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. **Joshua Fershée, JD**, dean; **Sarah Golden Carlson, JD**, associate dean of academic affairs; **Kendra Fershée, JD**, professor of law; **Hossein Fazilatfar, JD**, associate professor of law; **Michael Kelly, JD**, professor of law and The Senator Allen A. Sekt Endowed Chair in Law; **Dagmar Myslinksa, JD, PhD**, associate professor of law; **Victoria Haneman, JD**, professor of law and Frank J. Kellegher Professor of Trusts and Estates; and **David Weber, JD**, professor of law, attended. Myslinksa and Haneman both presented from a call for papers. Myslinksa presented at the European law section and Haneman spoke for the trusts

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sports works-in-progress session and provided comments. Kelly organized and moderated a very exciting AALS "hot topics" panel on Ukraine, with an amazing slate of panelists.

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## **Gupta Recognized for Innovative Surgical Techniques**

**Ranjan Gupta, MD**, professor and chair of orthopedic surgery in the School of Medicine and medical director of the orthopedic department at CHI Health, was featured in the [Omaha World-Herald](#) about his innovative surgical techniques to repair and preserve nerve function.

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## **Gustafson Speaks at Society of Christian Ethics Conference**

Earlier this month, **Andy Gustafson, PhD**, professor of marketing and management, gave the invited talk for the Business Ethics interest group session at the Society of Christian Ethics annual conference in Chicago. His presentation was titled "Christian Ethics and Business Ethics: The Good Life, Good Business, and the Common Good." His article "[Shalom and Communion Through the Practice of Business](#)," on a similar topic, was published in the December 2024 edition of the *Journal of Religion and Business Ethics*.

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## **CFE and Global Engagement Offer AcSL Program**

In collaboration with the Global Engagement Office, the Center for Faculty Excellence encourages faculty to register for its upcoming program centering on academic service-learning: The Rubber Meets the Road: Working Out the Logistics of an AcSL Course, Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CT/10-11:30 a.m. MT. The program is available via Zoom or in person in the CFE Training Room RAL-L33. *Learn more* or [Register in Bridge](#).

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## **Creighton Successfully Earns AAHRPP 5-Year Accreditation**

The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) notified the Research Compliance Office in December that the University successfully completed the site visit that had occurred earlier in the fall and that Creighton University has been reaccredited for five years to perform human subjects' research. The University was awarded its initial accreditation in December 2011 and has been continuously accredited since. AAHRPP accreditation offers assurances to research participants, researchers, sponsors, government regulators, and the general public that an organization's human research protection program (HRPP) is focused first and foremost on excellence.

## Peck Leads Task Force on Animal Physical Therapy

**Kirk Peck, PhD**, associate professor of physical therapy, has been appointed as chair of a special task for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy to draft regulatory language in support of animal physical therapy. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy is a national organization supporting leadership in state jurisdictions focused on protecting the public by promoting safe and competent physical therapy practice. In line with its mission, the federation created this special task force to draft national model practice language that can be used by state jurisdictions to formally regulate physical therapists educated in a niche area of practice to treat animals in collaboration with the veterinary profession. Task force members include professionals from other state physical therapy and veterinary licensure boards with a 12-month goal to complete its directive.



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## Russell Delivers Keynote on Long COVID Experience

**Marion Russell, OTD**, assistant professor of occupational therapy, presented the keynote address at the Maine Occupational Therapy Association fall conference, sharing her personal journey with Long COVID and its impact on professional identity. Her presentation provided valuable insights for practitioners supporting individuals with complex chronic conditions.

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## Salzman and Lawler Publish New Article in Theological Studies

**Todd Salzman, PhD**, professor of theology, and **Michael Lawler, PhD**, professor emeritus of theology, recently published an article in *Theological Studies* Vol. 85, Issue 4, titled "[Pope Francis, Dignitas Infinita, and an Evolving Catholic Anthropology: Doctrinal Implications.](#)"

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## McCormick is New IRB Director

The Office of Research Compliance is pleased to announce the appointment of **Nancy McCormick** as the new director of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Creighton University. McCormick brings extensive experience to this role, having served as the IRB director at Vail Health System in Colorado for the past seven years. Prior to that, she held the position of IRB director at the University of South Florida and began her career at the University of Pittsburgh,

research oversight.

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## Dallon Presents Yale Richards Professional Education Seminar

In November, **Craig Dallon, JD**, professor of law, presented as part of the 14th Annual Yale Richards Professional Education Seminar, a continuing legal education event sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation. The title of his remarks was “Attorneys’ Ethical Obligations in Estate Planning and Wealth Management.”

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## Ethics Publication Features Pharmacy Faculty

**Kimberley Begley, PharmD**, professor of pharmacy practice, and **Ann Ryan Haddad, PharmD**, professor of pharmacy practice and director of the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education, were recently published in the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*. Their article, “[Interprofessional Ethics Simulations and Debriefing to Develop Collaborative Skills](#),” was co-authored by **Amy Haddad, PhD**, professor emerita in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

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## Knight Attends NYSE Opening Bell

**Maggie Knight, DBA**, chair and associate professor of accounting and business intelligence and analytics, attended the opening bell ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 8 to celebrate the Dec. 18 uplisting of Exodus Movement, Inc., to NYSE American. Knight serves as a board member and chair of the Audit Committee for Exodus Movement, Inc.

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## Divas Receives Emerging Leader Award

**Deborah Divis**, research and instruction librarian on the Omaha campus, received the Network of the National Library of Medicine (Region 3) Emerging Leader Award. The Emerging Leader Award supports mid-career librarians preparing for a position of leadership in a health sciences library.

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## Bartz Speaks to Chronic Wasting Disease

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Medicine, provided expert insights to a [Scientific American](#) story about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and how many disagree on the threat it poses to humans. Bartz explains how the prion responsible for CWD attacks the nervous system and discusses how the disease's spread to southern regions with feral swine populations could increase the risk of a human case emerging.

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## Faculty Earn Prestigious AOTA Board Certifications

Three occupational therapy faculty members achieved American Occupational Therapy Association board certifications: **Julia Shin, EdD**, in pediatrics, and **Kylie Widhelm, OTD**, and **Rebecca Kinnisin, OTD**, in physical rehabilitation. These certifications, earned by less than 1% of occupational therapists, demonstrate exceptional commitment to professional excellence.

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## CURAS Announces 2025 Summer Faculty Research Fellows

Congratulations to the following recipients of the CURAS Summer Research Fellowships:

- **Jill Brown, PhD**, professor of psychological science, College of Arts and Sciences, “What Passes Between Us: A mixed method study of sharing practices within and across kin networks in Namibia, southern Africa.”
  - **Joel Destino, PhD**, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, “Chemistry & Application of Novel Glass Nanoparticles.”
  - **Kevin Estep, PhD**, associate professor of cultural and social studies, College of Arts and Sciences, “Thriving Churches in a Divided Society: A Survey of American Congregations.”
  - **Amy Lane, PhD**, associate professor of fine and performing arts and coordinator of theater and dance, College of Arts and Sciences, “*Buried Phoenix*: A Theatrical World Premiere.”
  - **Surbhi Malik, PhD**, associate professor of English, College of Arts and Sciences, “Power Dynamics in Omaha Refugee Women’s Storytelling.”
  - **Sijing Wei, PhD**, associate professor of accounting and business intelligence and analytics, Heider College of Business, “Mandatory and Voluntary ESG Disclosure Dynamics: Evidence from UK Gender Pay Gap Reporting Mandate.”
  - **Theodore Wheeler, MFA**, assistant professor of English, College of Arts and Sciences, “*The Six Bells*: A Novel in Progress.”
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## Stress First Aid: Enhancing Professional Adapting Strategies

An interprofessional team provided a continuing education offering to faculty and staff of Creighton University, CHI Health and community members in December. The team included: **Sara Banzhaf, DNP**, associate professor of nursing; **Judi Bergjord**, senior research and instruction librarian; **Monica Boomgaarn**, instructor in nursing; **Hannah Brockman**, assistant manager, iJay Store; **Rebecca Davis, DNP**, assistant professor of nursing; **Patricia Gardner, DNP**, assistant professor of nursing; **Kathryn Meyer Vanicek, DDS, MPH**, adjunct assistant professor of oral health promotion; **Angela Patterson, OTD**, associate professor of occupational therapy, director of the master of science in rehabilitation/master of science in occupational therapy, and director for the same programs for international students in the Graduate School; **Veronica Sule**, assistant professor of dentistry; **Trina Walker, DNP**, assistant professor of nursing; and **Jacqueline Williams**, assistant professor of nursing.

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## Morse Presents Four CLE Sessions in Kansas

**Edward Morse, JD**, professor of law and McGrath North Mullin and Kratz Endowed Chair in Business Law, presented four day-long continuing legal education programs for the Kansas Tax Institute, sponsored by Kansas State University's economics department, for lawyers, CPAs and enrolled agents throughout the state of Kansas. The sessions were held in November and December in the cities of Salina, Wichita, Lawrence and Pittsburg.

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## Gerhart Publishes Research on Privacy

*Online Information Review* recently published "[Privacy? What's That? Differences in Privacy Boundaries.](#)" written by **Natalie Gerhart, PhD**, associate chair of the Department of Accounting and Business Intelligence and Analytics and associate professor of accounting, and **Matthew Heinrich, DBA'21**. The research article investigates if and how privacy boundaries contribute to the misalignment between expressed privacy concerns and behaviors.

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## Kelly Guest Edits Collection in *Jesuit Higher Education*

[\*Jesuit Higher Education\*, Volume 13, No. 2](#), features a short special collection on communal discernment and synodality, guest edited by **Thomas Kelly, PhD**, professor of theology, and an AJCU colleague. This collection is intended to offer scholarly and praxis resources to Jesuit colleges and universities, parishes and church organizations. The issue also features more scholarship, praxis, reflection and resource articles, including two scholarship articles in Spanish.

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## UPDATE

### Building Expertise in Human-Centered Design

The IPH, the College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE) and the Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) recently launched a professional development course in Human-Centered Design (HCD). HCD is an approach to problem-solving that brings diverse perspectives together to identify, brainstorm and iteratively develop solutions to complex challenges. Through this course, the IPH aims to build capacity at Creighton and CommonSpirit Health for future collaborative opportunities that accelerate impact to improve health. The current course includes 16 faculty and staff from Creighton and CHI Health/CommonSpirit Health and is being led by national experts Hans VanDerShaaf, PhD, MPA, and Anthony Cheng, MD, both from Oregon Health and Science University. Later this spring, the IPH and CPCE will offer this as a noncredit course to those interested in participating in the 10-week asynchronous offering. For more information, contact [pophealth@creighton.edu](mailto:pophealth@creighton.edu).

## Institute for Population Health Launches Associates Program

Any Creighton faculty or staff member who is active in population health-related work through teaching, scholarship or service should apply to be an Institute for Population Health (IPH) Associate. Joining as an associate brings a community of like-minded peers from across the University's schools and colleges, across both campuses. Associates have exclusive access to several perks including funding for pilot projects, support for presenting your work, priority access to the Creighton at Highlander space in North Omaha, and community-building events at Creighton that showcase your work and that of your colleagues. [Learn more about the program and how to join.](#)

## Envisioning Population Health Student Photo Contest

The IPH, in partnership with the Kingfisher Institute, kicked off its second annual Envisioning Population Health Student Photo Contest on Jan. 13. Creighton students from across the University's schools and colleges have until Feb. 21 to submit photos that illustrate population health in one of three categories:

1. Mental Health & Well-being
2. Social Determinants of Health
3. Planetary Health

Students also must submit a statement that explains how the photo is an expression of population health and the selected topic, and how population health can improve health and well-being for our communities, at Creighton and beyond. Two first-place winners will be chosen in each category, one from the Omaha campus and one from the Phoenix campus. Each awardee will receive a cash prize and donation made in their name to a local community-based organization.

[See last year's winning images](#) or visit the Dr. Deming Gallery Exhibition Wall located on the third floor of the CL and Rachel Werner Center for Health Sciences (Omaha campus), where last year's winners' amazing images are on display now.

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Sincerely,



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

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