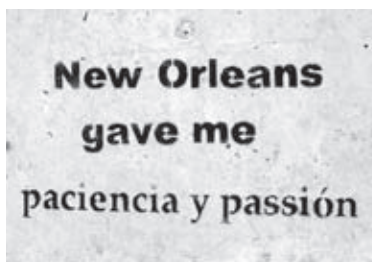


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Carlow Builds Connection with New Orleans' Residents Through Alternative Spring Break



This message is stenciled on the newly built levee in the Lower Ninth Ward. It reflects the life and spirit of the people of New Orleans and the hope that they have for the future.

Two and a half years after Katrina hit, and one year since the last Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip to New Orleans, the devastation in the Ninth Ward remains almost unchanged.

According to Sister Mary Pellegrino, CSJ, director of Campus Ministry who spearheads ASB, it was surprising to return and see how little things have changed—original search marks are still visible on many houses that remain standing.

“On the one hand, it felt a bit overwhelming to get there and realize that what we could do to help would make little impact in the face of so much destruction,” says Pellegrino. “And yet, over the course of our time in New Orleans, we realized again that it wasn't about the repairs we could make; it was about the relationships we could form. The

students found that the healing and hope that their presence brought to the homeowners was just as important or even more important than the physical repairs and rebuilding they were able to do.”

ASB students became well acquainted with parishioners from St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church because most were living in FEMA trailers on their property. Students saw them everyday while they worked on their homes—a total of five for the group—and this familiarity created a strong emotional bond.

According to Pellegrino, so many people in New Orleans have been forgotten and are struggling not just physically—as many still live in trailers or in tent villages under bridges—but also psychologically.

“Rebuilding homes for the parishioners is very controversial here because there is the sense that their houses will only be destroyed by the next hurricane or severe storm, and so why rebuild?” says Pellegrino, who points out that the average age of the parishioners, whose homes were destroyed, ranges from 70s to 80s, and this strengthens the notion that reconstruction is a waste of time.

For the parishioners, and Sister Kathleen Pittman, CSJ, and Father Doug Doussan who are the pastoral team at St. Gabriel the Archangel, it is anything but. That's why they have organized donations and volunteer groups for nearly two years to help rebuild more than 170 homes belonging to their elderly parishioners.

Carlow ASB students hosted a dinner at the parish for homeowners to celebrate the progress made on the houses and the friendships that evolved. One parishioner expressed her gratitude in a poem, “. . . Ordinary folks, yet giants to me/People that I've never met,/Showed up on my doorstep this week/Their kindness I'll never forget . . .”

In addition to working on houses, ASB students also helped paint classrooms at a local school that consists of 28 temporary classrooms in tin pods with walls made of dry wall. After painting 12 classrooms, the last day the principal asked if the ASB students wouldn't forgo painting on the last day and visit with students instead. Pellegrino notes that no one was prepared for this experience of listening to the trauma and pain that the kids lived through during Katrina—especially those who were trapped at the superdome and still live in, today.

One of the high points of the trip was visiting the Langston Hughes Academy, a middle school and one of the five charter schools that make up the NOLA 180 post-Katrina school district. The charter of Langston Hughes Academy is to prepare students for success in high school and higher education. Here, each classroom is named after the teachers' alma mater—most of whom moved to New Orleans after Katrina to help.

One of these teachers is Carlow alumna Natalie Ferguson ('02, Communications), who began teaching in August 2007. Natalie's classroom is, of course, named “Carlow University.”

“What was exciting about meeting Natalie and the other teachers was that students could see that young people do make a difference—since most of the teachers were quite young and had made an intentional choice about helping to rebuild New Orleans,” says Pellegrino.

“I think that made a huge impression on all of the students on this trip. Both their own experience of rebuilding and meeting other young people who have made a commitment to service helped our students to realize that they can make a difference in the world. It gave everyone hope.”

Core Value: Service



Carlow ASB students hosted homeowners for dinner and celebration at the church on Thursday evening of the break. Standing back: Lucille and Fred Conley. Seated from left to right: Morris Alexander, Rudy Lewis, Joyce Eves, and Harry Eves.



The marks of the original search parties are still visible on this house still standing nearly two and a half years after Katrina hit.



Sister Kathleen Pittman, CSJ, and Fr. Doug Doussan are the pastoral staff at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in the Ninth Ward.



Carlow alumna Natalie Ferguson, ('02, Communications) and Mary Beth Halferty, director of Residence Life—a long-time staff ASB staff member.



Keshia Strouse, Georgiann Kearns, Kasey Hatfield, and Judy Naab, are pictured with Natalie Ferguson and some of her students who are happily sporting Carlow University Service Learning T-shirts and hats donated by the Academic Affairs Division, and holding Carlow folders and pencils donated by the Carlow bookstore.

Packaging Girlhood Co-Author Lyn Mikel Brown Gives Keynote at Carlow's Forum on Media Education



Lyn Mikel Brown

Lyn Mikel Brown, PhD, professor of English at Colby College in Maine, gave the keynote address at Carlow University's Forum on Media Education and Social Justice on March 13. The forum was sponsored by The Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility and the Women's Studies Department at Carlow, and co-sponsored by the Women's Studies Departments at the University of Pittsburgh and Chatham University.

Brown, who is co-author of *Packaging Girlhood: Rescuing Our Daughters from Marketers' Schemes*, laid out the evidence for how marketers target girls from a very early age through adolescence and beyond, there were audible gasps of realization coming from her audience of more than 120 people in the Donnelly Amphitheatre in A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology.

"Reading this book was fascinating," says Alexis Papalia, 17, one of the panelists—along with Carlow professor Roberta Schomburg and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist, Tony Norman—asked to respond to Brown's talk. Papalia is a student activist who led the "Girlcott" against Abercrombie and Fitch in 2005. "I've lived through this."

"The media has created "girl power" to give girls the power to choose among different types of girls to be," says Brown. But the choices presented by the media leave something to be desired: the power to give yourself a makeover, the power to shop, the power to be sexy or hot, and the power to fight with other girls.

To counteract these media strategies, Brown says parents need to start young in talking with their kids about the temptations offered by the media. Parents need to do their own homework to know what's in the media, be prepared to deconstruct the images that they see on TV and in magazines, and listen to what their girls have to say about why they want what they want.

To raise awareness and to encourage activism, Brown also helped found Hardy Girls Healthy Women. For more information, please visit the Web site, www.hghw.org.

Core Values: Sacredness of Creation and Intellectual Integrity

Carlow Special Education Students Work with Children with Autism in Northern Ireland

In 2002, Roberta Schomburg, PhD, associate dean and director of the Carlow University School of Education, and Susan O'Rourke, EdD, director of special education and instructional technology at Carlow, were part of a delegation by the Irish Institute of Pittsburgh to exchange ideas about working with children with special needs in Ireland. This visit planted the seeds for future collaborations between Carlow and Northern Ireland, which continue through today.

Initially, the collaboration paired Carlow special education majors and Northern Irish general education students. Online discussion boards provided a forum to share ideas and methodologies when planning and implementing educational services for children with special needs. Some students took advantage of completing a student teaching experience in Northern Ireland. This year is the first that the program has worked in Foyle View School, a special needs education school in Derry, Northern Ireland.

"Carlow students travel to Ireland for eight weeks and work with the teachers and children in the classrooms," said Dr. O'Rourke. "First, they do one student-teaching position here in Pittsburgh, and then return for a final student teaching experience. The purpose is to expose the students to different approaches and understand other methods of education. Exposure to other educational systems and methodologies will enhance their understanding of education and build their repertoire of approaches."

The Carlow students are well prepared for this challenge. Teachers at Foyle View remarked about the student's knowledge and comfort level in the classroom. Dr. O'Rourke notes, "The Irish teachers are incredibly accepting of our students. The principal indicated that Carlow special education students are 'world class.' Ireland and Northern Ireland's special needs preparation programs differ from ours in the United States, but our teachers are well prepared to meet the challenges of an international experience."

The Irish teachers also share their culture with the students, hosting barbeques and taking the students sightseeing. "They are having a wonderful experience! They love the school and the people," she says.

The students, however, had a lot to learn before going across the pond than just how to teach. "There is culture shock. Little things make a difference, like the language or clothing. Over there, 'great crack' means a good time, or 'ring fences' means to mark on the calendar.

To prepare the students for the culture change, an online course was developed about the Irish culture and educational systems. Students were taught by embedded faculty members in Northern Ireland, who incorporated video conferencing and other innovative technologies to bridge the distance. Dr. O'Rourke says that the teachers from Northern Ireland can explain the culture and the situations better than a class here could. "They understand the complexities of their society and all in real time."

For those students unable to complete an entire student teaching experience in Ireland, Dr. O'Rourke met with administrators and faculty from St. Angela's College, located outside of Sligo, Ireland, to develop a study abroad program in special education. This program will be offered to students for the first time in May 2009. This three-week program will be available to undergraduate and graduate students from various disciplines—special education, general education, nursing, psychology, social work, art therapy, and health-related services—who are interested in working with individuals with special needs.

The students in Ireland will return and present their experience at the May 2, 2008 celebration of teaching at Carlow University.

Core Value: Discovery/Quest



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Carlow University Announces Faculty Promotions

Four members of the University's faculty have received tenure and nine have been given promotions.

Dr. Mary Hines, president of Carlow University, and the Carlow University Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the names of faculty members who have received tenure and/or promotions for the 2008–2009 academic year.

Tenured faculty

James Kelly, PhD, associate professor of social work, and Christina Shorall, EdD, associate professor of education, received tenure. William DeBernardi, art; Jennifer Snyder-Duch, PhD, communications; and Lorraine Reiser, PhD, graduate nursing have been awarded tenure and received promotions to associate professor.

Promotions

Diane Matthews, PhD, was promoted to professor in the accounting department; Janet Beatty was promoted to associate professor in the masters of fine arts program; Cindy Fickley, nursing traditional program; Cory Maloney, information technology and management; Janice Nash, nursing traditional program; and Suzanne Rumbaugh, English, were promoted to assistant professor.

Sabbaticals

Louis Boyle, PhD, and Diane Matthews, PhD, will be on sabbatical during the fall term, 2008. Emma Lucas-Darby, PhD, and Roberta Schomburg, PhD, will be on sabbatical during the 2009 spring term.

The decisions were made at the Board's most recent meeting on February 25, 2008.

Core Value: Service

E-Z Borrow System Transforms Carlow's Library Lending

The availability of research materials at Carlow University just increased exponentially from 150,000 books to more than 36 million. Navigating the new collection doesn't require a degree in library science, just a Carlow University ID card.

On January 28, 2008, Carlow officially joined the E-Z Borrow system. E-Z Borrow is the Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium's (PALCI) Web database that allows simultaneous searching of 60 library catalogs of colleges and universities throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, and West Virginia. Students and staff now have the ability to search and borrow from the massive collection through any computer logged into the Carlow University network.

"This system is a huge advantage for students, especially graduate students and those doing research," says Elaine Misko, Carlow University librarian.

For example, if a Carlow student needs a book that is only available at Rutgers University in New Jersey (a participating institution), she can place an online request via E-Z Borrow and the book will arrive at Carlow in five to seven business days. The student will receive E-mail notification that the book has arrived at Grace Library for pick-up, and can borrow the book for an initial three weeks, with the option of one additional three-week renewal.

"Students, faculty, and staff can search by subject, title, or author and see a breakdown of the search results from each institution," Misko says. "They may find something that they would otherwise never know existed."

The transition to E-Z Borrow began roughly four years ago when Grace Library received an anonymous donation of \$50,000. Combined with additional donations of \$50,000 and \$21,000 from the Palumbo Foundation and the PNC Foundation, respectively, the library was able to upgrade to the SirsiDynix system—an integrated, automated library system that helps improve productivity and capabilities. With SirsiDynix in place, Grace Library could then make the jump to E-Z Borrow.

"When we first put E-Z Borrow in place, our librarians went wild and borrowed 20 books in the first week from participating institutions," Misko says. "We've also received feedback from faculty telling us what a great system this is."

Access to the E-Z Borrow system is free for Carlow students, faculty, and staff. During the system's initial three weeks, over 40 books have been requested and shipped to Grace Library. With four years of planning behind them, Carlow librarians believe it is well worth the time and effort.

"The old interlibrary loan system took two to three weeks to borrow a book from another institution," Misko says. "The new system is an astronomical improvement over the previous interlibrary loan system."

Core Values: Leadership and Discovery/Quest

Carlow Launches Craig R. Johnson Memorial Lecture Series President-Elect of Council on Undergraduate Research to Give First Lecture



Craig R. Johnson

Carlow University will host Jeffrey Osborn, PhD, dean of the School of Science and professor of biology at the College of New Jersey to speak at the inaugural lecture of the Craig R. Johnson Memorial Lecture Series on Friday, April 4, 2008.

Osborn will deliver, "Building and Sustaining a Culture of Faculty-Student Collaborative Scholarship," at noon in the Donnelly Amphitheater at the A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology. His talk will be followed by a discussion with faculty who working on collaborative scholarly efforts.

"Osborne was a perfect choice for the first lecture in the Craig Johnson Memorial Lecture Series because he exemplifies Craig's commitment to student collaboration in research and his dedication to students," says Gary Smith, PhD, provost of Carlow University.

Osborne, who is president-elect of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), and principal investigator on CUR's National Science Foundation-funded national workshop dissemination project, is a teacher-scholar. Through his many years of collaborative research with his students Osborne has gained invaluable insights on the process of creating a culture of collaborative scholarship.

The Craig Johnson Memorial Lecture Series was founded in 2006 to honor the memory of Craig Johnson, PhD, a much beloved chemistry professor who passed suddenly in 2006. The lecture series, which is funded by a small, restricted fund honoring Johnson, who taught at Carlow from 1990 to 2006.

According to Smith, Craig was well loved by students and faculty.

"Craig's family and faculty and students at Carlow wanted to do something to honor Craig," says Smith. "Creating a lecture series that would focus on collaborative research with students seemed like the best way to extend Craig's legacy."

Science faculty members Michael Capp, Dave Gallaher, and Nancy Jacqmin were instrumental in making the lecture series a reality. As friends and colleagues of Craig, they say they continue to be inspired by his generous spirit and curiosity.

"Dr. Craig Johnson was a valued friend and colleague in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics," says Michael Capp, PhD, professor of biology. "He was a true professional in every sense of the word. Of his great attributes as a scientist, his devotion and resolve to share his knowledge with new generations of scientists was unsurpassed."

Dave Gallaher, associate professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, echoes Capp's sentiments.

"Never underestimate the impact that people have on an institution, especially an academic institution. The teacher-student relationship is very unique and impacts both parties very much. In the Department of Chemistry and Physics, we often (to this very day) talk about Craig and try to think about how he would handle situations or answer questions that arise," says Gallaher. "I think that says a lot about Craig as a person, let alone as an experienced scientist and educator. It's the people who give the institution its identity and character, and the better the people the better the institution overall. Craig made a profound impact here at Carlow and he is sorely missed."

The next lecture will be held in fall 2009. It will feature Craig's former students who are working successfully in the sciences.

Core Values: Sacredness of Creation and Student Progress



Art by Chris Galiyas '08

Graduate Students and Faculty Host Education Symposium Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Early Childhood Development Education at Carlow

Carlow University faculty and graduate students will host a panel discussion, Caring for Children: Then and Now, on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology. The event will feature special guest June Delano, founder of the early childhood education masters program at Carlow.

"For 25 years, the early childhood graduate program at Carlow has been inspiring teachers to be leaders in the field," says Cindy Rothenberger, PhD, associate provost and dean of graduate studies at Carlow. "This symposium will be a wonderful opportunity to focus on the scholarship by both our graduate students and faculty in this area of research."

The discussion will focus on a variety of early childhood topics including education policies, health policies, and mental growth and development. Carlow faculty members Roberta Schomburg, PhD; Lorraine Reiser, PhD; and Bob Reed, PsyD, will discuss the aforementioned topics, respectively. This event will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of early childhood development education at Carlow.

The panel discussion will precede the University's Fourth Annual Graduate Colloquium, which will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the same location.

Core Value: Intellectual Integrity

University Communications and Community Relations Welcomes New Communications Representative, Laura Capp



Laura Capp

In March, Laura Capp joined the staff of University Communications and Community Relations as communications representative.

Capp, who will be assisting clients across the University in developing their marketing publications, says she is looking forward to working with everyone at Carlow. "It's an exciting time to be here as Carlow continues to grow as a University," Capp says.

Prior to joining Carlow, Capp worked at several Pittsburgh-based public relations agencies including: WordWrite Communications, Jack Horner Communications, and Yearick-Millea Inc. "Starting my career in agencies was a great way to get a lot of experience in all aspects of public relations," Capp says. "I was able to hone my writing and editing skills, as well as learn to cultivate relationships with clients, vendors, and the media."

A 2004 graduate of Kent State University with a BS in public relations, Capp chose Kent State for its journalism program, but decided to focus on public relations after meeting associate professor of public relations, Bill Sledzik. "After one class with him, I knew public relations was what I wanted to pursue," says Capp.

Capp interned with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in the marketing/communications department the summer before her junior year at Kent. That opportunity led to a yearlong communications internship at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company's headquarters in Akron, Ohio. "My experience at Goodyear was great," says Capp. "I had the opportunity to see how a Fortune 500 company handles all aspects of public relations— from internal communications to crisis communications and beyond. I got to do a lot of fun stuff, too, like ride the Goodyear blimp and drive around on the test track."

After graduation, Capp returned to Pittsburgh and became involved with the Pittsburgh chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), where she currently serves as marketing vice president on the board of directors.

Capp currently resides in Ross Township. In her spare time, she is busy planning her August 29, 2008 wedding to FSN Pittsburgh associate producer, Fred Rihn.

Core Value: Hospitality

Ciao! Bella Rosie



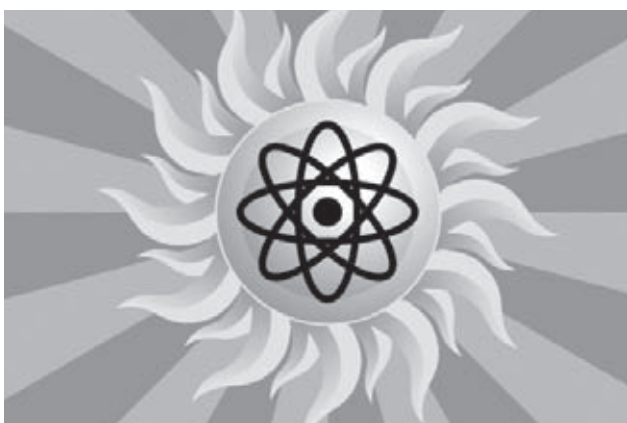
2008 Sister Rose Marie Hauber, RSM, Scholarship Luncheon
Featured speaker: Dave Crawley, KDKA
Saturday, April 5, 2008, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh Athletic Association

Carlow University Marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade



Chris Meaner, director of Student Activities, marches with Carlow students, who donned made-to-order sweatshirts to celebrate this year's St. Patrick Day.

Summer Science Nation July 8–10, 2008



Launched in 2007 by Carlow's Women of Spirit® Institute, Summer Science Nation is a three-day workshop for high school girls interested in science and exploring diverse career options in research, pharmaceuticals, education, and the biomedical industry.

Prepare to Care July 15–17, 2008



Launched in 2006 by Carlow's Women of Spirit® Institute, Prepare to Care is a three-day summer workshop for high school girls who are interested in healthcare professions and also want to explore college life.

Campus Events Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Women in Communication Leadership Ceremony
6 p.m.
Kresge Theatre, Grace Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Craig Johnson Memorial Lecture Series
"Building and Sustaining a Culture of Faculty-Student Collaborative Scholarship"

Jeffery Osborn, PhD, dean of the School of Science and professor of biology at the College of New Jersey; president-elect of the Council on Undergraduate Research
Noon
Donnelly Amphitheater
A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology
412.578.6072

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Caring for Children: Then and Now Celebrating 25 Years of Graduate Early Education
Special Guest: June Delano, 1982-1990 program director
4 p.m. Reception
4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Panel and Presentation
412.578.8812

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Fourth Annual Graduate Colloquium
"Research That Influences Practice"
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology
412.578.8812

Spring Carnival

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Campus Green and St. Joseph Hall
412.578.8825/6690

Public Lecture:

Charlie Kernaghan, executive director of the National Labor Committee
6 p.m.
Kresge Theatre, Grace Library
412.578.6174 or 6336

THURSDAY APRIL 10 TO SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Mainstage Performance
8 p.m.
Rosemary Heyl Theatre
Antonian Hall
412.578.8749



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