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Dear Colleagues,

It's a beautiful Friday leading into a Mardi Gras weekend! For anyone new to the area, you can locate the Mardi Gras parade schedule and routes [here](#).

A few **February deadlines** to note:

February 1: Applications due for [Faculty and Faculty-Student Research Awards](#) (*We'll allow a day of wiggle room for folks – get them in today!*)

February 1: Annual (Mini) Reviews, Post-Tenure Reviews, and Department Chair letters due

February 15: All materials due to Faculty Personnel Council for any faculty member transitioning from Visiting to Tenure-Track (see Faculty Handbook, Section 12)

Founders Day, Thursday, February 22, 11:10 a.m. in Brown Chapel: I want to take a moment to highlight Founders' Day and request your participation and support. This annual convocation celebrates the rich history of the College and features an invited speaker, as well as the announcement of service pins for faculty and staff along with three special annual awards – the Charlton H. Lyons Summer Research Award, the President's Excellence Award, and the Outstanding Teacher Award. Our speaker this year is the [Honorable Carl E. Stewart](#), Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals. Judge Stewart is an Honorary Alumnus of the College as well as former Board of Trustee. Please plan to attend, and process, at this important event and please require/encourage your students to attend.

In this newsletter, you will find:

- Kudos
- Professional Opportunities
- Dates, Deadlines, and Events to Note

Thank you to the folks that visited during my office hours! Office hours next week will be Monday from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

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KUDOS

Congratulations to **Dr. Ryan Doherty**, Assistant Professor of French, who published several articles in December including "The Devil's Marriage: Folk Horror and the Merveilleux Louisianais" in the special issue "Severed Limbs and Monstrous Appetites: (Re)Defining Fairy-Tale Horror from the Seventeenth Century to the Present" of the journal *Literature*; " « Une impression posthume des sensations d'autrefois » : jeux de nostalgie et de mysticisme dans La Décadence latine de Joséphin Péladan" in the journal *Quêtes littéraires*; "Prince d'enfances et de décadences : Narcisse comme dandy dans les contes de fées de Jean Lorrain" in the edited volume *Artiste de la vie moderne : le dandy entre*

littérature et histoire; “Fanaux du vieil espoir: The Aesthetics of Reversion in Joris-Karl Huysmans’ Roman de Durtal” in the special edition “Matters of Taste/Questions de goût” of the journal Essays in French Literature and Culture; and “Rag Time: Decadent Textiles in the Louisiana Gothic of the Fin de Siècle” in the special edition “Decadence and Fashion” of the journal Volupté.

Congratulations to **Dr. Terrie Johnson**, Assistant Professor of Education, who will present her research “Where’s the Gap: A Literature Review of Gaps in Literacy From Teacher Prep Providers Point of View” at the 2024 Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting in March.

Call for KUDOS and Save the Date. Watch your email for a call for Kudos that you wish to be included in the annual Kudos publication. We will share the Kudos publication, recognize accomplishments, and present special awards for faculty and staff at the Academic Affairs Celebration Dinner on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meadows Museum.

Professional Opportunities

ACS Department Chairs Virtual Seminars: Please see the attached calendar of virtual seminars for department chairs. While designed for new and upcoming department chairs, all interested faculty are invited to attend. The next session will occur on February 5 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and will be focused on topics related to budget.

Centenary College has been invited to collaborate with Richmond University and other ACS institutions to apply for a **National Endowment for the Humanities grant for AI Research Centers**. You can read about the grant [here](#). The PI is Dr. Lauren Tilton and she has prepared a draft overview that I can share with interested faculty members. If you are interested in participating, please email me at ksoul@centenary.edu by next Friday, January 26.

DATES, DEADLINES, and EVENTS TO NOTE

- February 8-9: “[Full Steam Ahead](#)” educator symposium on campus
- February 12-13: Mardi Gras Break
- SAVE the DATE for the **Academic Affairs Faculty & Staff Summer Launch Picnic** on Thursday, May 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to be held outside the Meadows Museum

MORE EVENTS AND RESOURCES

See campus events on [Engage](#)

View the College [Events Calendar](#)

Check out what’s happening in [Athletics](#)

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