In this issue, we are pleased to highlight an exceptional student, a new staff member, and new graduate coordinator. Also included is information on our Counselor Education Department and a link to the gender studies certificate, the Anti-Violence Initiative, and the Academic Calendar.

On behalf of the Office of Graduate and Advancing Education, best wishes for an enjoyable semester.

We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Susan L. Hydro

Director — Graduate and Advancing Education
Dr. Jo Carney is the new graduate coordinator of the Masters of Arts in English program at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). Dr. Carney has been at The College of New Jersey for 25 years. She previously taught at the University of Iowa and at Rutgers University. She says her favorite part about the students at TCNJ is how hardworking and appreciative they are for their education. She also expressed gratitude for her colleagues who she says focus on both their teaching and their research, noting that the English Department has many dedicated teachers and impressive scholars. Dr. Carney’s teaching interests at both the graduate and undergraduate level concentrate on Shakespeare, contemporary literature, and the literary fairy tale tradition. Her research projects include a book she is currently writing on the topic of contemporary adaptations of Shakespeare.

Dr. Carney also spoke about continuing the vibrant tradition of the English Department’s MA program, which includes travel and teaching opportunities. She is eager to balance the program’s solid grounding in literary studies with innovative and interdisciplinary courses. Her advice to both undergraduate and graduate students is to be open to the many career opportunities their major offers, and to continue to be intellectually curious, life-long learners. Not surprisingly, she would advise everyone to make more time in their lives to read, read, read. We welcome Dr. Carney to her graduate coordinator role!
Michael Ellard is the new Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in the Office of Graduate and Advancing Education. Previously, Michael was the Associate Director of Admissions at DeSales University in Center Valley Pennsylvania, where he earned both his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. He enjoys working in higher education and the college campus environment because he has a real passion for interacting with new students and helping them to further their education. In his spare time, Michael enjoys golfing and playing tennis in addition to exercising. He’s an avid sports fan and enjoys watching some of his favorite teams play (the New York Mets, the New York Giants) as well as any college football and basketball game.

Michael has recently married his college sweetheart and they enjoy traveling and trying new recipes together. Michael Ellard’s office is located in Loser Hall room 110 and he is happy to assist you with any of your graduate or advancing education needs! Welcome to TCNJ, Mike!
Kyle Hogan was selected from a nationally competitive process to be an Emerging Leader for the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling. He attended the AARC national conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in September of 2016 to receive this award and begin work in this new role for the organization. During this conference he also co-presented with fellow student Jaclyn Bennett and Dr. Sandy Gibson for two presentations titled The Need to Look Beyond Gender and Ethnicity when Selecting Instruments for Research, and Using Research to Promote Advocacy for Social Change.

Q: What is your current program?
A: Clinical Mental Health Counseling. I am in my third and final year.

Q: What are your aspirations after graduation?
A: Eventually, after taking some time off to gain some clinical experience, I would like to pursue a PhD in Counselor Education. It would be fantastic to help teach and mentor the next generation of future counselors.

Q: Where did you earn your undergraduate degree?
A: TCNJ, BA Sociology in 2013. It has been such an amazing experience to integrate what I have learned in sociology into what I am learning now with counseling.

Q: What is your favorite class in the counselor education program?
A: Counseling Theory and Techniques. This course helped me really think about what my theoretical orientation would be out in the field.

Q: Do you have any advice for future graduate students?
A: If you decide to pursue a master's degree in counseling, self-care is of the utmost importance. Having work/academic/life balance is key. I would encourage you to be purposeful in showing yourself the same type of compassion that you would show to future clients/students out in the field.
In a ranking done by graduateprograms.com, The College of New Jersey’s Counselor Education Department ranks 42nd in the United States. The department offers master’s level program tracks within the Master of Arts: Clinical and Mental Health; School Counseling; and Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling and Therapy. All three master level counseling programs offered at The College of New Jersey are CACREP accredited. Guided by the Standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), which emphasize the traditions, values, and objectives of professional counseling programs, the faculty of the Department of Counselor Education engages students in the developmental process of becoming professional counselors who will address the needs of the people they serve in an ethical and competent manner. In addition to the master’s level counseling programs, the department offers a 21 semester hour graduate certificate program to prepare students to be eligible for the Student Assistance Coordinator Certificate in the public schools in New Jersey, and a 24 semester hour post master's Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy. For more information on the Counselor Education Department, please visit http://counselored.tcnj.edu/.

Students in the Department of Counselor Education have a new exciting opportunity to earn a Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies offered by the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) program in addition to earning their counseling degree. Interested students may contact Dr. Janet Gray (gray@tcnj.edu) or Dr. Jill Schwarz (schwarz@tcnj.edu) to learn more about this certificate program.
Anti-Violence Initiatives (AVI) at TCNJ provides free counseling and advocacy services to victims and survivors of power-based personal violence and leads the prevention efforts on campus.

AVI invites graduate students to join them for training and professional development opportunities. These events happen throughout the semester and are advertised across campus, through social media, and through departmental emails.

Be on the look-out for opportunities to learn about and develop skills in power-based personal violence prevention.

oavi.tcnj.edu
Facebook: TCNJ Anti-Violence Initiatives
Twitter: @TCNJAVI
Instagram: TCNJ_AVI

The educational resources of The College of New Jersey are available for organizations and individuals through professional development, continuing education, and non-credit opportunities. The College works with TCNJ faculty and deans to develop programs.

Current continuing education offerings include:

- S.P.I.R.E Reading System (November 3 - 4, 2016)
- Dyslexia Lunch and Learn Workshop (November 17, 2016)
- Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Review Course (January - April 2017)
- Nursing Informatics (March 14 - 16, 2017)

For more information, contact George Hefelle at hefelleg@tcnj.edu.
Spring and Summer 2017 Registration Windows
Tuesday, 11/1 – Friday, 11/11

Thanksgiving break
Wednesday, 11/23 – Friday, 11/25

Online Student Feedback on Teaching period (graduate classes)
Monday, 12/5 – Friday, 12/16

Reading days - Saturday to Tuesday
Saturday, 12/10, 12am – Tuesday, 12/13, 5pm

Exam period begins Tuesday at 5 PM to Friday
Tuesday, 12/13, 5pm – Friday, 12/16, 8pm

Reading days resume - Saturday and Sunday
Saturday, 12/17 – Sunday, 12/18

Exam period resumes- Monday and Tuesday until 5 PM
Monday, 12/19, 12am – Tuesday, 12/20, 5pm

Last day Fall classes (graduate)
Tuesday, 12/20

Fall Exam Snow Dates
Tuesday, 12/20, 5pm – Wednesday, 12/21, 7:50pm

Fall grades due
Friday, 12/23

Winter Term
Monday, 12/26/2016 – Sunday, 1/22/2017

Winter Session Classes Begin
Tuesday, 1/3

Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday (no classes)
Monday, 1/16

Winter Session Classes End (Blended, Online, Travel may start sooner, see PAWS)
Friday, 1/20

Spring Term
Monday, 1/23 – Friday, 5/19

Add/Drop Week begins
Monday, 1/23 – Tuesday, 1/31

First day of class Spring Term
Monday, 1/23

Last day to apply for May, August, and December 2017 graduations without a $35 late fee
Monday, 2/6

For updates & details, see:
http://tcnj.pages.tcnj.edu/academics/academic-calendars/academic-calendar-2016-2017/

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