

Grad NEWS

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

September 2002

Planning Your Program

- Before completion of sixteen credits, you should meet with your advisor and complete the Proposed Semester Program of Study. Your advisor will file a copy of your proposed program with the School of Graduate Studies.
- Preliminary and final conferences for your field study, theses, starred paper, creative work, or portfolio cannot be scheduled in the same semester. Keep in mind that the summer sessions are considered to be one semester. Consult the Graduate Bulletin for the specific policies and regulations.
- The Application for Graduation or Completion should be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies at the beginning of the semester in which the work is anticipated to be completed. The deadline for the fall application is Friday, October 4th.
- If you do not complete all of the requirements for graduation in the given semester, you must reapply for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which you anticipate the completion of the remaining requirements.
- The application is available from the School of Graduate Studies in the Administrative Building, Room 121.

Meet the Faculty Association Graduate Committee

The Faculty Association Graduate Committee is a decision-making group charged with enhancing the quality of the University's graduate programs. Last year the committee developed quality indicators in response to the last visit from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, SCSU's regional accrediting body. Some of the proposed indicators include:

- Students seeking admission to SCSU will have attained a 3.0 grade point in the last 60 semester credits of their undergraduate programs.
- Graduate students will maintain a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in their graduate studies.
- Every graduate student will participate in a culminating experience with a written component such as a thesis, project, portfolio, or written comprehensive exam, etc.
- Graduate programs and curricula within programs shall be internally reviewed by the department at least once every five years.



Spring 2002 Members: (left to right)
Dr. Michael Pesch
Dr. Robert Hauptman (Chair)
Dr. Manijeh Daneshpour
Dr. Phyllis Greenberg
Dr. Lisa Heinrich (not shown)
Dr. David DeGroot (not shown)

The committee believes that quality indicators such as these will continue to strengthen the graduate programs as they are put into practice.

The Faculty Association Graduate Committee meets approximately once a month and will double in size this fall. In response to North Central's request for a broader representation of the graduate programs, two graduate faculty members from each college will become members of this committee. Members from various service areas will also be included.

The committee has been discussing various issues surrounding online graduate courses. Those discussions will continue this fall including requirements for awarding online graduate credits.

New Graduate Programs for Fall 2002

The following programs have received final approval from MnSCU and will be offered this fall:

- Public Safety Executive Leadership M.S.
- Mechanical Engineering M.S.

SCSU anticipates the addition of the following graduate programs pending final approval from MnSCU:

- Master of Engineering Management MEM
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology M.S.

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OUT the *SERVICES* in the Grad Office

Apply for financial aid

A student must be formally accepted into a graduate program for financial aid consideration. Graduate students must enroll in eight or more credits per semester to be considered a full-time student for financial aid purposes.

Apply for a graduate assistantship

Work for the university and receive a \$7,500 stipend, plus remission of approximately one-half of tuition up to a maximum of six credits a semester.

Apply for graduate scholarships

There are a variety of scholarships awarded to graduate students each year—the Shirley Schrader Graduate Scholarship for Women, Shelvie Christian Non-traditional Student Endowed Scholarship, as well as departmental scholarships. Please inquire with your department as well as with the Graduate Office on current opportunities.

Stop in and visit us in the School of Graduate Studies!

SCSU Success Stories

The School of Graduate Studies would like to share a letter received from Mr. Bill Joyce of St. Cloud, Minn., expressing satisfaction with his graduate program at SCSU:

"I am writing to express my sense of extreme satisfaction with the graduate program in Child and Family Studies. I graduated this past December 14th. I was quite purposeful in choosing this program as opposed to other graduate degree programs offered through St. Thomas, St. John's, St. Mary's, or the University of Minnesota. This particular program suited the direction I have pursued in my work with children and families.

I am currently a middle school coordinator and counselor at Cathedral HS/John XXIII MS in St. Cloud. Glen Palm was my advisor, instructor and mentor.

He is an outstanding educator and is chair of a department that is equally outstanding. If I can offer testimony to the excellence in education that St. Cloud State University provides graduate students, as well as testimony to the benefits of this particular course of study, I will without hesitation. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to grow and advance in my career."



"A desire of knowledge is the natural feeling of mankind; and every human being whose mind is not debauched will be willing to give all that he has to get knowledge."

*-Samuel Johnson
(British writer and lexicographer who wrote
Dictionary of the English Language)*





INTRODUCING

Name: Dr. Donna Gorrell

Department: English

SCSU Graduate Professor: Dr. Donna Gorrell has been a professor at SCSU since 1987. She served as composition director for 6 years at SCSU, as well as graduate director of English Studies from 1993-1999, and then again from 2000-2001. Gorrell was also an advisor for the English Graduate Student Association at that time. "I enjoyed advising students with their program when I was director and advisor." In addition to undergraduate courses in writing and rhetoric, she has taught graduate courses in *The Rhetoric of Style* and in *Academic and Professional*

Writing. In the past, she also taught Continuing Studies courses at SCSU.

Education and Previous Work: Dr. Gorrell received her B.A. in English, M.A. in English, and D.A. in Rhetoric from Illinois State University. Prior to SCSU, she taught at Illinois State University and at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Hobbies and Family: She enjoys reading, walking and taking care of her two cats—"Bits" and "Boots." Her husband's name is Kenneth, and she has three daughters who live in Milwaukee. She is currently working toward publishing a book about writing style.

Book Publications:

- A Writer's Handbook from A to Z
- The Purposeful Writer
- The Little Brown Workbook

What do you enjoy most about instructing graduate students?

"I like their readiness and willingness to learn, and level of challenges they take on."

DATES to remember

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| Last day to drop courses without a "W" | Sept. 10 |
| Last day to add classes | Sept. 10 |
| Last day to exchange classes | Sept. 17 |
| Payment is due for tuition and fees | Sept. 20 |
| Application to Graduate deadline for Fall semester | Oct. 4 |
| Deadline for dropping courses with a grade of "W" | Oct. 22 |
| Second half of semester classes begin | Oct. 23 |
| Veterans Day, classes in session/offices closed | Nov. 11 |
| Thanksgiving holiday, classes end at 5 PM on Wednesday the 27th | Nov. 28-29 |
| Last day of instruction | Dec. 13 |
| Final examinations | Dec. 16-20 |
| Commencement and Hooding Ceremony | Dec. 20 |

Grad F.Y.I.

Do You Have a Campus Card?

The Campus Card is the SCSU student's access to everything on campus. In addition to being the official student ID card, the Campus Card also acts as a cashless way to pay for products and services, both on and off campus. Once deposits have been made, the card can be used at many locations on or off campus, including Atwood Memorial Center, Miller Resource Center, the Husky Bookstore, Meeting Grounds Coffee Shop, and any vending machines with a card swipe.

At the Miller Resource Center, the card is used to check out resources, make copies, and printing. As a part of the tech student fee, each student automatically receives \$8.00 on his or her card at the beginning of each semester to cover the cost of printing. This account is separate from the Campus Cash that a student adds to the card.

The Campus Card is also a student's access to all SCSU athletic events, recreational facilities, and serves as an ATM card for any TCF Campus Card checking account.

A student may make deposits to the card at the Campus Card office in Atwood Memorial Center, on the web at www.scsucampuscard.com, or by mail. Check with the Campus Card office for a complete listing of participating locations.

DR. NUNES' *Grad Times*... *Good Times*



Dr Dennis Nunes
School of Graduate Studies

We are delighted to publish our inaugural edition of *GradNEWS*. I anticipate this newsletter will serve as an important vehicle for communication about graduate issues. It will focus on our programs, our faculty and our students sharing news about events and people associated with graduate education at St. Cloud State University.

One of the goals of the School of Graduate Studies has been to raise the visibility and profile of graduate education on this campus. *GradNEWS* is one of the means to accomplish this goal by providing information about graduate education happenings and hopefully stimulating conversation in the university community.

I would like to begin this first newsletter with a brief introduction of the School of Graduate Studies staff. For the Graduate School to be successful, it is important to have a dedicated and competent staff and I am very fortunate to be able to work with three outstanding professionals. Linda Krueger joined the School of Graduate Studies last fall and serves as the primary receptionist and focuses her attention on admission processing and summer session. Ann Anderson is the office manager and has provided extraordinary service to the Graduate School for over three decades. She has a wealth of information about nearly every aspect of the work done in the Graduate Office. The newest addition is Annette Day, Director of Graduate Admission. Many of you may have worked with Annette when she directed the university's undergraduate admissions. Besides coordinating Summer Sessions, she brings a great deal of expertise on recruiting, retention and marketing to the School of Graduate Studies.

If you have not met any of these individuals, I encourage you to drop by and introduce yourself. We are here to serve the faculty and students and do all we can to continue to enhance graduate education at SCSU.

*"Knowledge is the
food of the soul."*

-Plato

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Amy Troolin, SCSU Graduate Student, Wins Thesis Award

"Ms. Troolin does an outstanding job at interdisciplinary inquiry in this thesis. Bravo!"

—Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools

Amy Troolin, English graduate student at SCSU, was selected to receive the St. Cloud State University Distinguished Thesis award for 2001 with her submission of "Counterpoint and 'New Music': The Two Musical Styles of John Milton." Her major advisor, Dr. James Anderson, and advisor Dr. Caesarea Abartis, both from the English Department, nominated her for the award. Troolin's thesis was submitted by SCSU to the regional competition of the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools for their Distinguished Thesis Award, and elicited praise from the reviewers for the strength of her interdisciplinary scholarship.

Mass Communications Graduate Program on the Rise

According to Dr. Niaz Ahmed (Graduate Director), the Mass Communications graduate program has had significant growth over the past year. A total of 11 students graduated last year—the highest ever in the history of the program. The Mass Communications' graduate program designed their own web site which contains everything that a graduate student needs: graduate program of study form, information about assistantships, faculty and facility information, admission procedures, graduate curriculum, course descriptions, registration process, online applications, and inquiry form.

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