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Dr. José Beviá recently garnered one more honor with his inclusion with 27 other composers in a new book titled *Composition in the Digital World: Conversations with 21st Century American Composers* by Robert Raines.

The book offers in-depth interviews with leading composers of contemporary classical music, explores the impact of digital technology on the creative process and queries its subjects on such topics as their source of inspiration, work habits and the business of music. Published by the Oxford University Press, the book has drawn rave reviews from the academic music world. To read more, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kn6wao3>.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

[Dance Theatre Concert](#)

March 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.

Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

[Story Telling and World Music Festival](#)

March 8, 12:30 p.m.

Student Community Center

["Little Women" Musical](#)

April 8-11, 7:30 p.m., April 11, 2 p.m.

Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

["The Devils" Drama](#)

April 30- May 2, 7:30 p.m.

Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Professional Days

May 13-14, 2015

KUDOS

I would like to acknowledge and thank the many brains and muscles that helped get our new biology and chemistry labs restored, in addition to completing some major peripheral work in our prep room. To my friends from Plant and Maintenance, Information Systems, Audio/Visual, Business and Finance, as well as my Department Chair, Division Deans, lab and administrative assistants – a heartfelt thank you for getting me through a very challenging year. I appreciate our talented experts who respond to my many calls for help. A lot goes on behind the scenes that the faculty and students might not realize. They couldn't do their job if you didn't do your job so well. THANK YOU!

-Kathy Knapik

["The Park Bench" Now on YouTube](#)



For those seeking an encore of the original play "The Park Bench" and for those who did not get to see it when it debuted at CCM in January, it is now available on the college's YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/6rFZoH0JUJl>.

Written by Professor Alexander J. Kucsma, the play explores the social issues that challenge society today, including gun control, gay marriage, and heterosexual love and marriage. The issues are presented around the simple plot of an older man offering advice about love to a young woman and man.

The play was directed by Chase Newhart, of New Providence. Appearing in the play are Robert Mackaset, of Mendham, as Sam; Peter Kendall, of Bloomfield, as Phillip; and Lauren Klemp, of Montville, as Katherine. "The Park Bench" was presented at CCM in association with Eric Hafen, artistic director of The Bickford Theatre.

[CCM Goodwill Trip to Antigua, Guatemala](#)



Spend your spring break doing something rewarding, and see beautiful Guatemala at the same time!

Spend 8 days/7 nights from March 14-22, meeting children from the

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

[2016 Tour of Great Britain and Ireland Information Meeting](#)

The first meeting for the upcoming 2016 *Flings, Reels and Rocks!* tour of Great Britain and Ireland will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 12:30 p.m. in DH 114. This is a no-obligation information session for those interested in traveling to Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Professor Pilant at cpilant@ccm.edu. If you cannot attend the first meeting, please visit <http://www.ccm.edu/uk> for more information.

[Library Novella Book Club](#)

The CCM Library Novella Book Club will be discussing *39 Steps* by John Buchan on Wednesday, February 25, from noon to 1 p.m. and all employees are welcome to attend. The club typically meets the last Wednesday of the month in the library conference room. Those with questions can contact ext. 5278.

[EOF Test Anxiety Workshop](#)

The CCM Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) is holding a workshop to help attendees learn an easy technique to improve test scores and overall performance. The workshop is open to the public and is being held on Thursday, February 26, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Room A. Learn more at <http://tinyurl.com/l88kzfs>.

[2015-16 Advising Cadre Application](#)

Requests to serve on the 2015-2016 Advising Cadre are now being accepted. Interested full-time faculty should review the 2015-2016 Advising Cadre Guidelines and send their request to serve to Margaret Shepard (mshepard@ccm.edu) no later than April 6, 2015. Applicants will be notified of their selection by email after April. To read the guidelines, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kf3guke>.

[Spring Counseling and Student Success Workshops](#)

The CCM Office of Counseling and Student Success is hosting multiple upcoming workshops that are designed to help students

many wards at one of Guatemala's oldest children's hospital and spend a full day assisting a local service organization with a renovation project. The itinerary includes Antigua and the Pacaya volcano, Chichicastenango and spectacular Lake Atitlan.

The direct flight departs from Newark Airport. The cost to attend is \$2,145.00 per person, based on double occupancy, and includes airfare, hotel, transportation, some tours, breakfast and some dinners.

All CCM staff, faculty, students and family are welcome. For those who are interested, please come to the information session on Tuesday, February 24, at 12:30 p.m. in SH 153. For those who cannot make the meeting or need further information, contact Bill Solomons at wsolomons@ccm.edu or 973-328-5648.

Summer Sessions Registration Now Taking Place

Online registration for Summer Sessions courses is now taking place. CCM offers four Summer Sessions: Summer Early 5-Week from May 18 – June 20, Summer 8 Week from June 1 – July 25, Summer Late 5 Week from June 22 – July 25, and Summer 3 Week from July 6 – July 25.

Classes offered this summer cover a range of disciplines and general educational requirements. Courses also are offered in a variety of formats – as traditional in-classroom classes, entirely online or as hybrid courses with instruction provided both in-class and online – making it easier to fit summer courses into a busy schedule.

For in-county students, tuition and fees are \$146 per credit. Out-of-county tuition and fees are \$267 per credit. For a three-credit course, tuition and fees are \$438 for in-county students and \$801 for out-of-county students.

To view courses being offered this summer, go to <http://webadvisor.ccm.edu>, click on "Prospective Students" and then "Search for Sections." Individuals who are not currently a student at CCM first need to apply as a "Visiting Student" at <http://www.ccm.edu/admissions> before registering for Summer Sessions courses.

The Writing Institute II



Because of everyone's reaction to the last Writing Institute workshop in December, Professor Ken Shouler, philosophy, will continue to deemphasize the mechanics of selling writing and emphasize the principles of good writing.

in a number of important areas. A full schedule of Spring Semester workshops can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/nw46tdr>. The following is a description the next event.

Transfer Services Hosting College Fair, Other Events

CCM Transfer Services is hosting a number of events this Spring Semester, including the Spring College Fair on Wednesday, March 11, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms, and the Learning Resource Center, Multipurpose Room. See the full list of events at <http://tinyurl.com/p8esnso>.

HR CORNER

Financial Education On-Demand

Find the TIAA-CREF Financial Essential On-Demand Webinar that's right for you! Visit www.tiaa-cref.org/financialeducation to view all of the on-demand webinar options.

Learn how to make better financial decisions. TIAA-CREF's Financial Essentials curriculum is designed to help you build a stronger financial future, no matter where you are in life. Now, the New Jersey Alternative Benefit Program community can access the webinars online anytime! A variety of subjects are covered to help you reach your personal goals, including Spending within Your Means, Saving for Life's Milestones, Planning for Today and Tomorrow, Investing in Your Future and Living in Retirement.

Latest Workplace Wellness Newsletter

The Department of Health Services has issued its latest Workplace Wellness Newsletter, which can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mj9yntf>. The January/February issue contains information regarding CCM's emergency communication procedure, as well as the college's red-envelope initiative.

State Retirement Workshops

The Division of Pensions and Benefits has scheduled new dates for retirement workshops designed for employees who plan to retire anytime within the next two years. Both live classroom sessions and online webinars are available. Reserve a seat now by registering at <http://tinyurl.com/lkqmtz2>. The page also provides a list of available dates, times and locations.

In the first of four meetings this semester on February 26 (12:30 p.m., CTE office), the group will examine varied ways to style sentences, heading toward a goal of learning 20 different sentence patterns. In addition – with a view to publishing mass-market and academic writing – the group will draw inspiration from fine writing in fiction, nonfiction, and scholarly publications. Also to be discussed are crafting articles and, in passing, some of the markets for publishing poetry.

Writing Institute II meetings are 12:30 p.m. in the CTE office on February 26, March 10, April 7 and April 28. Register for the Writing Institute workshops on the CTE website.

The workshops provide a step-by-step look at the retirement process. They explain retirement benefits, beneficiary options, group life insurance and how to submit the retirement application online using MBOS.

[Retirement Consultations](#)

One-on-one counseling sessions are available as follows with state-approved representatives:

MetLife representative David Sharpe will be on campus on March 17, April 23, May 7 and June 12. Email dsharpe2@metlife.com to make an appointment.

AXA Equitable representative Marc Sheridan will be on campus Tuesday, March 10, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 908-230-2042 to make an appointment. Sheridan will also be on campus April 14.