

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday, January 26	Last Day to Adjust Spring Schedule without Financial Penalty
Wednesday, February 10	Town Meeting on Diversity—No Daytime Classes; University-wide Events Scheduled
Monday, February 22	Nominations due for Hand Awards
Monday, March 1	Mid-Term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via BannerWeb
Monday-Friday, March 1-5	SPRING HOLIDAYS (No Classes)
Monday, March 8	Classes Resume
Wednesday, March 10	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty
Monday-Friday, March 22-26	Academic Advising for Summer Session and Fall Semester

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 29 has been cancelled. Please watch for announcements inviting faculty and staff to participate in University-wide open forums where they may comment on the progress made by the University Planning Workgroups.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2010, at noon in the Lee Chapel. Please mark your calendars and watch for further announcements.

From: Judy Ward

NOMINATIONS FOR HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY are due to the college/school/library dean/director by Monday, February 22. Nomination information is attached elsewhere to this edition of *The Newsletter* and is also online at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf>. Winners in each category are eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed. A list of previous winners is available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HandAwardHistory.pdf>.

From: Judy Ward

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - ARTISTS & LECTURERS FUNDING FOR 2010-11. The Artists & Lecturers Committee is accepting proposals to fund events scheduled for 2010-11. Proposals are due by e-mail **March 1, 2010**. **Please note that this deadline is earlier than in the past.** Next year, we hope to move to an early February deadline in order to facilitate planning and scheduling. We have also created a formal application form, which is available on our website (<http://www.stetson.edu/administration/artistslecturers/>). Please fill out the form in full and e-mail it Stephen Robinson, Chair of the Committee, at srobinso@stetson.edu.

From: Stephen Robinson

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NEW RESEARCH SUBSCRIPTIONS IN LIBRARY. The duPont-Ball Library is pleased to announce two new research subscriptions, both made possible through outreach and collaboration with other libraries and funded through gift funds.

The *Web of Science* includes indexing to leading scholarly literature in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities with links to full-text for some articles. The database also features "cited references" for citation tracking. This database was made possible through collaboration with the Stetson University College of Law Library. Get to *Web of Science* by choosing the **Databases** tab on the library's home page and scrolling down the alphabetical list of databases.

The library also added approximately **1,700 journals from Springer Publishers** and many of their other imprints and associated publishers, dating back to 1997. Known primarily for its strength in science, medicine, and technology, Springer also publishes widely in the social sciences. The Springer subscription was made possible through a new collaborative outreach with our Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) Library Group and the Florida Center for Library Automation of the State University System. Stetson students and faculty now have access to all of the Springer publications which are subscribed to by the libraries of the State University System as well as six other ICUF libraries. Get to the Springer journals (and all of the library's 40,000 full-text journals) by choosing the **Journals List** tab on the library's home page.

From: Betty Johnson

WENDELL BERRY TO SPEAK. The Values Council invites the Stetson community to a lecture by Wendell Berry on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel. Berry's lecture is based on this year's theme, How Shall We Live? Specifically, his lecture is entitled "Simple Solutions and Package Deals," which will give special attention to the impact of economic globalization on the way we live.

Berry is considered one of America's greatest literary treasures. He is author of over 30 books of poetry, essays, and novels. He has received many honors and awards, including fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations, as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.

Professors are encouraged to include this lecture as part of their course syllabi for next semester. First year students used Berry's essay, "The Pleasures of Eating" at the Dean's Dinner during FOCUS at the beginning of this academic year. This event qualifies for cultural credit. For additional information, contact Dr. Dixon Sutherland at dsutherl@stetson.edu.

From: Dixon Sutherland

RUSSIAN STUDIES LECTURE SERIES features Professor Thomas Lahusen, Professor of Russian History at the University of Toronto, who will be speaking on "Russian Cities in Film" on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the Lynn Business Center, Room 122 from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Cultural credit is provided.

From: Julie Zischkau

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE. We will be having our annual Winter Blood Drive on Tuesday and Wednesday, February, 2-3, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Blood Mobile will be in front of the Carlton Union Building. Special incentives for donating blood this month include a free smoothie from Planet Smoothie and free taco from Moe's. You will also receive a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich with your donation. Please remember to bring identification.

Central Florida's Blood Centers understands that the ability of faculty and staff to give blood is limited due to their busy work schedules. They have suggested when you visit the blood drive and notice that the wait will be long that you leave a contact number where you can be reached. They will then notify you when the blood drive doesn't have a long wait time. We hope that this will enable more faculty and staff to donate blood. Thank you for your support.

All blood donated through the Florida's Blood Centers remains in our area and is used at local hospitals. Your friends, neighbors, and family depend upon our donations for blood and blood products. Please donate and encourage your friends, colleagues, and students to donate also.

We would like to thank the Stetson community for our last blood drive on November 4-5, 2009. The drive pulled in a grand total of 140 units which saved a total 420 lives. Way to go Stetson!! What a great blood drive!!!! Thank you so much for your support! We hope to see you on February 2nd and 3rd.

From: Mitchell Reddish

THE 2010 GEORGE H. SHRIVER LECTURES: RELIGION IN AMERICAN HISTORY will be delivered by Dr. James Turner, Cavanaugh Professor of Humanities and Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, where he also teaches in the doctoral program in the history and philosophy of science. The title of his series of lectures will be "The Study of Religions in America: The Early Years." The three lectures in the series will be given on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. (in the Stetson Room in the CUB) and on February 10 at 12:00 noon (in 25L in the library) and 7:00 p.m. (in the Stetson Room in the CUB). The lectures are jointly sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of History. Since 2010 is the anniversary of the death of William James, Dr. Turner will be dealing in his last lecture on how James's *The Varieties of Religious Experience* affected the teaching of religion in America.

The individual lecture titles are as follows:

February 9, 7:00 p.m. "The Dog That Didn't Bark: The Study of Religion in America to Circa 1820"

February 10, noon "Comparing Religions in an Age of Confusion, circa 1820 to 1900"

February 10, 7:00 p.m. "William James Redraws the Map"

From: Mitchell G. Reddish, Professor of Religious Studies

LIVE IN ELIZABETH HALL. Please join us to hear our featured faculty, student ensemble groups, and special guests. All concerts are held in Elizabeth Hall at 7:30 pm and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted**.

January 21: CMENC Broadway Revue, **\$5.00 charge to all**

January 23: Faculty Recital - Jean West, flute; Michael Rickman, piano

January 26: Faculty Recital - Lloyd Linney, soprano; Michael Rickman, piano

January 31: Viola Consort - Jesus Alfonso, director **3:00 P.M.**

January 31: Faculty Recital - Susan McQuinn, flute; Michael Rickman, piano

From: Kathleen Loftus

Note From the Editor: The Newsletter returns to the regular schedule of the first and third Fridays in February. Articles for the next publication are due by Wednesday, February 3, at 4:00 p.m.

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information has been received from the college/schools/departments:

Dr. Hala ElAarag, Associate Professor of Computer Science, has accepted an invitation to serve as the local chair of the International Society of Modeling and Simulation Spring Multiconference to be held in Orlando April 11-15, 2010.

<http://www.scs.org/confernc/springsim/springsim10/springsim10.htm>

From: Hala ElAarag

Dr. Nathan Wolek, Assistant Professor of Music Technology and Program Director for Digital Arts, delivered a lecture entitled "Laptop = Instrument?" at the Florida Music Educators Association's annual clinic-conference in Tampa, FL on January 7th. The presentation highlighted how the media has helped propel the concept of the laptop as instrument into the public consciousness and offered some ideas on how K12 music educators can start to wrap their heads about the potentials of making laptop music. An enhanced podcast recording of the lecture is available online (<http://www.lowkeydigitalstudio.com/2010/01/fmea-lecture-online/>).

From: Nathan Wolek

Dr. Rusty Witek, Professor of English and Kathleen A. Johnson Chair in Humanities, delivered the paper, "True Terminological Adventures: 'Graphic Novel' in Action," at the Modern Language Association meeting on December 30, 2009 in Philadelphia.

Witek also participated in the official formation of the Comics and Graphic Novels Discussion Group of the MLA. Witek's essay "Seven Ways I Don't Teach Comics" has been published in *Teaching the Graphic Novel*, edited by Stephen E. Tabachnick, the latest volume in the Modern Language Association's "Options for Teaching" series. The essay is based on Witek's experiences in teaching the EH 453 Popular Literature: Comics course at Stetson, one of the first regularly offered courses devoted to comics in the US.

From: Rusty Witek

Debbi Dinkins, Head of Technical Services and Associate Professor, and **Susan Ryan**, Associate Library Director and Professor, have received word that their article, "Measuring Referrals: The Use of Paraprofessionals at the Reference Desk," will be published in the July 2010 issue of *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

From: Betty Johnson

Dr. Jamil Khader, Associate Professor of English, was cited in the *Times Higher Education* (Dec 20, 2009) regarding his "International Vampire Literature" course. The reference can be found at the following link: <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?storycode=409674>.

From: Jamil Khader

Dr. Eric Kurlander, Associate Professor of History, will have his article, "What in the World is Oliver Stone Talking About?," and his new book, *Living With Hitler*, featured in this week's History News Network newsletter (<http://www.hnn.us/articles/122342.html>). The op-ed discusses the director's controversial statements regarding his upcoming Showtime Series, "A Secret History of America."

HNN is "wholly devoted to the task of putting events in the news into historical perspective every day." 13,000 readers subscribe to its weekly newsletter and the site attracts nearly 300,000 unique visitors and 6,000,000 hits a month.

From: Eric Kurlander

Dr. Benhua Yang, Assistant Professor of Economics, has completed the following articles/reviews for publication and presentation at conferences.

Refereed Journal Publications:

"The Differential Growth Effect of FDI across U.S. Regions," *International Economic Journal*, (with B. T. Ewing) Vol. 23, No. 4, 511-525, December 2009.

"An Empirical Refinement of the Relationship between Growth and Volatility," *Applied Economics*, (with J. Edwards) Vol. 41, No. 11, 1331-1343, May 2009.

Other Journal Publications:

Review of *China's Rise: Challenges and Opportunities*, Bergsten, C.F., Charles Freeman, Nicholas R. Lardy and Derek J. Mitchell, Washington, DC: Peterson Institute for International Economics, 2008, *Journal of Economic Issues*, Vol. 44, No. 3, 815-817, 2009.

Review of *The Economics of Growth*, Aghion, Phillippe and Peter Howitt, Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2009, *Journal of Economic Issues*, Vol. 44, No. 3, 811-813, 2009.

Conference Presentations: Two papers were presented at the Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2009: "Democracy and Financial Development," and "Political Democratization, Economic Liberalization, and Growth Volatility."

Journal Reviewer/Referee:

Reviewed three manuscripts for three different journals entitled: "The Effects of Excise Taxes on Non-Homogeneous Populations," *American Economist*; "Finance and Poverty: an Empirical Study Using Panel Data," *Journal of Economics and Finance*; and "Political Economy of Determining Own Tax Revenue and Selective State Taxes of Andhra Pradesh in India," *Bulletin of Political Economy*.

From: Ranjini Thaver

Dr. Larry Belcher, Professor and Chair of Finance and Director of the George Investments Institute, was notified that his paper "Prior Perceptions, Personality Characteristics and Portfolio Preferences among Fund Managers: An Experimental Analysis" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Behavioral Finance*. This is the leading journal covering behavioral finance topics. The paper was presented at the October, 2009 meeting of the Academy of Financial Services in Anaheim, California. The paper benefited from sources and discussions with **Dr. Toni Blum** and **Dr. Dwaine Cochran** of Stetson's Department of Psychology.

From: Larry Belcher

HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Stetson University is indebted to many individuals who have shown their support of excellence in higher education through generosity to our programs. Dolly and Homer Hand are two such remarkable people. They have provided funding that is used to recognize outstanding faculty. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Council of Deans have worked together to structure the awarding of these funds, which are known as the Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements. The recipients of these awards are announced at Spring Commencement.

Nominations for Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements will be considered in either of these two categories.

- (a) Hand Award for Research, Creative, and Professional Activity
- (b) Hand Community Impact Award

A total of three Hand Awards will be awarded in 2009-2010.

(a) HAND AWARD FOR RESEARCH, CREATIVE, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

With the Hand Research Awards, we celebrate the professional achievements of faculty at Stetson University. We recognize that faculty talent may be expressed in a variety of ways and that the criteria for determining excellence in different areas of scholarly inquiry or creative expression may vary. The Hand Research Awards emphasize the quality of the research or creative activity, the significance of the accomplishment within the faculty member's field, and its contribution to the intellectual vitality of our campus. This Hand Award recognizes that excellence is to be found in innovative as well as traditional forms of scholarship; in work that contributes to the pedagogical discussion in a discipline or across disciplines as well as work that makes original contributions to knowledge; in work that redefines disciplinary knowledge as well as in work that reinforces it; and in major community outreach projects that demonstrate substantive disciplinary or interdisciplinary knowledge.

(b) HAND COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

With the Hand Community Impact Award, we celebrate the achievements of faculty serving the needs of the community, both the Stetson community and the community beyond the campus. An institution depends on its faculty to provide guidance to its students, expertise to its governance structure, leadership in its planning processes, and connections to the larger community. We recognize that the life of a teacher is a life of service, service that goes beyond the classroom, service that takes inordinate time and energy. While service may at times seem to take faculty members away from their disciplines, it can also be an important form of scholarly investigation, as when theoretical understandings are applied or tested in local communities. Academic service may also involve important leadership in disciplinary organizations at both the regional and national level. All these kinds of service—to our academic community, to our surrounding communities and state, to our disciplines, to the world—are among our most important contributions to knowledge and our most impressive statements of our values commitments. We are pleased that this Hand Award will honor such achievements in service by our faculty.

PROCEDURES:

Any faculty or academic administrator may nominate a faculty member to be considered for the Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements; however, self-nominations are not appropriate. The person nominating should work with the person being nominated in preparing a representative packet of documentation and supporting materials. This packet should include:

- a letter explaining why this faculty member is being proposed for consideration, to include relevant details of the significance of the nominee's accomplishments within his/her discipline;
- a current curriculum vitae;
- examples of work, reviews or citations or other evidence of the impact of the nominee's work, and any other item considered helpful in the decision. Care should be taken to present only representative materials and not overburden the committees with unnecessary items.

Nominations for the award are received by the college/school/library dean/director who forwards them to the college/school/library committee. This committee selects the designated number of nominations and forwards them to the Office of Academic Affairs, which then forwards them to the University committee for review. The identity of those chosen by the University committee is forwarded to the Provost, but otherwise remains confidential until the announcement at the Spring Commencement ceremony. Winners in each category are eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed.

COMMITTEES:

1. College/School/Library Hand Award Recommendation Committees

(a) Formation of the committee:

After nominations have been received, the dean/director of each college/school/library appoints a representative group of faculty to serve as the Hand Award Recommendations Committee. The size of the committee may vary according to the size of the college/school/library. Care is taken to involve appropriate gender and minority representation as well as those sensitive to the research/creative process as it applies to that unit.

(b) Responsibilities of the committee:

The committee receives the nominations and selects those that will be sent forward to the University committee. The number of nominations that may be sent forward from each unit are: College of Arts and Sciences - 8, School of Business Administration - 2, School of Music - 2, Library - 1. The nominations are sent without comment or priority indication.

2. University Hand Award Committee

(a) Formation of the committee:

The Provost and the Council of Deans appoint faculty to serve on the University committee.

(b) Responsibilities of the committee:

The Provost or her/his designee convenes the committee, reviews with them the procedures and expectations, leaves prior to discussion of individuals, and remains available to respond to questions that the committee may have. The committee has access to all information generated by this process and to the list of prior recipients.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND DATES FOR HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DATES	SPECIFIC PROCEDURES
February 22	Nominations are due to college/school/library dean/director
March 8	The Dean/director of each college/school/library appoints their respective Hand Award Recommendation Committee
April 1	The Recommendation Committees forward nominations to Office of Academic Affairs
April 5 – 9	The Provost or designee convenes the University committee
April 12 – 23	The University committee reviews nominations
April 26	The University committee submits the names of winners to the Provost
May 8	Awards are announced at Commencement