

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, January 11	New Student Registration
Tuesday, January 12	Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
	CLASSES BEGIN
Monday, January 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (University Holiday—No Classes)
Tuesday, January 19	Hand Grant Applications Due to Department Chairs
	Last Day to Add Course for Credit
	Last Day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty
	Deadline to Apply for May Graduation
	Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection
Tuesday, January 26	Last Day to Adjust Spring Schedule without Financial Penalty
Friday, January 29	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Stetson Room
Wednesday, February 10	Town Meeting on Diversity—No Classes; University-wide Events Scheduled

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPLICATIONS FOR HAND GRANTS. Faculty members are encouraged to apply for 2010 Hand Grants. Applications for Professional Development Projects and Hand Grants for Course Enhancement are due to Department Chairs on January 19, 2010. The application can be found in the "Faculty Professional Development Opportunities" handbook which is available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php> or in hard copy from the Office of Academic Affairs. Funds have been approved for a total of two grants of \$1,500 each.

From: Judy Ward

GET THE SEMESTER OFF TO THE "WRITE" START. Join me in getting the spring semester off to the "write" start: ask your students to write for you, briefly, in the first days of the class. Taking a mere five minutes to suss out the territory in your classroom can yield a wealth of valuable information; see the spring term flyer (<http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/writingprogram/media/WritingMattersSpring%202010firstday.pdf>) from the Writing Program with some suggestions about writing right away. (You may also want to browse the resources at the Writing Program website: <http://www.stetson.edu/writingprogram>.)

Please feel free to email or call me (x7722) if I can be of any assistance to you this semester.

From: Megan O'Neill

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

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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

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 American 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

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

Note From the Editor: The Newsletter will be published on the second and fourth Fridays during the month of January, returning to the regular schedule of the first and third Fridays in February. Articles for the next publication are due by Wednesday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m.

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Eugene Huskey, Professor of Political Science and William R. Kenan, Jr. Chair, was quoted in the article "Russia(n) Is Back " published in the December 15, 2009 issue of *Inside Higher Ed* where Stetson University was featured as one of the schools with an increase of student interest in Russian. **Dr. Michael Denner**, Associate Professor of Russian Studies, was mentioned in the article.

From: Grady Ballenger

Dr. Eric Kurlander, Associate Professor of History, delivered the paper, "Between 'Assimilation' and 'Elimination': Liberal 'Anti-Anti-Semitism' in the Third Reich," on the Panel, "Liberals and Anti-Semitism in Modern Germany," at the 2009 Convention of the American Jewish Studies Association, December 19-22, 2009, in Los Angeles, CA.

Kurlander has also been invited to deliver the annual Pauley Lecture on Global Affairs at the University of Central Florida. The lecture is titled, "Living With Hitler: The Janus-Face Of Liberal Resistance And Accommodation In The Third Reich," and is open to the public (Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., <http://www.cah.ucf.edu/events.php?id=1226>).

From: Eric Kurlander

Dr. Susan Peppers-Bates, Associate Professor of Philosophy, and **Dr. Joshua Rust**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, coauthored a peer-reviewed article entitled "The Heart Has Its Reasons that Scientific Naturalism Can't Understand" accepted for publication in the Blackwell anthology entitled *True Blood and Philosophy*, forthcoming 2010.

From: Joshua Rust