

THE NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 16, 2009

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, October 16	University Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., LBC 108 (Rinker Auditorium)
Monday-Friday, October 19-23	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty
Wednesday, October 21	Academic Advising for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, October 26-28	2010-2011 Sabbatical Applications Due
Friday, October 30	Department Chairs Forward 2010 Summer Grant Applications to Deans
Monday-Wednesday, November 2-4	Registration for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Thursday, November 5	Department Chairs Forward 2010-2011 Sabbatical Applications to Deans
Wednesday, November 25	Academic Advising for First Year Students for Spring Semester
Thursday, Friday, November 26-27	Registration for First Year Students for Spring Semester
	NO CLASSES. Administrative Offices Open.
	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (University Holiday – No Classes)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in LBC 108 (Rinker Auditorium). The agenda includes a discussion with President Wendy Libby and Provost Beth Paul on the University planning process and the vision questions recently distributed by survey. Minutes of the October 2 University faculty meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of the 2009-2010 Academic Year are as follow:

October 16, 2009	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
November 6, 2009	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
NO UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING IN DECEMBER			
January 29, 2010	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
February 19, 2010	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
March 26, 2010	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
April 16, 2010	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

SUMMER GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS DUE OCTOBER 21. Department Chairs are reminded to forward Summer Grant applications and recommendations to their Dean by Wednesday, October 21.

From: Eric Kurlander, Chair, Professional Development Committee

SABBATICAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 21. Please refer to procedures listed in the Faculty Professional Development Handbook available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php> or from the Office of Academic Affairs.

From: Eric Kurlander, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DEADLINE. Faculty members who are proposing to take a group of students abroad this spring or summer, or next fall should submit proposals to the Center for International Education no later than November 1. For further information or to receive an Off-Campus Programs Guideline, contact Nancy Leonard at nleonard@stetson.edu or call extension 8166.

From: Nancy Leonard

THE LAWSON LECTURE SERIES SPONSORS A LECTURE BY DR. LEON KASS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. Dr. Kass will speak on the subject "Science, Religion and the Human Future". The Stetson community and the public are welcome. This counts as a cultural credit event.

Dr. Leon R. Kass is a physician and one of America's leading experts on biomedical ethics. For nearly four decades, he has been engaged with ethical and philosophical issues raised by biomedical advances and, more recently, with questions of human nature and with the broader moral and cultural issues. His widely reprinted essays in biomedical ethics range from in vitro fertilization, cloning, genetic screening, and organ transplantation to aging research, euthanasia, and steroid use in sports.

Dr. Kass will also lead a student/faculty discussion on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building. The topic will be "Defending Human Dignity: What It Is and Why It Matters". A discussion of the importance of the notion of human dignity to issues of bioethics, though its main emphasis is a consideration of the relation between two competing views of human dignity: the dignity of full human flourishing and virtue and the basic and equal dignity of every human being, regardless of what they do with their lives. If you would like to receive a copy of Dr. Kass's paper in preparation for this discussion, please contact Divina Bungard (dbungard@stetson.edu).

From: Ron Hall

LECTURE BY JESSICA VALENTI. The Values Council joins with the Women and Gender Studies program to announce a lecture for **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building. Jessica Valenti will speak on the subject "The Purity Myth: How America's Obsession with Virginity is Hurting Young Woman". The Stetson community and the public are welcome at this event.

Jessica Valenti is a well known feminine activist and the founder of feministing.com. She has earned a Master's degree in Women and Gender Studies from Rutgers University. Valenti has also worked with organizations such as NARAL Pro-Choice America, Legal Momentum, Planned Parenthood, the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and Ms. Magazine. She is the writer and co-editor of many books, including *Yes Means Yes: Visions of Female Sexual Power and a World Without Rape*.

For more information, contact Emily Mieras at emieras@stetson.edu

From: Jillian Masucci

GUITAR ON THE ROCKS. The campus community is invited to a recital by Professor Stephen Robinson's guitar students on **Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Gillespie Museum Connections Room, 234 East Michigan Avenue. Come enjoy great music and refreshments!

For additional information, call the Museum at 386.822.7330, or e-mail us at gillespiemuseum@stetson.edu.

From: Karen Cole

VALUES COUNCIL LECTURE. As part of this year's university theme, *How Shall We Live?*, the Values Council invites the Stetson community to a lecture by Michael Denner on **Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Stetson Room of the CUB. **Please note the time of the lecture is 6:00 p.m.** Dr. Denner will speak on, "Ivan Ilych is Dead... And You Will Be, Too: Can We Ever Again Live 'Well and Pleasantly' after Reading Tolstoy?"

Denner is a Russian Studies Professor at Stetson University, as well as the Director of the Stetson Honors Program. He also served as a visiting researcher with the summer Slavic Workshops at the University of Illinois for five years. He earned a Ph.D. at Northwestern University and is now the editor of the *Tolstoy Studies Journal*. This event qualifies for cultural credit. For additional information contact Dr. Dixon Sutherland at dsutherl@stetson.edu.

From: Jillian Masucci

MEMBERS OF THE STETSON COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING ART EVENTS:**Oct. 27 - Lecture**

Slide lecture and gallery talk by Stetson University Art Professor Gary Bolding, 7:00 p.m., Hand Art Center. Reception follows.

Nov. 3 – Lecture (Sponsored by Stetson University Artists & Lecturers Series)

Oscar Bluemner and American Modernism, Series II, lecture series, Patricia McDonnell, Director of the Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, Kan., and author of *Painting Berlin Stories: Marsden Hartley, Oscar Bluemner and the First American Avant-Garde in Expressionist Berlin*. "Colored Expression Instead of Impression: Oscar Bluemner and German Modernism," 7:00 p.m., Rinker Auditorium of the Lynn Business Center. Reception follows in the Hand Art Center.

Nov. 13 through Dec. 3 - Student Art Exhibition

20th Juried Student Art Exhibition, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sundays. Opening reception 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Nov. 13. Closed all national holidays and holiday weekends. Duncan Gallery of Art.

For further information call 386-822-7270.

From: Chris Nelson

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 p.m. and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted**.

October 16: University Symphonic Band – David Schmidt, conductor

October 17: Stetson Fall Choir-Fest – Andrew Larson & Peter Durow, conductors

October 20: Faculty Recital – Michael Rickman, piano

October 30: University Symphony Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor; David Bjella, cello

November 3: Guitar Ensembles – Stephen Robinson, director

November 6: Stetson University Opera Theater – Russell Franks, director; Chamber Orchestra - Anthony Hose, conductor, *Berenice* by George Friedrich Handel

From: Kathleen Loftus

THE AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM AND THE VALUES COUNCIL invite all students, faculty, and staff to a book feast on **Tuesday, October 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.** in the Faculty lounge of the Carlton Union Building. It will be on Dr. Vibert White's book entitled *Inside the Nation of Islam: A Historical and Personal Testimony by a Black Muslim*. Dr. White provides an inside account of the present-day Nation of Islam from the perspective of a former minister and advisor to the top-ranking leadership of the organization. This detailed study of the internal workings of the Nation of Islam under the leadership of Louis Farrakhan examines the evolution of the organization since 1977 and its strange ideological menu of Black Nationalism, political-economic development, anti-Semitism, and conservative Republican ideals.

For faculty, students, and staff, the Values Council provides free copies of the book on a first-come-basis. To secure a book, with the promise to read it prior to the event, contact Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or ljguenth@stetson.edu, by Monday, October 19, 2009. If you receive a book, you are committing to attend the book feast. We ask you to honor that commitment. Refreshments will be served.

Cultural credit is available. Please contact Dr. Shawnrece Campbell at sdcampbe@stetson.edu for more information.

From: Jillian Masucci

LECTURE BY DR. VIBERT WHITE. The Africana Studies Program, with support from the Values Council and the Marchman program announce a lecture by Dr. Vibert White on **Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Dr. White will speak on the subject "The Black Experience in Islamic Society and the Middle East" in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building. The Stetson community and the public are welcome.

White, an Associate Professor of History at the University of Central Florida, is of Costa Rican and Haitian heritage which enables him to bring forth a perspective full of unique cultural and historical ideas. He is committed to educating and empowering the poor.

This event qualifies for cultural credit. For more information, contact Dr. Shawnrece Campbell at sdcampbe@stetson.edu.

From: Jillian Masucci

GREENFEATHER BLOOD DRIVE. We will be having our annual Greenfeather Blood Drive on **Wednesday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** in the Carlton Union Building, Faculty Lounge. Registration will take place in the Faculty Lounge with follow-up in the Florida's Blood Centers Blood Mobile located in the circle in front of the Carlton Union Building. During the Greenfeather Blood Drive you will receive a free commemorative Greenfeather T-Shirt for donating blood this month. A Chick-Fil-A sandwich will be available for all blood donors. Please remember to bring a form of identification when donating blood.

We would like to thank the Stetson community for our Back-to-School blood drive. We received 43 pints of blood which saved 129 lives. Thanks again for your support! We look forward to seeing you on November 4-5, 2009.

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.

From: Mitchell Reddish

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Mitchell Reddish, Professor of Religious Studies and O.L. Walker Chair of Christian Studies, conducted an all-day seminar (four lectures) September 19 at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The seminar, "Traveling the Bible: St. Paul's Journeys and Writings," was sponsored by the Smithsonian Associates.

From: Mitchell Reddish

Dr. Terri Witek, Professor of English and Art and Melissa Sullivan Chair in Creative Writing, along with **Cyriaco Lopes**, opened an installation, *Big Bronze Statues*, on 14th Street in New York City as part of the Art in Odd Places festival. All during October, letters between gay lovers, actual and literary, will be left in ATMS, on benches, and other well-traveled places for passersby to find, read, keep, or redistribute. The piece has been mentioned both in *Time Out* and the New York edition of *The Times*.

From: Terri Witek

Dr. Stuart Michelson, Roland & Sarah George Professor of Finance recently attended the joint meeting of the Academy of Business Education and the Financial Education Association where he presented his paper, "The Total Family Benefits Impact on the Social Security Early Retirement Decision," and attended the ABE Board of Directors meeting as a past president.

Dr. Stuart Michelson recently attended the joint meeting of the Academy of Financial Services and the Financial Planning Association where he presented his paper, "The Social Security Early Retirement Decision, Now or Later?" and participated in a panel discussion "Meet the Editors" as editor of the academic journal *Financial Services Review*. During the meeting he organized and moderated a panel discussion on "Research Topics of Interest to Academics and Practitioners" and discussed the paper "Who Own IRAs? Evidence from the 2004 Survey of Consumer Finances." He also attended the AFS Board of Directors meeting as journal editor and VP of Annual Meeting.

Dr. Michelson, **Dr. Jud Stryker**, Professor of Accounting and Eugene M. Lynn Chair, and **Dr. Betty Thorne**, Professor of Information Sciences, had their article, "The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002: What Impact has it had on Small Business Firms?" accepted for publication in the *Managerial Auditing Journal*.

Dr. Stuart Michelson had his article, "Cheating Among Business Students: Determining the Influence of Religion, Perceptions of Cheating, and the Campus Environment," accepted for publication in the *Academy of Business Education Journal*.

Dr. Stuart Michelson had his article, "Persistence in Mutual Fund Performance," accepted for publication in the *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*.

From: Stuart Michelson

Mr. Anthony Hose, Associate Professor of Music, had a new CD of music by pre-eminent Welsh composer Alun Hoddinott launched at the Swansea Festival in Wales on Saturday, October 11th. The CD is on the Metronome label and the orchestra is the Welsh Chamber Orchestra.

From: Kathleen Loftus

Dr. Eugene Huskey, Professor of Political Science and William R. Kenan, Jr. Chair, and Don Rowney of Bowling Green, are co-editors of *Russian Bureaucracy and the State: Officialdom from Alexander III to Putin*, published last week by Palgrave Macmillan in London. The book brought together an international team of scholars in disciplines ranging from history and political science to law and demography. Dr. Huskey authored or co-authored five of the chapters and translated two chapters from French and another two from Russian.

On October 8, Huskey taught a class in Russian law at King's College London.
From: Gene Huskey

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, October 2, 2009

Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, October 2, 2009, in the Stetson Room in a campus-wide meeting of faculty and staff.

Dr. Wendy B. Libby, President, opened the meeting at 2:35 p.m. and presented her thoughts on where we are going as a university. In order to attain national prominence as a liberal arts university with excellent professional programs, we need to determine who we are and agree on who we want to be. The first steps involve evaluating:

- Academics – need to investigate new modes of delivery and pedagogy; reinvest in things we do best
- Enrollment and retention – need to diversify geographically
- Marketing – need a consistent university-wide voice, national exposure; bringing in a VP for Marketing
- Finances – need succession plans for Sally Dowling and Jim Beasley
- Facilities – need condition study and a comprehensive facilities plan
- Student life – need to make campus student-centered; increase student activities on weekends; reconfigure Student Life at the senior level
- Athletics – need to have conversation and final resolution on whether or not to be in Division I

We also need to need to reconnect with alumni who are passionate about Stetson and strengthen our fiduciary governance.

All efforts to re-organize will be data driven and faculty and staff are asked to volunteer or nominate persons to serve on the following committees:

Administrative committees – email president@stetson.edu for interest in the following:

- 1) Student and Campus Life to include retention, campus residences, student activities
- 2) Facilities to include staffing, master plans, condition assessment
- 3) Enrollment and Retention to include advising, program development and markets
- 4) Marketing toward alumni, prospective students, community and partnerships
- 5) Athletics to include not only conference but also club sports, intramurals

Academic committees (as proposed by Provost Paul) – email provost@stetson.edu for interest in the following:

- 1) Key Indicators - define key indicators/analyses to study the “economies” of our academic programs
- 2) Curriculum Parameters - define key curriculum parameters (target enrollments, faculty workload, etc.)
- 3) Program closure/ initiation - draft evaluative criteria for discontinuing or creating an academic program

Committees will consist of 6-10 persons each and appointments will be announced by mid-October. Committee reports, which will be made public, are due by early January 2010, so that the Board of Trustees may respond by the end of January.

Following a session of questions and answers, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty