

THE NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2, 2009

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, October 2	Campus-wide Meeting for Faculty and Staff, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Stetson Room
Thursday, Friday October 8-9	FALL BREAK (No Classes)
Friday, October 9	Mid-term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via BannerWeb
Monday, October 12	2010 Summer Grant Applications Due
Friday, October 16	University Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Rinker Auditorium
	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty
Wednesday, October 21	2010-2011 Sabbatical Applications Due
Monday-Friday, October 19-23	Academic Advising for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, October 26-28	Registration for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, November 2-4	Academic Advising for First Year Students for Spring Semester
Thursday, November 5	Registration for First Year Students for Spring Semester

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009, for a campus-wide meeting for all faculty and staff from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Stetson Room. Dr. Libby invites everyone to hear where we are headed in this tough financial year and how to be a part of our process for short- and long-term planning.

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

October 2, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
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

FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, in the Faculty Lounge at 6:30 p.m. All faculty are always welcome to attend. The agenda for the meeting includes:

- 1). George Herbst, Vice President Emeritus and Treasurer Emeritus, Rollins College -- discussion with Senate on Stetson finances and facilities;
- 2). President Libby and Provost Paul - Q&A on university and academic planning; and
- 3). Diane Everett - report and recommendations on Tenure and Promotion processes.

From: Megan O'Neill, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

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FREE GRANT WORKSHOP. Stetson's Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations will offer a free Grant Workshop **Friday, October 16, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 12:00** noon in the seminar room of the Hand Art Center. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend.

The Grant Workshop will instruct participants on essential elements of proposals, and compare and contrast working with, relating to, and writing for various funders including, government, foundations, and corporations. The presentation will feature aspects of social networking that can assist in raising funds for projects. The Stetson grant process and services offered by the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations will also be discussed.

From: Janet Lyons

FREIBURG FACULTY EXCHANGE APPLICATION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1

The deadline to apply for the summer 2010 Faculty Exchange program in Freiburg, Germany is November 1. The purpose of the exchange is to encourage collegial ties, discussion, and the sharing of ideas between faculty members at Stetson University and the Paedagogische Hochschule. The exchange can be used for research, to observe work being done in one's discipline, and to find a suitable exchange partner for a Long-Term Exchange at a later date. Typically, Short-Term Exchange Faculty members observe classes and programs in the relevant discipline, and discuss methodologies and research with colleagues at the host university. The Exchange Faculty member will also be required to present a lecture, exhibit, recital, or demonstration at the host university on a topic relevant to the discipline. The Center for International Education will provide a stipend of up to \$750 for travel. The Paedagogische Hochschule will provide free accommodations. All other expenses are the responsibility of the faculty member.

For questions or to request application forms, please contact Nancy Leonard in the Center for International Education at nleonard@stetson.edu.

From: Nancy Leonard

THE DUPONT-BALL LIBRARY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW DIGITAL ARCHIVES. The digital archives is growing daily, but currently includes more than 4,400 Stetson photos, almost 800 memorabilia items, the complete collection of Stetson postcards, digital images of plaques across campus, the E. Clay Shaw political collection, and searchable yearbooks from 1908-1930. By the end of 2009, we expect to have added fully searchable pre-1931 student newspapers, bulletins, and view books. We will be adding other collections as well, including the Max Cleland political collection and the Regar Civil War collection.

This database should have wide applications across campus in public relations, alumni relations, development, and for student projects. Offices will be able to search, for example, a "gift of" field to find all the items donated to the archives by particular individuals. While the database is intuitive to use, we have created a five-page Quick Guide linked at the bottom of the archives home page. To use the archives, click on the **ARCHIVES** button at the top of the library's home page or go directly to <http://archives.stetson.edu>

If you would like your event photos included in the archives, please contact Sue Ryan, sryan@stetson.edu.

PLEASE NOTE: We are especially interested in having headshots and other photos of current faculty members in the digital archives. We can accept a digital copy of your photos via email, or we are happy to scan your print photos for you and return them.

From: Susan Ryan

THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED announces a lecture for **Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** Professor Michael Ruse will speak on the subject "The Evolution-Creation Struggle: An American Story" in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building. The Stetson community and the public are welcome at this event.

Ruse, a Professor at Florida State University, is one of the world's leading authorities on the philosophy of biology, the history of science, and the American controversy over the thought of Charles Darwin. He is an internationally recognized scholar well known for his work on the creationism/evolution controversy. Ruse is the author of many books, including a set of fictive dialogues, *Evolution and Religion: A Dialogue*. The Stetson Center is a program of the Values Council and the Metanexus Institute of Philadelphia.

This event qualifies for cultural credit. For more information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at dmusser@stetson.edu.

From: Donald Musser

THE WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM SPONSORS A LECTURE BY JESSICA VALENTI ON 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*.

Cooperative support by: The Values Council, OSAPE, and Artist and Lecturers Series.

For more information, contact Emily Mieras at emieras@stetson.edu. This event qualifies for cultural credit.
From: Emily Mieras

THE AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM, with support from the **VALUES COUNCIL** and **THE MARCHMAN PROGRAM** announce two upcoming events:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 4:30-6:00 P.M. – BOOK FEAST

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to a book feast in the Faculty lounge of the Carlton Union Building 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 lguenth@stetson.edu, by Tuesday, October 13, 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00 P.M. – LECTURE

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.

These events qualify for cultural credit. For more information, contact Dr. Shawnrecc Campbell at sdcampbe@stetson.edu.
From: Shawnrecc Campbell

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**.

October 4: Guest Recital – *ÉCOUTE*: pieces of Reynaldo Hahn, Norman Spivey, baritone **3:00 P.M.**

October 6: Faculty Recital – Jane Christeson, mezzo-soprano; Michael Rickman, piano

October 13: Sigma Alpha Iota Musicale – A recital featuring Boyd Jones and the organ studio

October 16: University Symphonic Band – Bobby Adams, 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

From: Kathleen Loftus

SUMMER GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 12. 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.

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

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. D. Dixon Sutherland, Professor of Religious Studies, has published an essay, "From Terri Schiavo toward a Theology of Dying," in *Resurrection & Responsibility: Essays on Theology, Scripture, and Ethics in Honor of Thorwald Lorenzen*, eds. Keith Dyer and David Neville (Wipf and Stock Publications, 2009), 225-246.

From: Dixon Sutherland

Dr. Cindy Bennington, Associate Professor of Biology, conducted research funded by the National Science Foundation on the impacts of global warming this summer in Alaska. This work, done in collaboration with Jim McGraw of West Virginia University and Ned Fetcher of Wilkes College, will utilize her earlier published work on the Alaskan flora to document recent changes to this ecosystem. Her grant provides two additional years of funding that will enable at least one Stetson student to travel to Alaska each year to collaborate on this research.

From: Cindy Bennington

Dr. Terri Witek, Professor of English and Art and Melissa Sullivan Chair in Creative Writing, has recently published an article in *In the Frame: Women's Ekphrastic Poetry from Marianne Moore to Susan Wheeler* (University of Delaware Press). Entitled "Portrait of the Poet as Model: A Brief Catalogue," the piece is about her 18 months of sitting for **Gary Bolding**, Professor of Art, and includes a photo of Gary's studio by **Nancy Barber**, Sullivan Lecturer in English.

From: Terri Witek