

THE NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 6, 2009

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, November 6	University Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Stetson Room
Wednesday, November 25	NO CLASSES
Thursday, Friday, November 26-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (University Holiday – No Classes)
Friday, December 4	CLASSES END
Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6	Reading Days
Monday-Friday, December 7-11	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Thursday, December 10	Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 12	UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT
	Residence Halls Close 3:00 p.m. for ALL STUDENTS
Thursday, December 17	All Grades Due to Registrar by 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the Stetson Room. The agenda includes announcements by Provost Paul followed by a discussion on the Interim Report by the Tenure and Promotion Task Force that was chaired by Dr. Diane Everett. This report is available via the Faculty Senate link on Blackboard, under Senate Documents, and faculty are asked to review the document prior to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2009, are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

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

November 6, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
NO UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING IN DECEMBER			
January 29, 2010	(Friday)	Stetson Room	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
February 19, 2010	(Friday)	Rinker Auditorium	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
March 26, 2010	(Friday)	Stetson Room	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
April 16, 2010	(Friday)	Stetson Room	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, are posted on Blackboard under Faculty Senate.

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

2010-2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR. The 2010-2011 Academic Calendar is attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter and is also posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/accal.2010-2011.pdf>

From: Margie Hale, Chair, Calendar Committee

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REPORTS OF 2008-2009 SABBATICALS AND 2009 SUMMER AND HAND GRANTS are now on faculty reserve in the Library. Faculty are encouraged to read about their colleagues' wonderful accomplishments and research activities.

From: Judy Ward

NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER SUMMER SEMINARS. Stetson is eligible to send two faculty members to the National Humanities Center for the Jessie Ball duPont Seminars to be held June 6- 25, 2010. The topics for the two seminars, which are open to scholars from all fields, are as follow.

"The Self: Knowledge, Memory and Imagination" will consider human nature from three perspectives. It will explore the extent and limits of self-knowledge, the nature and function of memory, and the epistemic role of imagination. Is there a self to know, and if so, how do we know it? Does memory record our histories or give voice to our aspirations? Are our imaginings of self merely daydreams, or are they somehow a guide to who we really are?

"Worried Sick, Worried Well" will explore the many contradictions surrounding the treatment of body and health issues in modern culture. It will grapple with the paradoxes and contradictions that abound in a culture that encourages an obsessiveness about perfect health yet provides so many "perverse incentives" to be unhealthy. Among the topics for discussion will be new enhancement technologies, acute versus preventive approaches to conditions such as obesity, changing concepts of physical fitness and body aesthetics, and changing concepts of mental health and wellness.

Grady Ballenger has been appointed to coordinate the process of selecting nominees, and he is asking for a brief expression of interest by **November 20**. Please indicate which of the topics you are most interested in and explain briefly what you could contribute and what you would hope to bring back, for a course you teach or a scholarly project. Please send your expression of interest to gballeng@stetson.edu under the heading *Jessie Ball duPont Seminar*.

For more info, check the NHC website: <http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/dupont/index.htm>.

Recent Stetson participants, who can tell you more about their experiences, are:

J. Anthony Abbott	Roberta Smith Favis	Kevin O'Keefe
Toni Blum	Karen Kaivola	Mary Pollock
Michael A. Denner	Phillip Lucas	Dixon Sutherland
David Dysart	Shawnrece Miller	Nancy Vosburg

From: Grady Ballenger

THE STETSON WOMEN'S CHORALE will be performing in Leesburg on Monday, November 9, departing campus promptly at 4:30 p.m. and returning by 10:00 p.m. The following is a list of students participating:

<u>Soprano I</u>	<u>Soprano II</u>	<u>Alto I</u>	<u>Alto II</u>
Caroline Brazelton	Kalie Culver	Sara Faggen	Brittany Becker
Audrey Coyne	Elizabeth Dunn-Gader	Jessica Floyd	Anjelica Corbett
Kathryn Gower	Christine Hudzina	Kathrine Harrell	Lauren Friedman
Ariana Joyner	Amanda James	Karina Jones	Mandy Gibson
Adrienne Myers	Jennifer Levoy	Alyssa Maternowski	Diana Hunter
Jaclyn Nelson	Meagan McHugh	Bayleigh Mclelland	Lindsey Iverson
Tricia Reilly	Shannon McPadden	Sarai Moore	Marisa Manteiga
Tiffany Robbins	Wren Murphy	Catherine Nahirny	Susan Moore
Constance Rogalski	Christina Parson	Marissa Ortiz	Allison Nance
	Kelly Rodriguez	Emily Pinyot	Nicole Provenzano
	Sarah Scherff	Stephanie Polonio	Jennifer Rowland
	Keri Stagner	Megan Thompson	
	Lauren Woodall	Sarah True	
	Jessica Wise	Molly Williams	
		Jovana Zarembo	

From: Andrew Larson

BLACKBOARD UPGRADE. The "Grade Center" in Blackboard, which was upgraded this fall, adds many new features. In a series of workshops held earlier this semester, the power of the new features was demonstrated and videos of the workshop are now available to faculty.

Topics include:

Introduction to the Grade Center

Creating Categories

Creating & Deleting; Columns & Quizzes

Managing Columns & Views

Editing Letter Based Schema

Assigning Values to Weighted Totals

Saving & Reports: Making a Backup of the Grade Center

The Early Warning System, The Performance Dashboard, Tracking Student Access

Blackboard OnLine Testing

Browser Issues in Blackboard

Changing the Display Settings

Videos vary in length from 1 to 5 minutes and are available on the IT Web site at:

<http://www.stetson.edu/administration/it/training/BBwork/>

From: Gerry Ewing

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.**

November 6: Stetson University Opera Theater – Russell Franks, director;

Chamber Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor, *Berenice* by George Friedrich Handel

November 8: Woodwind Ensembles – **3:00 P.M.**

November 10: Jazz Combos – George West, director

November 14: Southern Winds *FBA Roll of Distinction* – Bobby Adams, conductor; Andrew Crew, guest conductor

November 15: University Symphonic Band *FBA Hall of Fame* – Bobby Adams, conductor; David Schmidt, guest conductor **4:00 P.M.**

From: Kathleen Loftus

THE 20TH JURIED STUDENT ART EXHIBITION will open with a reception and awards ceremony on **Friday, November 13, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in the **Duncan Gallery of Art, Sampson Hall.** The reception begins at 6:00 p.m., and the awards ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. Robert Sindelir, former Director of Galleries and Visual Arts Programs at Miami-Dade Community College, will judge the exhibition.

The exhibition continues through Thursday, December 3. The gallery is open to the public and admission is always free. Regular hours following opening night are Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. The gallery will be closed November 25-30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Hand Art Center currently has on display **Professor Gary Bolding's** works, "Itching & Scratching: Twenty Years at Stetson," as well as the exhibition "Oscar Bluemner: The Making of an American Modernist Painter," featuring selections from the Vera Bluemner Kouba Collection. These exhibitions are open through December 3, with the same hours as listed above. For further information call 386-822-7266.

From: Chris Nelson

RUSSIAN STUDIES LECTURE SERIES features Inessa Medzhibovskaya, of The New School, who will present "Tolstoy: The Art of Terror and the Terror of Art" on Monday, **November 23, at 6:00 p.m.** in Lynn Business Center Room 122.

Inessa Medzhibovskaya teaches literature at The New School in New York. A widely-recognized specialist on Lev Tolstoy, Professor Medzhibovskaya recently published *Tolstoy and the Religious Culture of his Time*, which examines the Russian author's religious evolution. She has also written on Pushkin, on the Russian-Jewish philosopher Simon Frank, and on Soviet childhood.

From: Julie Zischkau

VALUES COUNCIL LECTURE BY WENDELL BERRY. 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 title is the same as this year's theme, *How Shall We Live?* He will give special attention to economics in the context of how we choose to live.

Berry is being called by many people "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: Jillian Masucci

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Terence Farrell, Professor of Biology and the Brown Faculty Fellow, made three oral presentations last summer. His talk "Patterns of Growth in Pigmy Rattlesnakes in Florida" was presented at the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists meeting in Portland, Oregon. The talk was coauthored by **Dr. Peter May**, Professor of Biology. A second talk, "Secondary Sex Ratios in Six Species of Snakes", coauthored with **Dr. Peter May, Marc Vollman '09**, and **Melissa Pilgrim '94**, was presented in Idaho at the Sixth Snake Ecology Conference. His third talk was on the ecology of rattlesnakes and was presented at meeting of the Florida Reptile and Amphibian Working Group.

From: Terry Farrell

Dr. Patrick C. Coggins, Jessie Ball DuPont Professor of Teacher Education, conducted a seminar for 70 participants in the College of Nursing, University of South Florida on October 14, 2009. The topic was, "Valuing Cultural Competence in the Delivery of Health Care Services." This seminar in Cultural Competence is required content for faculty, staff, and students in the College of Nursing.

Dr. Coggins has been selected as the only university representative to serve on the High School American History End-of-Course Content Advisory Committee to design the first statewide history assessment in Florida. The committee met from October 6-8 and completed the first draft test that will be used to assess the Social Studies knowledge of students in grades 9-12.

Dr. Coggins has been reappointed to serve as a member of the Florida Commissioner of Education's Holocaust Studies Task Force that is charged with the development of Curriculum Frameworks, policies, and procedures for the teaching of Holocaust studies in Florida's 67 school districts.

Dr. Coggins was the keynote speaker on Tuesday, October 27, at Bethune-Cookman University's Model UN Day, speaking on the topic of the UN's Millennium Goal Number 8: "Develop a Global Partnership for Development."

From: Patrick Coggins

Dr. Eric Kurlander, Associate Professor of History, delivered the paper, "'A Space for Compassion.' Liberal Women and Progressive Social Policy in the Racial State" at the conference, "Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany," University of Indiana, Bloomington, October 23-25, 2009 (<http://www.iub.edu/~beyond/Schedule.php>).

Kurlander's new book, *Living With Hitler*, is featured in the 28 October edition of the *Washington Post* on-line (http://voices.washingtonpost.com/shortstack/2009/10/history_books_are_very_much.html) and has also been profiled in Great Britain's *Literary Review* (<http://www.exacteditions.com/exact/browse/327/342/5460/3/4>), *The Irish Times* (<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2009/0801/1224251814300.html>), and the *History News Network*, which reviews prominent new books that have a particular relationship to contemporary history and current events (<http://hnn.us/roundup/36.html>).

From: Eric Kurlander

Dr. John Pearson, Professor of English, presented his paper "Constance Fenimore Woolson in Florida: Agency and Biopower in the Unpublished Letters" at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of American Women Writers in Philadelphia, October 24, 2009.

From: John Pearson

Dr. Tom Farrell, Professor and Nell Carlton Chair of English, presented "Another Look at the Annotations to the Clerk's Tale in Hengwrt" last month at the Southeastern Medieval Association conference in Nashville. Tom also performed as Abraham in the Readers' Theater performance of *Abraham & Isaac* from the York cycle of mystery plays, and, as Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the organization's finances to the executive board and the general membership.

From: Tom Farrell

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING
Friday, October 16, 2009
Rinker Auditorium

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, October 16, 2009, in the Rinker Auditorium.

Dr. Elizabeth Paul, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and, after welcoming faculty, announced that the remainder of the fall University faculty meetings would be held at 2:30 and those in the spring would be held at noon.

Dr. Paul expressed her appreciation for the volume and quality of nominations and responses received for the University and academic working groups and for the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The 106 responses submitted to the Visioning Survey will be posted on Blackboard where it may be accessed from the Faculty Senate site, and additional ideas are still welcome. A steering group, comprised of the President's Cabinet and chairs of the planning committees will choose the distinctive features that planning groups will work on. Membership lists of these work groups will be posted soon.

Faculty then shared their thoughts on what makes Stetson University distinctive, and the conversation circled back to the question, "How do we want to be known?" Many of the comments were similar to those submitted in response to the Visioning Survey, and faculty are encouraged to review the response once posted online.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty

2010-2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Term 2010

(71 class days—42 MWF and 29 TTH)

Wednesday, August 11	International Students Arrive (Residence Halls open for International Students ONLY)
Thursday-Friday, August 12-13	International Student Orientation at Center for International Education, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 14	Residence Halls Open (NEW STUDENTS ONLY) New Student Orientation Begins CONVOCATION 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 15	Residence Halls Open (RETURNING STUDENTS)
Monday-Tuesday, August 16-17	Academic Advising and Registration New Student Registration Activation of Registration Deadline for New and Returning Students
Wednesday, August 18	CLASSES BEGIN
Wednesday, August 25	Last Day to ADD Course for Credit Last Day to DROP Course without Financial Penalty Deadline to Apply for December Graduation Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection Census Date – Last Day to Adjust Fall Schedule for Financial Aid LABOR DAY (University Holiday—No Classes)
Wednesday, September 1	FALL BREAK
Monday, September 6	Mid-term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu
Thursday, Friday, October 14-15	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty
Friday, October 15	Academic Advising for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Friday, October 22	Town Hall Meeting – No Classes
Monday-Friday, October 25-29	Registration for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Wednesday, October 27	Academic Advising for First Year Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, November 1-3	Registration for First Year Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, November 8-10	No Classes
Thursday, November 11	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Wednesday, November 24	CLASSES END
Thursday, Friday, November 25-26	Reading Day
Friday, December 3	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Saturday, December 4	Residence Halls Close 5:00 p.m. for ALL STUDENTS
Monday-Friday, December 6-10	Hurricane Make-Up Days (if needed)
Friday, December 10	All Grades Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m.
Monday-Tuesday, December 13-14	
Thursday, December 16	

Spring Term 2011

(70 class days—42 MWF and 28 TTH)

Sunday, January 9	Residence Halls Open
Monday, January 10	New Student Registration
Wednesday, January 12	Activation of Registration Deadline for New and Returning Students CLASSES BEGIN
Monday, January 17	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (University Holiday—No Classes)
Tuesday, January 18	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 Last Day to Adjust Spring Schedule without Financial Penalty
Tuesday, January 25	Mid-Term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu
Monday, March 7	SPRING HOLIDAYS
Monday-Friday, March 7-11	Classes Resume
Monday, March 14	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty
Wednesday, March 16	Academic Advising for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Monday-Friday, March 28-April 1	Pre-Registration for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Tuesday-Thursday, April 5-April 7	SURCAS – No Classes
Tuesday, April 19	GOOD FRIDAY (University Holiday—No Classes)
Friday, April 22	CLASSES END
Friday, April 29	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Monday - Thursday, May 2-May 5	Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m. Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Thursday, May 5	Baccalaureate
Friday, May 6	Undergraduate & Graduate Commencement
Saturday, May 7	Academic Year Leases End & Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 16	Grades for All students Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m.

