

# THE NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Sunday, January 10	Residence Halls Open at Noon for all Students
Monday, January 11	New Student Registration
Tuesday, January 12	Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
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

## 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

**PROVOST APPOINTS PROMOTION AND TENURE TASK FORCE.** In response to recommendations from the 2009 Promotion and Tenure task force chaired by Diane Everett, Provost Paul has appointed and charged Kimberly Flint-Hamilton (Chair), Paul Dascher, Jamil Khader, Brigid Noonan, Michael Rickman, Susan Ryan, and Alicia Schultheis with revising existing tenure and promotion policies into a unified University policy. According to Provost Paul, "The policy revision will include initiation of the development of disciplinary standards for scholarship and teaching excellence. Included in the tenure and promotion policy will be uniform expectations for the role of the tenure and promotion policy in new faculty orientation and mentoring, and expectations for candidate feedback." The task force will consult with Faculty Senate and also seek broad faculty input on a policy draft that is due April 12, 2010.

From: Judy Ward

**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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**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 6, at 4:00 p.m.

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## FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Dr. Tony Abbott**, Associate Professor of Geography and Environments Science, shares the good news that Stetson's Student Greenhouse Gas Audit Team, directed by Tony Abbott, was recognized in the National Wildlife Federation's national report, "Generation E," for their innovative approach to assessing the University's carbon footprint.

Tony Abbott presented his paper, "Public Support Systems and Permitting Procedures for Wind Power in the United States," at the International Congress on Wind Power Law and Policy at the University of Granada in Spain. The paper is slated for publication in the Congress Proceedings.

The article "Identifying Prospective Sites for Industrial Solar Power Facilities in Eastern Central Florida Using Geospatial Analysis," co-authored by Tony Abbott and his student **Daniel Krinsky** was published in the *Florida Geographer*, Issue 40, pp. 62-77.

The article "Representation, Identity, and Environmental Action among Florida Surfers," co-authored by Tony Abbott and his student **Lauren Hill** was published in the *Southeastern Geographer*, Issue 49(2), pp. 157-170.

From: Tony Abbott

**Dr. Nathan Wolek**, Assistant Professor of Music Technology and Program Director for Digital Arts, performed as part of the Beauty, Horror and Silence Festival at Harold Golen Gallery in Miami, FL, on December 6th. His piece, *desire for*, was selected from over 200 submissions to be part of this 3 concert series to coincide with Art Basel Miami. An MP3 recording of the performance is available online (<http://www.lowkeydigitalstudio.com/2009/12/desire-for-2009/>).

From: Nathan Wolek

**Dr. William J. Ball**, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science, had his article titled "Learning the Local Political Landscape with Geographic Information Systems (GIS)" published in the *Journal of Political Science Education* (Volume 5, Issue 3, Fall 2009, pp. 198-213). The focus of the article is on the transformative effect on student learning and engagement that results from using contemporary Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools, community-based research, and directed reflection to engage in spatial learning about the politics (literally) surrounding the student. It presents and assesses a community politics course that employs GIS in a neighborhood analysis project to increase student self-awareness of, and engagement with, political issues in their own hometown.

Bill is also part of an invited group of representatives of deliberative democracy programs from thirteen institutions of higher education participating in a national workshop series hosted by the Kettering Foundation and focusing on the contributions of deliberation centers to enhancing local democracy and the appropriateness of their roles in their institutions. The final workshop in the series takes place in February in Dayton.

From: Bill Ball

**Mr. Matt Roberts**, Associate Professor of Digital Arts, invites the campus community to check out [http://www.woostercollective.com/2009/12/mpg\\_mobile\\_performance\\_group\\_an\\_introduc.html](http://www.woostercollective.com/2009/12/mpg_mobile_performance_group_an_introduc.html) where the Wooster Collective Blog features MPG: Mobile Performance Group. Wooster Collective is from NYC and they "are dedicated to showcasing and celebrating ephemeral art placed on streets in cities around the world." They are the go to source for street art.

From: Matt Roberts