

THE NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 16, 2010

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, April 16	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Rinker Auditorium
Friday, April 23	Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 Noon, Lee Chapel
Wednesday, April 28	CLASSES END
Thursday, April 29	Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams
Friday - Wednesday, April 30-May 5	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Wednesday, May 5	Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Thursday, May 6	Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 7	Baccalaureate - 4:00 p.m. , Lee Chapel
	GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT - 7:30 p.m., Edmunds Center (no tickets needed)
	UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT - 10:00 a.m., Edmunds Center (tickets required)
Saturday, May 8	Academic Year Leases End & Residence Halls close at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 17	Grades for All students Due to Registrar via my.stetson.edu by 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010, at 12:00 noon in the Rinker Auditorium, LBC. The agenda includes updates and reports on:

- University planning and compensation policies - President Libby
- University Council on Curriculum and Academic Policy (UCCAP) - Provost Paul (refer to email sent April 9)
- SACS/QEP - John Tichenor

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

TENURE AND PROMOTION POLICY REVISION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION. At the March meeting of the Faculty Senate, the following motion was passed: "The Faculty Senate endorses the recommendation of the Tenure and Promotion Policy Revision Task Force that decoupling be eliminated and that the standards for tenure and for promotion to associate professor be identical, but recommends that the Provost delay the implementation of decoupling of promotion and tenure until adjustments can be made that are sufficient to clarify the specification and implementation of the guidelines for promotion and tenure."

The full report of the task force is available via blackboard under Senate documents.

From: Michael Branton, Chair of Faculty Senate

HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2010, at noon in the Lee Chapel. Those presenting awards should be seated in the reserved seating on the east side of the room.

From: Judy Ward

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2010 SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION.

Baccalaureate will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, in the Lee Chapel and the selected faculty will form their line of march at 6:30 in the Elizabeth Hall corridor. University Chaplain Michael Fronk will deliver the sermon and Christine Reinard, 2009 Giffin Scholarship Recipient, will sing the anthem.

The commencement ceremony for all **graduate students** is scheduled for **Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Center**. The faculty line of march will form at 7:00 p.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor).

The commencement ceremony for all **undergraduate students** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Edmunds Center**. The faculty line of march will form at 9:30 a.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor).

The President's Reception will be held on **Rinker Field on Friday, May 7, at 9:00 p.m.** for all graduating students, families and guests.

Full regalia is required for Baccalaureate and both commencements. The Line of March is available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/lineofmarch.pdf>

From: Judy Ward

SCHEDULES FOR EARTH DAY (APRIL 17) AND EARTH WEEK (APRIL 17-23). Please join the Gillespie Museum, the Center for Service Learning, and area alums in a celebration of environmental responsibility and community engagement, two important passions of Doug Lee. Early in the day, the CAUSE 5K Run (a fundraiser), the Kilometer Kids 1 K Walk/Run, and the Tour De Land (green cycling) will begin on the grounds. The museum will be open for tours; outdoors there will be games, activities, vendors, environmental arts & crafts, music by Run Rhino (a band comprised of Stetson students), and a picnic lunch (barbecue from Howard's of Spring Hill). At the Rinker Environmental Learning Center, community and campus organizations will showcase environmental efforts, the Hatter Harvest community garden, and other sustainable practices. At 11:30 a garden bench will be dedicated; the day will close at 2:00 with the planting of a live oak in Doug Lee's honor. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail gillespie@stetson.edu or visit www.stetson.edu/gillespie.

From: Karen Cole

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**.

April 16: New Music by Student Composers

April 17: University Symphonic Band – Bobby Adams, conductor

April 18: Percussion Ensembles – Kevin Garry, director **1:00 pm**
Brass Ensembles (**3:00 pm**)

April 20: Choral Union, *German Requiem* by Brahms – Peter Durow, conductor, location **First Baptist Church**

April 21: Jazz Ensemble – George West, director location **Athens Theater**

April 22: Community School of the Arts Guitar Recital **7:00 pm**

April 23: Concert Choir – Andrew Larson, conductor

From: Kathleen Loftus

VALUES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES THEME. The Values Council is pleased to announce that the Values Council theme for 2010-2011 is: **Change: What? Why? How?**

Since 2002, the Values Council has sponsored a theme around which it invites participation from the entire Stetson community. We hope that this year's theme will promote inquiry from diverse scholarly disciplines or council interests and provide a worthwhile basis for engaging speakers on a variety of relevant topics.

The Council invites faculty, students, and staff to offer suggestions for speakers who might help us penetrate the issues of change in creative and challenging ways. Send your suggestions to Dixon Sutherland, Ramee Indralingam, Michelle Skelton, Michael Fronk, Leonard Nance, Greg Sapp, or Ann Hallum, who currently serve as council chairs.

From: Jillian Masucci, Administrative Assistant to the Values Council

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SINGING IN A CHOIR this coming fall at Stetson University are invited to meet with Dr. Larson or Dr. Durow in the coming weeks. There will be formal meetings in Presser Hall Room 110 on April 26, 27, and 28 and a sign up sheet will be posted at that location.

Appointments for other interview or hearing times may be made by calling Dr. Larson at 386-822-8971 or by writing al Larson@stetson.edu, continuing through the month of May. Those wishing to be seated in the Concert Choir must audition before the end of May. Those wishing to be considered for the other choirs at Stetson may meet with Dr. Larson throughout May or in the fall when school starts.

From: Andrew Larson

THE MAY 7 EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER will be the last issue for the 2009-2010 academic year. The deadline for submitting articles is Wednesday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m.

From: Judy Ward

MISCELLANEOUS

COLLEAGUES, On April 26th a new Women's Community Chorus called "Inspirare" will begin. Already there are about 52 people enrolled. The purpose is to bring together women in the community who like to sing, and want to support women's causes such as breast cancer research, women in underserved communities, and abused women. The chorus is short term-- ten hours of rehearsal--and they will perform a concert on Thursday evening, May 27, at 7:30 in Lee Chapel. All proceeds from the first concert will go to Breast Cancer Research. I hope that you will attend this concert and bring a donation in honor of all women we know who have been affected by this disease. We want to pack the hall and raise a large amount of money. Thanks so much for getting behind this community event, and the women who are a part of *Inspirare!* We are going to rock!!

From: Ann Small

LARGE COTTAGE FOR RENT NEAR STETSON AND DOWNTOWN: The cottage is two blocks west of Davis Hall, with shade trees, room for a garden, lots of parking space, basketball court, and two storage sheds right outside the door. It is about 1000 square feet, with central heat and air, and a very high ceiling on the second floor—and in that space a loft. The rooms include a full kitchen, walk-in pantry/closet, storage room/ laundry room with washer and dryer, a bathroom with enclosed shower/tub, a great room, two more rooms, and the loft. The rent includes water, trash/recycling, and parking; it does not include electric, phone, or cable. No smokers please. Pets allowed, with non-refundable pet deposit, and with possible sharing of fenced yard for a dog. Students sharing welcome; references please. *Available May 1, 2010.* Rent: \$650/month + \$650 security deposit. Contact: Paul Croce, 386-736-8306; pcroce@stetson.edu

From: Paul Croce

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Yves-Antoine Clemmen, Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, delivered a paper entitled "Nothomb et ses nouveaux espaces d'écritures" at the International Colloquium of 20th & 21st century French and Francophone Studies in Toronto, March 25-27. He also chaired the panel autour de Nothomb at the same conference.

From: Yves Clemmen

Dr. Joel Davis, Associate Professor of English, presented his paper, "Will the real Astrophil please stand up? Re-assessing Sir Philip Sidney's legacy in the late Elizabethan sonnet-craze" on Saturday, April 10 at the annual Renaissance Society of America conference in Venice, Italy.

From: Joel Davis

Dr. Jamil Khader, Associate Professor of English, chaired a panel entitled, "Post-Colonialism and Transcendence in Horror" at the 31st International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL, March 18-20, 2010.

Dr. Khader also read a paper entitled, "Vampiric Metaphors and the Function of Fantasy in Louise Murphy's *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel: A Novel of War and Survival*," at a Special Session on National Socialism, the Undead, and the Functions of Fantasy, which was organized with **Dr. Eric Kurlander**, at the 31st International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL, March 18-21, 2010.

Dr. Khader also presented a paper entitled, "Cosmopolitanism and the Infidelity to Internationalism," at The Creoles, Diasporas, Cosmopolitanism Conference, the 2010 American Comparative Literature Association Conference, New Orleans, April 1-4.

From: Jamil Khader

Dr. Nathan Wolek, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, presented a paper at the Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States (SEAMUS) 2010 National Conference held at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. The presentation entitled "The MPG Carepackage: coordinating collective improvisation in Max/ MSP" details software tools that he has created to share musical data over computer networks. An enhanced podcast can be downloaded here: <http://www.lowkeydigitalstudio.com/2010/04/mpg-carepackage/>

He also had a chance to spend some time with two Digital Arts alums who had pieces selected for the conference: **Jana Fisher** (2009 BA) and **Chester Udell** (2005 BM). Jana's piece entitled "Top40:France" was a spectral composition that she created for her senior project. Jana is currently living in Brooklyn and working for an independent record label.

Chester's piece for trombone and live electronics was entitled "Brass Alchemist". It was awarded FIRST PLACE in the annual SEAMUS/ASCAP Student Commission competition (other than lifetime achievement, the top award given at the conference). Chester is currently pursuing a PhD in Composition at the University of Florida.

From: Nathan Wolek

Dr. Dan Hale, Professor of Psychology, has been invited to present at Medical Grand Rounds at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. The title of his presentation, scheduled for May 4, is "Caring for the Community."

From: Dan Hale