

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**SEPTEMBER 4, 2009**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, September 7	LABOR DAY (University Holiday—No Classes)
Thursday, September 10	Faculty Development Committee Workshop, 4:00 p.m., LBC 213
Friday, September 11	Faculty Promotion and Tenure Workshop, 12:00 noon, LBC 213
	University Faculty Meeting, 2:30 p.m., LBC 108 Rinker Auditorium
Thursday, Friday October 8-9	FALL BREAK (No Classes)
Friday, October 9	Mid-term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via BannerWeb

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in LBC 108 Rinker Auditorium. Agenda items will be announced electronically. Minutes to the August 17 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:

September 11, 2009	(Friday)	LBC 108, Rinker Auditorium	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

**THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**, in the Faculty Lounge in the Carlton Union Building. Senators and invited guests meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend.

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

**2009-2010 PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE INFORMATION.** The University Promotion and Tenure Committee will meet with candidates, interested faculty, chairpersons with candidates going forward, and College, School, Library, & Departmental committees on **Friday, September 11, at 12:00 p.m. in LBC Room 213**. Faculty members who will be candidates for tenure and promotion in future years are also welcome to attend. Cookies and beverages will be served.

Promotion and Tenure Dates for 2009-2010, as approved by the Provost, may be viewed at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/ptinformation.php>.

From: Kevin Riggs, Chair, University Promotion and Tenure Committee

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**2009-2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.** The Professional Development Committee will host a workshop on **2010 SUMMER GRANTS** and **2010-2011 SABBATICALS** on Thursday, September 10, at 4:00 p.m. in LBC Room 213.

The Professional Development Committee is committed to meeting with anybody who has a conflict with this schedule. If you wish to attend this meeting but cannot make it, please contact Eric Kurlander (x 7578) after September 14, and he will meet with you and answer any questions that you might have regarding your summer grant or sabbatical leave application.

**Summer grant applications are due October 12** and **sabbatical applications are due October 21.** Samples of successful applications are on reserve in the Library.

Copies of application procedures for summer grants and for sabbaticals will be available at the workshop and the *Faculty Professional Development Opportunities Handbook*, containing information on an array of opportunities soon will be posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php>.

From: Eric Kurlander, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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**REPORTS DUE FOR SUMMER GRANTS AND SABBATICALS.** Recipients of 2009 Summer Grants, 2009 Hand Grants, and/or 2008-2009 Sabbaticals are reminded to submit their reports to their Dean and to the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358) by September 15, 2009.

From: Beth Paul, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs

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**THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED,** in consort with the Values Council, announces two events for Monday, October 5.

From 4:00-5:15 p.m. all students, faculty, and staff are invited to a book discussion with author Michael Ruse in the Allen Hall Auditorium, room 101, on Ruse's 120 page set of dialogues titled *Evolution and Religion: A Dialogue*. Ruse brings together four characters for a fictional talk-show. One is an avowed atheist; another is a historian of science; a third is a liberal Episcopal priest, and the fourth is a conservative Protestant who holds the position of a young-earth creationist. The four engage each other on many of the public issues about evolution; for example, intelligent design, the origins of life, the meaning of divine intervention, concepts like the "Cambrian explosion of life" and the "anthropic principle."

For faculty, students, and staff, the Center has several free copies of the book available on a first-come/first-serve 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](mailto:ljguenth@stetson.edu), by Tuesday September 22, 2009. No-shows who received a free book will be ineligible for other book feasts during this academic year. Refreshments will be served.

At 7:00 p. m. on October 5 Professor 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.

This event qualifies for cultural credit. For more information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at [dmusser@stetson.edu](mailto:dmusser@stetson.edu).

From: Don Musser

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**THE VALUES COUNCIL INVITES THE STETSON COMMUNITY TO A LECTURE BY JANISSE RAY** on Monday, **September 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stetson Room of the CUB. Ray will speak on, "Living as if We Believe in the Future" as part of this year's university theme, *How Shall We Live?* On the faculty of Chatham University's low-residency MFA program in Pittsburgh, PA, Ray is the author of three books, a producer, and poet. Her book, *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* has been widely celebrated not only as a memoir about growing up on a junkyard in South Georgia, but also as a moving and passionate plea to protect and restore the glorious pine flatwoods of the South. The book looks hard at family, mental illness, poverty, and fundamentalist religion. Anne Raver of *The New York Times* said of Janisse Ray, "The forests of the South find their Rachel Carson." Ray lives on a family farm in southern Georgia with her husband. This event qualifies for cultural credit. For additional information contact Dr. D. Dixon Sutherland at [dsutherl@stetson.edu](mailto:dsutherl@stetson.edu)

From: Dixon Sutherland

**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.**

September 4: Faculty Recital – Jesus Alfonzo, viola; Michael Rickman, piano

September 13: Alumnus/Faculty Recital – Earnest Murphy, tenor; Michael Rickman, piano

September 15: Guest/Faculty Recital – Panaiotis, live electronics; Nandkishor Muley, tabla and santoor;

Nathan Wolek, live electronics, **Artists and Lecturers Series**

September 18: Chamber Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor; Jesus Alfonzo, viola

September 19: Guest Lecturer Series – *Early History of the Saxophone*, Jean Marie Londeix, **3:00 P.M. in McMahan Hall, Artists and Lecturers Series**

September 19: Guest Recital - William Street, saxophone; Roger Admiral, piano,  
**Artists and Lecturers Series**

September 25: Faculty Concert – Benefit for Collegiate MENC **\$5.00 charge to all**

September 26: Concerto Competition (Balcony Seating Only) – **10:00 – 12:30 P.M.** and **1:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

From: Kathleen Loftus

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**OPENING RECEPTIONS FOR THE THREE EXHIBITIONS LISTED** below will be on **Friday, September 11, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in their respective buildings.

**Gary Bolding: *Itching and Scratching* – 20 Years at Stetson University.** September 11 – October 30, 2009, Duncan Gallery of Art – Sampson Hall.

**Gary Bolding: *Itching and Scratching* – 20 Years at Stetson University.** September 11 – October 30, 2009, Hand Art Center Permanent Collection Gallery (works different from those on exhibition in the Duncan Gallery).

**Oscar Bluemner: the Making of an American Modernist Painter.** September 11 – December 3, 2009, Hand Art Center Bluemner Gallery.

Please note our new hours of operation for our *three* campus galleries.

**The Duncan Gallery of Art** (in Sampson Hall) and the **Permanent Collection Gallery** and the **Oscar Bluemner Gallery** (both located in the Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center) are as follows: Tuesday-Friday 11 am – 4 pm; Sundays 1-4 pm.

All three galleries are in buildings located on the main campus Quad.

From: Chris Nelson

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**INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA IN MIND?** If you're planning to use videos/DVDs this semester, please call the Media Center (x7182) for advice, assistance, support, and media Request Forms. Also, if you're assigning a video project in any of your classes, please call me at x7193. Given a few minutes with your students, we can avoid a lot of project preparation problems.

From: Terry Grieb

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**STETSON/VICTORIA PARK BOWLING LEAGUE.** Again Stetson has teamed up with Victoria Park after a very successful season last year. Bowling begins on Monday, September 14, at the Sunshine Bowling Lanes on Highway 92 (just west of the "Y"). The cost of bowling is \$10 which includes three games, bowling ball, shoes, and prizes at the end of the season. The season itself runs for 31 weeks with time out for holidays, etc. **Prebowling** is allowed if one is unable to be there on a particular Monday. Sign up as an individual or create your own team. In order for us to get an idea of how many Stetson people will be participating, I would appreciate your emailing me or calling with your name and if you have a team, their names also. If you need any additional information, please let me know. My telephone number is 736-3824, email: [maggie1736@gmail.com](mailto:maggie1736@gmail.com)

From: Maggie Dobson, Coordinator

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**HOME REPAIR SERVICES.** Help Around The House LLC, welcomes the opportunity to provide you with professional repair services. HATH, LLC, has proudly served members of the Stetson community & residents in the West Volusia area for over 8 years! Free Estimates. Licensed & insured. If we can be of assistance to you, please, call Don Roske at (386) 985-6556, (386) 747-6634 (cell) or by e-mail at [droske@earthlink.net](mailto:droske@earthlink.net).

From: Linda Roske

**FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Dr. Ann Small**, Professor of Music, presented a session at the *Festival 500 Symposium* held in July in St. John's, Newfoundland, entitled "The Phenomenon of Expressive Singing: Using Rhythmic Interest, Forward Motion, and Phrasing to Create Musicality in Choral Performance."

From: Ann Small

**Dr. Eugene Huskey**, Professor of Political Science and William R. Kenan, Jr. Chair, presented a paper on March 19, entitled "Problems of Political-Legal Culture" at a conference on The Russian Constitution at Fifteen, which was held at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, DC. Former President Mikhail Gorbachev opened the proceedings.

With funding from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Studies, Dr. Huskey spent the period from April 5-29, 2009, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, conducting interviews with members of the political opposition and teaching a mini-course on Russian politics at the American University of Central Asia. On April 29, he attended the outdoor "kurultai" that nominated the opposition candidate for president. After the event, Huskey had lunch in a yurt with the candidate and other top opposition leaders.

On June 18, Dr. Huskey presented a paper and participated in discussions at a forum on The Rule of Law and Russian Engagement in Washington, DC. Sponsored by the State Department, the meeting brought together representatives from the business community, universities, and government agencies responsible for US policy in Russia.

Dr. Huskey's op-ed piece, "Pushing the 'Reset' Button with Russia's Neighbors," appeared in the *St. Petersburg (Florida) Times* on July 23, presidential election day in Kyrgyzstan.

From: Gene Huskey

**Dr. Judith Burnett**, Associate Professor of Counselor Education, had her article "Cultural Considerations in Counseling Couples Who Experience Infertility" published in the July 2009 *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, 37, 166-177.

From: Judy Burnett

**Dr. Donald Musser**, Senior Professor of Religious Studies, is co-author (with Joseph L. Price) of "Tillich" in the Abingdon Press series, *Pillars of Theology*, that will appear in February 2010. Musser served as a consultant to the series, selecting the theologians treated and the authors who wrote on them.

Dr. Musser has the lead entry in a volume of essays that honors a retiring Brigham Young University professor of philosophy. "Collision, Division, Conversation: When Mormon Scholars and Christian Theologians Talk" will appear in Summer 2010 in *Sowing the Fields of Peacemakers: Essays on Mormon Philosophy and Theology in Honor of David L. Paulsen*, edited by Jacob Baker and published by Kifford Books.

Musser has penned the Foreword to Lamont Ingall's *Shalom and Amen: The Life and Work of Hal Marchman, the Racer's Preacher* (Aeon Press, 2009). Marchman was a Stetson trustee, renegade Baptist pastor, and chaplain to the spiritually unattached.

On June 20, 2009, Musser officiated at the wedding of Stetson alumnus Jonathan David Bailey and Stacy Lindh in Lake City, Minnesota. Eight Stetson alums participated in the festivities. Chaplain, Captain Bailey recently deployed for another tour of duty as chaplain with the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army.

As chair of The Stetson Center for Science, Nature, and the Sacred, Musser attended the annual conference of the Metanexus Institute (co-funder of the Center) in Phoenix, Arizona, July 18-21, 2009, on the topic "Cosmos, Nature, Culture."

Musser will speak on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend at the New Hope Baptist Church in Port Orange and Community Unitarian Universalist Church in New Smyrna Beach. His topics are "Rest and Renewal in an Overtime Age" and "Labor: Curse and Blessing."

From: Don Musser

**Dr. Jamil Khader**, Associate Professor of English, reports that two of his articles have been recently cited in the following publications:

1) Katalin Bíróné Nagy, "Native American quest for a face: Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich's discovery narrative." *Neohelicon* [Volume 35, Number 1 / June, 2008](#)

2) Michèle Ollivier, Modes of Openness to Cultural Diversity: Humanist, Populist, Practical, and Indifferent Omnivores." *Cultures of Consumption Working Paper Series Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HX* May 2007

<http://66.102.1.104/scholar?q=cache:yCiGuwY996kJ:scholar.google.com/+jamil+khader&hl=en>

3) Elizabeth Garcia, "Degrees of Puertoricanness" A Gendered Look at Esmeralda Santiago's *When I was Puerto Rican*." [Latino Studies](#), Volume 2, Number 3, December 2004, pp. 377-394(18)

From: Jamil Khader

**Dr. Anne Hallum**, Professor of Political Science, has received notice that her 2003 article, "Taking Stock and Building Bridges: Feminism, Women's Movements, and Pentecostalism in Latin America," will be reprinted in a book entitled *Women and Christianity (Critical Concepts in Religious Studies)*, to be published soon by the British publishing house, Routledge Press.

In May 2009, Hallum offered the Political Science perspective to a conference in Nebraska City, NB, of American Soil Scientists, discussing soil and climate change.

From August 16 - 22, Hallum participated in a conference of ten invited anthropologists and environmental activists fully funded by the School for Advanced Research (SAR) in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The topic of the conference was the "Intersection of Science, Nature & Religion," and the papers will be published in a book by SAR Press in early 2010.

From: Anne Hallum

**Dr. Dan Hale**, Professor of Psychology and Director of Stetson University's Community Health Initiative, is pleased to announce the publication of the second edition of his book, *Building Healthy Communities through Medical-Religious Partnerships*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. The book's co-author is Richard G. Bennett, MD, Raymond and Anna Lublin Professor in Geriatric Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and President of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

Hale recently attended the annual meeting of the Florida Council on Aging where he led a workshop, "A Community Partnership Model: Meeting Health Challenges of the 21st Century."

From: Dan Hale

## STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2009

Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall

### Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Monday, August 17, 2009, in the Lee Chapel.

Dr. Wendy B. Libby, President, opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed the faculty back to campus. Rev. Michael Fronk, University Chaplain, offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Libby introduced Dr. Elizabeth L. Paul, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and then called on the Deans to introduce the new faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Ms. Deborah Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Campus Life, and Mr. Jeff Altier, Athletics Director, made introductions of new administrators in their respective areas.

Dr. Elizabeth L. Paul recognized those faculty who awarded promotion and/or tenure effective with this start of the 2009-2010 Academic Year, and encouraged faculty to embrace the topic of this year's Values Council theme, "How shall we live?"

Ms. Thompson shared the Fall 2009 Entering Class Profile, totaling 606 full time students, and identified New York, Boston, Atlanta and Chicago as the new target recruitment areas. Dr. Jim Beasley, Senior Vice President, announced that the Environmental Learning Center, the Hand Art Center, and McMahan Hall are nearing completion and all are expected to receive LEEDS certification. He further reported on the progress of deferred maintenance, the new garage at the President's House gifted by Drs. Wendy and Richard Libby, the ECHO grant that will support restoration of Stover Theatre, and upgrades in Information Technology.

Ms. Sally Dowling, Vice President for Finance, reported a balanced budget for the 2009 fiscal year. Ms. Linda Davis, Vice President for University Relations, reported that, despite the economy, the annual fund raised \$50,000 more than the previous year, and she was grateful for the support of more than 100 faculty members who made contributions. She was also delighted to report the establishment of 65 new endowed scholarships and the receipt of the first \$100,000 donation received under President Libby.

Dr. Michael Branton, Chair of Faculty Senate, introduced the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate officers and asked faculty to check Blackboard in the near future for Senate information such as the membership roster and the White Paper that was prepared specifically to identify major issues and outline faculty desires to present to Dr. Libby.

Mr. Jeff Altier, Director of Athletics, reported on the many accomplishments of Stetson's student athletes, to include a 2008-2009 cumulative gpa of 3.01 that exceeded the University average.

Dr. Libby referred to the revised administrative organizational chart that identifies members of her cabinet, and spoke about bringing onboard a senior level marketing person to help provide clarity in articulating who we are and to help choose Stetson's next hallmark of excellence. Other changes at the senior level will occur as Dr. Beasley and Ms. Dowling retire from their positions in 2010, and, most likely, Campus Life will become a separate appointment from Enrollment Management. Dr. Libby thanked Faculty Senate for the White Paper as she focuses on where Stetson University is headed for the next 5 – 10 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary  
University Faculty