

THE NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 3, 2009

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday-Friday, March 30-April 3
Tuesday-Thursday, April 7, 8 and 9
Friday, April 10
Friday, April 17
Friday, April 24
Wednesday, April 29
Thursday, April 30
Friday - Wednesday, May 1-6
Wednesday, May 6
Thursday, May 7
Friday, May 8
Saturday, May 9

Monday, May 18

Academic Advising for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Pre-Registration for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Good Friday (University Holiday)
University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Stetson Room
Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 Noon, H. Douglas Lee Chapel

Classes End

Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.

Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m., H. Douglas Lee Chapel

Undergraduate & Graduate Commencements, Edmunds Center

Residence Halls Close 6:00 p.m.

Grades for All students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009, at 11:45 a.m. in the Stetson Room. A light lunch will be served. Agenda items will be distributed electronically. Minutes of the March 27 University faculty meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of *The Newsletter*.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET MONDAY, APRIL 6, AT 6:30 P.M. 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: Stuart Michelson, Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer

HAND ART CENTER DEDICATION. The Stetson community is invited to the dedication of the new Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center at **1:30 p.m. Friday, April 3**, in front of the new building, which faces the Quad between Sampson Hall and the duPont Ball Library. The Hand Art Center includes two galleries and will house Stetson's extensive collection of art by Modernist painter Oscar Bluemner (1867-1938). Twenty-six of Bluemner's works will be on display at the dedication.

From: Cindi Brownfield

HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, **April 24, 2009**, at 12:00 noon in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall. If your department or organization has an award for outstanding achievement to present on this occasion, please notify the Office of Academic Affairs, Unit 8358, by 12:00 noon, Monday, April 6, following the procedures posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HonorsConvocation.doc>.

From: Judy Ward

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SPRING BLOOD DRIVE. The annual Spring Blood Drive will be on **Wednesday, April 15**, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and **Thursday, April 16**, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration will take place in the faculty lounge of the Carlton Union Building. Donors will then be directed to the bloodmobile that will be parked in front of the Carlton Union Building. Chick-Fil-A will provide chicken sandwiches for all donors. Incentives for donating blood this month include a T-shirt and a \$10 Darden gift card that will be mailed to the donor.

All blood donated through the Florida's Blood Centers remains in our area and is used at local hospitals. Your friends, neighbors, and family depend upon our donations for blood and blood products. Please donate and encourage your friends, colleagues, and students to donate also.

We would like to thank the Stetson community for the success of our last blood drive on February 11-12, 2009, in which 78 units of blood were collected to save 234 local lives. Thank you so much for your support! We hope to see you on April 15th and 16th.

From: Lisa Guenther

LIVE IN ELIZABETH HALL. Please join us to hear our featured faculty, student ensemble groups, and special guests. All concerts are held in H. Douglas Lee Chapel at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted.**

April 3: School of Music GALA in tribute to President and Mrs. H. Douglas Lee
Tickets \$20.00 General Admission, \$15.00 Seniors, \$10.00 Friends of Music and area
Students. Held at the **News Journal Center, Daytona Beach, 7:00 P.M.**

April 5: Choral Union **3:00 P.M.**

April 7: Guitar Ensembles

April 14: Jazz Combos – George West, director

April 17: Stetson Chorale and Stetson Men – Andrew Larson, conductor

April 18: University Symphonic Band – Bobby Adams, conductor

April 21: Alumni Oboe Festival

April 22: Jazz Ensemble – George West, conductor **Stetson Room, Carlton Union Bldg.**

From: Kathleen Loftus

ART EXHIBITION. The Senior Thesis Exhibition opens with a reception on **Friday, April 3, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** in the brand new Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center, located between Sampson Hall and the duPont-Ball Library. Four graduating senior Art and DA-Art majors will present their senior work: **Sabrina Fernandez**, ceramics; **Sara Hagan**, paintings; **Jaclyn Miller**, mixed media; and **Sean Kinberger**, digital media/mixed media. The exhibition continues through April 29. Call 386-822-7266 for times and days of operation. These events are free and open to the public, and cultural credit applies.

From: Chris Nelson

BOOK FEAST: The University Values Council book feast will be held on **Tuesday April 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building, is on David C. Korten's *The Great Turning*. The book feast is open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must have registered with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu, by Tuesday March 31, 2009.

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

From: Kasey Cox

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Dan Hale, Professor of Psychology, was recently recognized by Johns Hopkins University for his nationally known work on community health education. Dr. Hale received an appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine. According to the faculty handbook for the JHU School of Medicine, such a title is "...used to designate a special category of part-time faculty who are outstanding scientists, educators, and/or clinicians and who contribute to the scholarly activities of the School of Medicine."

From: Richard Kindred

Dr. Michael Barnes, Associate Professor of English, presented 'Letting the Assessed in on (Nontraditional) Assessment: Writing Centers and Weblogs--Expanding a Thirdspace Dialogue' in a panel session with **Jennifer Newell** and **Liz Barnes** at the 60th annual Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Francisco.

From: Michael Barnes

Dr. Jamil Khader, Associate Professor of English, chaired a panel entitled "Rewriting Fairy Tales" with three of our students—two graduate students, **Crystal Smith** and **Sabrina Edmonston**, and an undergraduate student, **Stephanie Scobell**, at the 30th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL, March 18-21, 2009. The panel emerged from a graduate English course on rewriting fairy tales that Dr. Khader taught in Fall 2008.

Dr. Khader also read a paper entitled, "'I Bleed, Therefore, I am': vampire Fiction and Trauma Theory," on a different panel at the 30th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL, March 18-21, 2009.

From: Jamil Khader

Dr. Thomas Vogel, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, presented his paper "Solitons in Microstructured Solids and Biological Transport Models" at the 2009 Joint Annual Meetings of the FL chapter of MAA-FTYCMA. The conference was held at Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, February 13-14, 2009.

From: Tom Vogel

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, March 27, 2009

Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met on Friday, March 27, 2009, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. Grady Ballenger, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. with announcements about the dedication of Mary B. McMahan Hall scheduled later in the afternoon; the David Amram performance/talk; and the external review of the History department conducted by Dean Wagner. Dr. Noel Painter, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Music, Ms. Monica Jeancola, Lecturer in Accounting, Dr. Kandy Queen-Sutherland, Professor of Religious Studies, and Dr. John Tichenor, University Registrar and Director of Institutional Research, gave brief updates on the curriculum changes in their respective areas. Dr. Leonard Nance, Dean of First Year Studies, emphasized the important role faculty will play as advisers at Accepted Student Preview Day as they assist students in identifying areas of academic interest, especially since course preference forms will not be used this year. Dr. Mitchell Reddish, Professor and Chair of Religious Studies and Director of the Summer Session reminded faculty that summer session classes will be fewer and longer than in the past, and that the course unit schedule will not be used this summer.

Drs. John Tichenor and Kandy Queen-Sutherland then demonstrated where to find course unit information on the Web site (<http://www.stetson.edu/units/>) and welcomed faculty to contact them or Dr. Toni Blum, Associate Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Science, if they still have questions.

Dr. Tichenor continued to demonstrate to faculty ways to access other helpful information online to include added attributes to the course schedule search that allow viewers to select courses by level, instructor, subject, Gen Ed areas, etc. He also demonstrated the new degree audit system to be located at mystetson.edu that is scheduled to go live July 1. The system was purchased through a grant from the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation. Faculty will need their 800# to log onto the system from which they will be able to view a variety of formatted screens, and department chairs will have the capability of submitting exceptions electronically. Students will not have access to all of the information available to faculty. Department chairs will receive one-on-one training beginning in late April.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty