

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, April 18	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Friday, April 25	Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 noon, Elizabeth Hall Chapel
Wednesday, April 30	Classes End
Thursday, May 1	Reading Day and Thursday Evening Course Final Exams
Friday -Wednesday, May 2-7	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Wednesday, May 7	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m. (except for those students participating in Commencement)
Thursday, May 8	Final Grades for graduating students due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 9	Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	Commencement – 9:00 a.m. School of Business Administration Graduate and Undergraduate Students School of Music Undergraduate Students
	Commencement – 2:00 p.m. College of Arts & Science Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Monday, May 19	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 18, 2008, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. Agenda items include the annual salary report by John Tichenor. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m.
From: Judy Ward, Secretary, University Faculty

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve as ushers for Baccalaureate on Friday, May 9, and at the two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 10. Please contact Judy Ward (x7010, or jward@stetson.edu) if you can help.
From: Judy Ward, Commencement Coordinator

HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2008, at noon in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium. Those presenting awards should be seated in the reserved seating on the east side of the room.
From: Judy Ward

ATTENTION UNIVERISTY COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Please provide the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358), copies of all meeting minutes for 2007-2008 and an annual committee report, due by May 5, 2008, that provides a very brief summary of the year's work to include: an evaluation of particular members (who functioned well/poorly); tasks still in progress; suggestions for next year's chair; a description of the size and makeup of the committee; a recommendation as to whether the committee is necessary; and suggestions to make the committee more efficient.
From: The Council of Deans

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2008 SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION.

Baccalaureate will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, in Elizabeth Hall 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 Hillary Anderson, 2007 Giffin Scholarship Recipient, will sign the anthem. A reception will follow at the President's House.

The commencement ceremony for the **School of Music and the School of Business Administration (both graduate and undergraduate students)** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m. in the Edmunds Center**. The faculty line of march will form at 8:30 a.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor). Stetson Trustee Christine Lynn is the commencement speaker and she will receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. Student speakers are yet to be selected.

The commencement ceremony for the **College of Arts & Sciences (both graduate and undergraduate students)** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Center**. The faculty line of march will form at 1:30 p.m. in Fraternity Row, east of the Edmunds Center (rain plan lower west corridor). The commencement speaker will be Wayne Meisel, President of The Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, who will receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters. Stetson Trustee Dolly Hand will also receive an honorary degree, Doctor of Arts & Humane Letters. Student speakers are yet to be selected.

Full regalia is required for Baccalaureate and both commencements. The Line of March will be published in the May 3 edition of The Newsletter. The "Hail and Farewell Celebration" will be staged in the Rinker Field House and under tents on the Rinker parking lot from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., offering students, parents and faculty from the schools and college a chance to meet, greet and eat between the two ceremonies.

From: Judy Ward, Commencement Coordinator

THE VALUES COUNCIL THEME PROGRAM will be hosting a lecture by Mr. Jack Brown, who is a professor at Santa Fe Community College and the Director of the Teaching Zoo there. The lecture will take place April 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Allen Hall Auditorium. His lecture, entitled "So, You Think You Work in a Zoo?" will focus on the role of the Santa Fe Teaching Zoo, within a global context, in saving threatened and endangered species. He and his two assistants, Shawntal Abram, assistant zoo curator, and Tarah Jacobs, conservation education specialist, will also be bringing a few reptiles in the zoo's collection.

This event does count toward cultural credit.

For more information, please contact Lisa Guenther at liguenth@stetson.edu or 386-822-8930.

From: Alicia Hickman, Values Council Secretary

THE 2008 REPORT ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR THE DELAND CAMPUS will be presented at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, April 28, 2008, in the Rinker Auditorium. Stetson University, as a Charter Member of the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, has pledge to attain carbon neutrality. This means that Stetson University will strive to eliminate its contribution to the creation of greenhouse gasses through its operation. This is a bold and ambitious initiative placing the university among the vanguard of environmentally progressive institutions. The first step in neutralizing campus greenhouse gas emissions is to determine the rate of their production. This has been the task of the Greenhouse Gas Auditing Committee. This event will be the presentation of their findings and suggestions for how to move Stetson University forward in attaining the goal of the presidential commitment. Cultural credit is available.

From: Tony Abbott

ROLAND GEORGE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM IN THE NEWS. In the aftermath of the Roland George Investments Program's unprecedented seventh national portfolio management championship, *Business Week* magazine did a feature on the winning programs, including a slide show of the funds' facilities. If any of you read the *Chicago Tribune*, the RGIP will be featured on April 20th.

From: Larry Belcher, Director, George Investments Institute

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC enjoyed another impressive showing at this year's National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Southeast Regional Auditions. This year's auditions were hosted by Georgia State University in Atlanta February 29-March 1. There were 50 teachers who brought more than 300 singers to compete in categories ranging from high school through graduate level. The competition was divided into categories both by gender and by years of voice study. Stetson placed more students in the finals of the classical categories than any school in the three-state region (FL, AL, GA) with 12 students; the closest school to Stetson was FSU with 8 finalists. **Dr. Craig Maddox's** five student finalists represented the most by any single teacher at this year's auditions. Voice faculty members **Jane Christeson, Dr. Lloyd Linney,** and **Dr. Stephen Ng** also had multiple finalists from their studios. A complete list of our finalists and their competition categories appears below:

Category 5 – Finalists (college freshmen women)

Ashley Cox – 3rd (Dr. Craig Maddox)
Sandra Perry – 5th (Dr. Lloyd Linney)

Category 6 – Finalists (college freshmen men)

Jesse Christeson – 2nd (Jane Christeson)
Theodore Canty – 4th (Dr. Stephen Ng)

Category 7 – Finalists (college sophomore women)

Christine Reinard – 3rd (Dr. Craig Maddox)

Category 8 – Finalists (college sophomore men)

Kyle Knappenberger – 1st (Jane Christeson)
Mark Hakes – 2nd (Dr. Craig Maddox)
Adam Hunter – 3rd (Dr. Stephen Ng)

Category 10 – Finalists (college junior men)

Marquis Fuse – 1st (Dr. Craig Maddox)
Ryne Cherry – 2nd (Dr. Craig Maddox)

Category 11 – Finalists (college senior women)

Julie LaDouceur -5th (Dr. Lloyd Linney)

Category 13 – Finalists (graduate level women)

Ashlie Smith – 1st (Jane Christeson)

Category 14 – Finalists (graduate level men)

Cameo Humes '06 – 1st Cameo is presently completing his MM at University of Florida after studying at Stetson with Jane Christeson and at UF with Stetson alum Dr. Anthony Offerle '85.

Congratulations to all!

From: Craig Maddox

THE MAY 2 EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER will be the last issue for the 2007-2008 academic year. The deadline for submitting articles is Wednesday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m.

From: Judy Ward

MISCELLANEOUS

PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC. The First United Methodist Church of Bunnell is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Contact the church for further information at 386-437-3258. The church is located at 205 N. Pine St., Bunnell, FL 32110.

From: Frances Parker

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Shawnrece D. Campbell, Assistant Professor of English, was invited to present at the Volusia Teachers Organization (VTO) 3rd Annual Closing the Cultural Gap Conference. Dr. Campbell's presentation, "Using African American and Other Multiethnic Literature in the Classroom: Reconceptualizing the Role of Literacy Instruction" underscored the most effective ways to incorporate African American and other Multiethnic literatures into literacy programs.

From: Shawnrece Campbell

Dr. Mary Sanders Pollock, Professor of English, presented her paper on "Kafka's Ape and Coetzee's Novelist: The Articulation of the Inarticulate Subject" at the Southeast Conference of Foreign Languages and Literatures" held at Stetson February 20-21, 2008.

The conference was organized by **Dr. Yves Clemmen**, Professor of Modern Languages. Other Stetson faculty members, **Dr. Mario Aldana**, **Dr. Ana Eire**, **Dr. David Dysart** and **Dr. Elisabeth Poeter**, chaired sessions; **Dr. Nancy Vosburg** engaged and introduced the plenary speaker, Isabel Franc.

From: Mary Pollock

Dr. Carina King, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sport Management, will give an oral presentation at the 2008 Pre-Olympics Scientific Congress: International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport, to be held August 1st – 5th, 2008 in Guangzhou, China.

The presentation is entitled "Gender Differences in Sport Fandom," and former Sport Management student Nathan Koske '07 is co-author.

From: Carina King

Dr. Michael A Denner, Assistant Professor of Russian Studies, gave the keynote address for the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read celebration held April 3, in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, entitled: "Gentlemen, Ivan Ilych is Dead and You Will Be, Too: Can We Ever Again Live Well and Pleasantly after Reading Tolstoy?" Local reading groups, libraries, schools and universities read, as a community, Leo Tolstoy's novel, *Death of Ivan Ilych*. In addition to delivering the address, Dr Denner gave an hour long interview on the local PBS station and taught classes at two local high schools.

From: Michael Denner

Dr. Ana Eire, Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures, is editing an anthology of the poems of Miguel d'Ors, who is one of Spain's most acclaimed poets. The anthology will be published by *Renacimiento* early next year in Spain.

From: Ana Eire

Dr. Stuart Michelson, Roland & Sarah George Professor of Finance, recently attended the Eastern Finance Association 2008 annual meeting. Dr. Michelson presented his paper "Do Experienced Analysts Produce More Reliable Earnings Estimates?" and participated as a discussant.

Dr. Michelson, who serves as president of the Central Florida Financial Executives International, presided at the April 3, 2008 dinner meeting and presented scholarships to three of Stetson's outstanding finance majors: **William Houghton**, **Jessica Crowley**, and **Derek Stottlemeyer**. Pat Williams, executive vice-president of the Orlando Magic was the evening's speaker.

From: Stuart Michelson

Dr. Alicia Schultheis, Assistant Professor of Biology, had two papers accepted to international peer reviewed journals: Schultheis, A.S., Booth*, J.Y., Vinson, M. and M.A. Miller (2008) "Genetic evidence for cohort splitting in the merovoltine stonefly *Pteronarcys californica* (Newport) in Blacksmith Fork, Utah" which will be published in *Aquatic Insects*, and Schultheis, A.S., Marchant, R.M. and Hughes, J. (2008) "Contrasting patterns of genetic structure and disequilibrium in populations of a stone-cased caddisfly (Tasimiidae) from northern and southern Australia" which will be published in *Marine and Freshwater Research*. *Stetson student coauthor.

From: Alicia Schultheis

Dr. Terri Witek, Professor of English, was recently invited to conduct a workshop in the Delaware Art Museum to celebrate the return of the museum's extensive Pre-Raphaelite collection. Called "Ekphrasis: Writing Poetry in the Museum," the day-long event culminated in a public evening reading with former Delaware Poet Laureate Fleda Brown.
From: Terri Witek

Dr. Leena Taneja, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, was featured in the Faith Section of the the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* on Saturday, April 5th, with her article "Shopping Around for Religions Isn't New."
From: Leena Taneja

Dr. Patrick Coggins, Jessie Ball duPont Professor of Teacher Education, presented a keynote address entitled "Prejudice: Making Choices" at the annual Holocaust Documentation and Education Center in Miami, Florida. Over 600 students, Holocaust survivors and faculty members attended the session on April 10, 2008, at Miami Date College, Miami, Florida.

Dr. Patrick Coggins presented a paper entitled "Integrating Wellness and Cultural Competence in Faith Sponsored Substance Abuse Services" on April 3, 2008, at the National Federal SAMASA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. This conference was held in collaboration with the Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell National HBCU Substance Abuse Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Patrick Coggins presented a paper on "Understanding the Contributions of the Caribbean Nations to the World" at Stetson on April 9, 2008. This lecture was sponsored by the Caribbean Students Association.
From: Patrick Coggins

Dr. Terry Farrell, Professor of Biology, presented a talk entitled "Variation in female reproductive traits in pigmy rattlesnakes" for the University of Central Florida biology seminar series in February. In April, he is giving another presentation on snake ecology at the University of South Carolina, Spartanburg. He has also been invited to present a talk at the annual Southeastern Association of Biologists in Spartanburg entitled "Undergraduate research: its impact on tenure and promotion" as part of a symposium on undergraduate research in biology programs.

Several Biology faculty have helped design a large effort to protect Blue Spring. **Dr. Melissa Gibbs** and **Dr. Kirsten Work** will be tracking fish diversity and populations. **Terry Farrell**, **Kirsten Work** and Eric Munscher (University of North Florida) are quantifying turtle populations. Together these grants total \$22,780 per year and will provide financial support for experiential learning for Stetson students. **Justin Lewis** and **Jessica Tokarz**, class of 2009, have already joined the effort and have rapidly demonstrated strong fish- and turtle-capture skills. These projects, in conjunction with the firm, Wetland Resources, Inc. and the St Johns River Water Management District will give Stetson a long-term presence in conservation efforts for this unique system.

From: Alicia Schultheis