

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Sunday, January 11	Residence Halls Open at Noon for all Students
Monday, January 12	New Student Registration
Tuesday, January 13	Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
	CLASSES BEGIN
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day (University Holiday—no classes)
Tuesday, January 20	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 27	Last Day to Adjust Spring Schedule without Financial Penalty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING RESCHEDULED. The University faculty meeting scheduled for January 23, 2009, has been rescheduled to **Friday, January 30, 2009**, and it will be held in Allen Hall, not the Stetson Room. Agenda items are forthcoming.

UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETINGS for the spring semester are scheduled as follows:

January 30, 2009	(Friday)	Allen Hall	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
February 13, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 27, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
April 17, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

APPLICATIONS FOR HAND GRANTS. Faculty are encouraged to apply for 2009 Hand Grants. Applications for Professional Development Projects and Hand Grants for Course Enhancement are due to Department Chairs on January 20, 2009. The application is attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter and can also be found in the "Faculty Professional Development Opportunities" handbook which is available online at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf> or in hard copy from the Office of Academic Affairs. Confirmed funding for 2008-2009 will provide for a total of two grants of \$2,000 each.

From: Judy Ward

2009-2010 ACADEMIC CALENDAR. The 2009-2010 Academic Calendar is attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter and is also posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/accal.2009-2010.pdf>.

From: Judy Ward

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CAPTURE ATTENTION. FOCUS INTEREST. CONVEY INFORMATION. Those are the promises of instructional media. If you plan to use any of these powerful tools --- video, PowerPoint, audio, etc. --- in your classes next semester, be sure to prepare your requests soon. Just call 7182 for advice, assistance, and an order form.

From: Terry Grieb

TOWN MEETING ON DIVERSITY RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009. Faculty, as you plan for your spring classes, I encourage you, where appropriate, to include ways that your students may incorporate and reflect on the work of that day into their continuing coursework. As soon as the Diversity Council's plans for the day are firmed-up, I will distribute a working copy of the schedule.

In the meantime, please know that we welcome input and suggestions.

From: Leonard Nance, Dean of First Year Studies and University Adviser on Diversity Issues

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANT. The Stetson University Art Department has been awarded a \$6,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of the Vera Bluemner Kouba Collection of her father's (Oscar Bluemner) extensive and significant work owned by Stetson.

The NEH letter dated December 2, 2008, indicated that not only had the application been "considered carefully during the NEH review process" but had also been "designated a National Endowment for the Humanities 'We the People' project."

We the People is a special initiative supported in part by agency funds set aside specifically for projects found to "encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture" and which "explore significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and that advance knowledge of the principles that define America." That the NEH perceived our project to reflect these lofty objectives indicates that they saw what we have known all along: we possess a collection of artwork guaranteed to be a source of scholastic interest and study of international scope. The Stetson team that worked on all aspects of the application process is justifiably proud of this signal message and tangible reward, and hope it is just the beginning of additional funding in the future. The award will help purchase much-needed storage equipment and supplies.

The new Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center, scheduled to open its doors this coming spring, 2009, will house the Vera Bluemner collection of over one thousand pieces, and provide gallery space for the works to be on exhibit on a regular basis.

From: Roberta Favis

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.**

January 16: Faculty Recital – Lynn Musco, clarinet; Michael Rickman, piano

January 18: Guest Recital – Webb Wiggins, harpsichord **3:00 pm**

January 23: CMENC Broadway Revue

January 24: Chisholm Center Community Choir Concert

January 25: Faculty Recital – Susan McQuinn, flute; Michael Rickman, piano

January 27: Alumni & Guest Recital *Duo 220* - Andrew Stroud and Adam Larson, guitar

January 31: Guest Recital *Inca Rose* – Argentinean Duet voice and guitar

From: Kathleen Loftus

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 7, at 4:00 p.m.

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Michael King, Professor of Biology, has had a research paper titled "Blocking glutamate receptors in the waist area of the parabrachial nucleus decreases taste reactivity behaviors in conscious rats" accepted for publication in the journal *Chemical Senses*. Student co-authors are **Joseph Biondolillo** and **Learnel Williams**.

From: Mike King

Dr. Paul Croce, Professor and Chair of American Studies, will be chair and commentator for the session "William James's Pragmatism in the Marketplace of Ideas," with panelists from Harvard, Stony Brook, and Sonoma State Universities. The session, sponsored by the William James Society, will be held at the international American Philosophical Association meeting on December 28, 2008. Croce was elected president of the Society and his term begins in January 2009. Croce's article, "Nature's Beloved Incarnations: Inquiry, Conviction, and William James," has been accepted for publication in 2009 by the *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy*.

From: Paul Croce

Dr. Paul Lachelier, Assistant Professor of Sociology, was interviewed for and quoted in an article titled *The Deciding Factors* published December 8, 2008 at www.demodirt.com. The article, written by Galia Myron, discusses which population segments voted against gay marriage in California this past November.

From: Paul Lachelier