

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday, February 11
Friday, February 20
Monday, February 23
Monday, March 2

Monday-Friday, March 2-6
Sunday, March 8
Monday, March 9

Town Meeting on Diversity - No Daytime Classes; University-wide Events Scheduled
University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Rinker Auditorium (Note change in date!)
Nominations due for Hand Awards
Mid-Term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via BannerWeb
Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.

SPRING HOLIDAYS

Residence Halls Open 12:00 noon
Classes Resume

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 (INSTEAD OF FEBRUARY 13 AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED), at 12:00 noon in the **RINKER AUDITORIUM**. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Agenda items include discussion and approval of several policies needed to support the implementation of the unit curriculum. **The College of Arts & Sciences** will meet immediately following the University faculty meeting.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2009 UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter. University faculty meetings for the remainder of 2008-2009 are scheduled as follow:

February 20, 2009	(Friday)	Rinker Auditorium, LBC	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

HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, **April 24, 2009**, at 12:00 noon in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall. If you have an award for outstanding achievement that your department or organization desires 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

NOMINATIONS FOR HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY are due to the college/school/library dean/director by **Monday, February 23**. Nomination information is available online at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf>. Winners in each category are eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed. A list of previous winners is posted to <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HandAwardHistory.pdf>.

From: Judy Ward

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SURE COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN. The competition for the Stetson Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Grant is now open. The SURE Grant provides funding and travel monies for students who wish to initiate a research or creative project in any academic field during the summer of 2009. Last year, SURE funded projects as diverse as African music in Tanzania, the Oakdale Cemetery Project, the psychology of the portrayal of artistic nudity, mitochondrial studies in Blue Springs and the use of algorithms in locating arbitrage opportunities, to name a few. The project need not be completed at summer's end, nor must the student be on campus. In past years SURE grants have taken students to Tanzania, Greece and several parts of the US, and have formed the kernel of continuing research. To be eligible, a student must not graduate before December 2009. A proposal of the project to be undertaken, plus transcripts and letters of recommendation are **due Monday March 9. It is important for faculty to approach students.** Without faculty interest, students do not believe they are capable of this competition, and we lose some promising candidates. For more information, contact Kimberly Reiter or go to <http://www.stetson.edu/other/research/sure.php>.

SURCAS COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN. If you have students who are ready to present original research or creativity, please have them apply to present at the **11th Annual Stetson Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium (SURCAS), Wednesday, April 8.** Presenters are divided into all-day mixed sessions of about 12 papers each. Sessions are free of charge and all are invited to attend, including friends and parents). Please use appropriate incentives (short of an electric prod) to encourage your students to present. We will work around their class schedules, but we ask that you be flexible if a student needs time off to give a paper. If you have not already done so, please consider giving all your students the time to attend SURCAS on April 8, as audiences are as important as the papers. Again, feel free to contact Kimberly Reiter or go to <http://www.stetson.edu/other/research/surcas.php>. The link to last year's program will be up shortly. Talk to your students today!

From: Kimberly Reiter, Undergraduate Research Committee

A CAMPUS-WIDE DIALOGUE WITH E. O. WILSON, the 2009 James A. Stewart Lecturer, is scheduled for **Monday, February 9, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall. The dialogue is sponsored by The Stetson Center for Science, Nature, and the Sacred. This is a special opportunity for you to be part of a discussion with one of the most important scientists in the world today. Come ready to ask questions from "Dr. Ant," the founder of the field of Sociobiology and the term "biodiversity." The dialogue is open to students, faculty, and staff only. Cultural Credit is available.

DR. E. O. WILSON WILL DELIVER THE 2009 STEWART LECTURE on **Monday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Center.** The title of his lecture is, ***Can Nature be Saved? Science, Religion and our Future.*** There will be a brief Q & A period following the lecture, as well as a book signing. The Stetson bookstore will have three of E.O. Wilson's titles available for purchase at the lecture. Admission is free and open to the public. Cultural Credit is available.

Edward Wilson is one of our most important living scientists. He helped create the term "biodiversity" and the field of Sociobiology. Winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, he has devoted his career to finding unity between the traditionally isolated academic fields of knowledge and is a leading voice of the urgency for us to care deeply about the natural world in which we live and on which we depend. He is the Pellegrino Research Professor in Entomology, Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University. He has recently launched *The Encyclopedia of Life*, and biodiversity e-library, which will include every species and 300 million linkable pages.

For additional information please contact Lisa Guenther at 386-822-8930 or ljguenth@stetson.edu.

From: Dixon Sutherland

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE LECTURE SERIES. Lecture I: Herbology: A look into the world of herbs, and how people are using them to heal themselves across diverse cultural backgrounds, including allopathic medicine. Learn about traditional herbal applications, and discuss the latest research found in peer-reviewed journals on common herbal supplementation. Wilson Athletic Center, room 109, Thursday, **February 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Cultural Credit Available. Please RSVP to grae@stetson.edu. No charge for Stetson students, faculty, and staff. Community members will be charged \$5 to cover supplies. Supported by the Integrative Health Science Department and the Lifestyle Appraisal Program.

From: Shirley Ferguson

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE. We will be having our annual Winter Blood Drive on **Wednesday and Thursday, February, 11-12, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** The bloodmobile will be parked in the Carlton Union Circle. Special incentives for donating blood this month include a limited edition t-shirt and "Buy One Get One Free" Admission to Central Florida Zoo in Sanford. Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwiches will be available for all donors. Please remember to bring your Club Red cards when donating blood. After two donations, you'll receive \$10 in Darden Gift Certificates, redeemable at Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Smokey Bones, and Bahama Breeze. Please note that you need to bring some form of identification.

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 our last blood drive on November 5-6, 2008. The Central Florida Blood Centers collected 121 pints of blood to save 363 lives. Thank you for your support! We hope to see you on February 11th and 12th.

From: Mitchell Reddish

ARTISTS & LECTURES COMMITTEE. The Artists & Lecturers Committee is accepting proposals to fund events scheduled for 2009-10. Proposals are due by e-mail **March 11, 2009. Please note that this deadline is earlier than in the past.** Next year, we hope to move to an early February deadline in order to facilitate planning and scheduling. We have also created a formal application form, which is available on our website (<http://www.stetson.edu/administration/artistslecturers/>). Please fill out the form in full and e-mail it to Emily Mieras, Chair of the Committee, at emieras@stetson.edu.

From: Emily Mieras

STETSON'S ART EXHIBITION ACHTUNG-ATTENTION-CUIDADO CONTINUES. The joint Art Faculty Exhibition between Stetson and Freiburg Art Faculty runs until February 26. Regular gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Monday - Friday; and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. A reception for this exhibition will be held on Wednesday, February 25, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Duncan Gallery of Art/Sampson Hall Foyer.

Future events include:

JAMES SIENA, visual artist. Monday, February 23, Rinker Auditorium, 7:00 pm. To learn more about James Siena, visit the Atlantic Center for the Arts website (2009 residency schedule) at: http://www.atlanticcenterforthearts.org/artresprog/resschedule/feb/j_siena.html

JOHN FEODOROV, visual artist. Wednesday, March 25, Rinker Auditorium, 7:00 pm. For additional biographic & bibliographic information about Mr. Feodorov, visit his website <http://www.johnfeodorov.com/eb Site>

All of these events are free and open to the public.

From: Chris Nelson

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 in Elizabeth Hall at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted.**

February 6: Faculty Composers' Recital – Manuel de Murga, Sydney Hodkinson and Nathan Wolek

February 8: University Symphonic Band Sousa Concert – Bobby Adams, conductor; **3:00 p.m. at the News-Journal Center in Daytona Beach**

February 10: Music by Black Composers

February 13: University Symphonic Band Sousa Concert – Bobby Adams, conductor

February 16: George Winston Benefit Solo Piano Concert – **cost \$15.00 to all including Stetson ID and Friends of Music**

February 20 - 22: Stetson Opera Theater *The Bartered Bride* by Bedrich Smetana – Russell Franks, director.

Tickets: \$10.00 general, \$8.00 senior citizen, \$5.00 area students. Three performances will be held at DeLand High School Auditorium: Feb 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb 22 at 3:00 p.m.

From: Kathleen Loftus

CONGRATULATIONS TO FACULTY WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED SABBATICALS IN 2009-2010.Fall 2009

Paul Croce, Professor of American Studies
Bette Heins, Professor of Teacher Education

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Gary Bolding, Professor of Art
Michael Denner, Associate Professor of Russian Studies
Diane Everett, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Stuart Michelson, Professor of Finance
William Miles, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (pending tenure)
Matthew Roberts, Associate Professor of Digital Arts
Mercedes Tichenor, Professor of Teacher Education
Terri Witek, Professor of English
Rusty Witek, Professor of English

CONGRATULATIONS TO FACULTY WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED 2009 SUMMER GRANTS.Half Grants

Yves Clemmen, Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures
Paul Croce, Professor of American Studies
Elisabeth Poeter, Associate Professor of Modern Languages & Literatures

Full Grants

Hala ElAarag, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Diane Everett, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Eric Kurlander, Associate Professor of History
Paul Lachelier, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Phillip Lucas, Professor of Religious Studies
Stephen Ng, Associate Professor of Music
Megan O'Neill, Associate Professor of English
John Pearson, Professor of English
Mary Pollock, Professor of English
Mark Powell, Assistant Professor of English
Benhua Yang, Assistant Professor of Economics

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Susan Peppers-Bates, Associate Professor of Philosophy, completed her book entitled *Nicolas Malebranche: Freedom in an Occasionalist Universe* that will be published by Continuum Press in November 2009. Her article "Divine Simplicity and Divine Command Ethics" appeared in the in September 2008 issue of *International Philosophical Quarterly*.
From: Susan Peppers-Bates

Dr. Mike Bitter, Professor of Accounting, has been selected as a recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Reviewer Award by *Accounting Education: an International Journal*, the journal of the International Association for Accounting Education and Research. News of his award will be published in *Cosmos* and in *Accounting Education*. Out of a pool of 143 reviewers world-wide, Dr. Bitter was one of three to receive the award. The other two recipients of the 2008 award are Gordon Boyce (Macquarie University, Australia) and Pauline Willis (Dublin City University, Ireland).
From: Mike Bitter

Dr. Phillip Lucas, Professor of Religious Studies, has published a chapter, "Spiritual Harm in New Religions: Reflections on Interviews with Former Members of NRMs," in *The Phenomenon of Cults from a Scientific Perspective*, ed. Piotr T. Nowakowski (Dom Wydawniczy Rafael Publications). The book is published in Poland and includes thirty articles on various facets of new religious movements or "cults."
From: Phillip C. Lucas

Dr. Clyde Fant, Professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus and **Dr. Mitchell Reddish**, Professor of Religious Studies, had their book *Lost Treasures of the Bible: Understanding the Bible through Archaeological Artifacts in World Museums* published in November by Eerdmans Publishing Company. The book contains photographs and detailed descriptions of more than one hundred fifteen biblically significant archaeological objects housed in over twenty-five museums worldwide. In addition to doing research on the objects, the authors also visited each of the museums (usually on multiple occasions) to study the artifacts and photograph them for the book, which was chosen as an alternate selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

From: Mitchell G. Reddish

Dr. Leila Roach, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education and coordinator of the Marriage, Couple, & Family Counseling program, will be the first to utilize a new Audio/Visual system installed at the House Next Door DeLand Counseling Center. This system allows for direct real time supervision of interns, practicum students and staff who provide counseling services at the House Next Door. **Dr. Brigid Noonan**, Associate Professor of Counseling Education and Chair, and coordinator of the School Counseling Program, and **Dr. Judith Burnett**, Associate Professor of Counselor Education and coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Program, will also be providing supervision to their students at this facility.

From: Leila Roach

Dr. Ronald Hall, Professor of Philosophy, presented the Presidential Address at the Florida Philosophical Association's annual meeting that was held this past November in Daytona Beach. The paper was entitled "On Getting Over Getting Over the Rainbow" and it will be published this summer in the *Florida Philosophical Review*. In December, Hall presented a paper entitled "Normativity in Nature: Towards a Post-Critical Ontology" at the American Philosophical Association in Philadelphia. Hall is currently the Vice President and Program Chair for the Society for the Philosophy of Religion and has organized the program for this year's meeting to be held in Hilton Head Island, SC in February. Hall is currently on sabbatical leave.

From: Ron Hall

Dr. Eric Kurlander, Associate Professor of History, recently returned from Grinnell College (IA), where he delivered an invited lecture, "Living With Hitler: Three Faces of Liberal Resistance in the Third Reich." Kurlander has also published "In Search of a 'Rational' Republic," a review essay of Andreas Wirsching/Jürgen Eder (ed.) *Vernunftrepublikanismus in der Weimarer Republik*. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2008. H-Net, East Lansing: Michigan State University, 2009, pp. 1-3, which will appear this spring.

From: Eric Kurlander

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, January 30, 2009

Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met on Friday, January 30, 2009, in the Rinker Auditorium.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and called upon Dr. Greg Sapp, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Hal S. Marchman Chair of Civic and Social Responsibility, for an opening prayer in memory of Dr. Robert Fort, Professor of Music, Emeritus, who passed away on January 29, 2009.

Dr. Leonard Nance, Dean of First Year Studies and University Adviser on Diversity Issues, reviewed the schedule for the Town Meeting on Diversity to be held Wednesday, January 11, 2009. Dr. Richard Lapchick and Dr. Allan Johnson are the two keynote speakers. The School of Music will kick off the event with a concert on Tuesday, January 10. The Diversity Council hopes that the Town Meeting will stimulate continued conversations on campus and in studies.

Ms. Sally Dowling, Vice President for Finance, reported that the 2009-2010 budget, based on a 5% increase in tuition and fees, was approved during the Trustee Finance meeting held January 23, 2009, and that a contingency budget also has been created as a precaution against a financial catastrophe. Board members generously contributed \$2.6 million to be used over the next three years toward retention of those students in good academic standing but who have exhausted all other resources and would not otherwise be able to remain at Stetson. Our spring enrollment is now stable, and our next major risks are the summer session and summer conferences that normally generate substantial revenue. Overall, the University is in fairly good fiscal shape with a total value of \$400 million and a total debt of \$46 million. May and August are critical months for projecting fall enrollment, and given the current economy, the 2009-2010 budget projection is based on a lower enrollment than the current year.

The University is working hard to create new revenue streams, and according to Ms. Linda Davis, Vice President for Development, giving is up despite the poor economy. To date, 33% of faculty and staff have contributed to the 2008-2009 campaign. Dr. Lee announced that the Council of Deans has identified \$46,000 in support of 2009 Summer Grants and applicants will soon be notified of any awards. The Trustees are re-thinking discount issues and they remain committed to rebalancing compensation as soon as possible.

Ms. Deborah Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Campus Life, reported that the current 2009 fall inquiry pool of 42,000 is the largest yet and that there are 400 more applications than this time last year. Science applications have tripled since the Sage Hall addition began and diversity is represented by 13% of the pool. Financial aid awards should go out starting next week, and faculty are asked to inform Ms. Thompson if any students currently on the rolls are not attending classes so she can identify and work with those requiring additional financial assistance.

Dr. Kimberly Reiter, Associate Professor of History, asked faculty to encourage their students to apply for SURE and SURCAS.

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

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty