

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Day (University Holiday—no classes)
Tuesday, January 22	Applications for 2007 Hand Grants due to department chairs Last day to Add Course for Credit Last day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty Deadline to apply for May 2008 graduation Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection
Friday, January 25	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Monday, February 26	Nominations for Hand Awards due to Deans/Director
Friday, February 29	Mid-term grade reports due to Registrar via BannerWeb Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, March 3-7	SPRING HOLIDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. Agenda items will be announced electronically. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m.

University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year are as follow:

January 25, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
February 15, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 28, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
April 18, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, Secretary, University Faculty

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008, 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 6:45 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend.

From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

NEW BUILDING UPDATE. A special campus meeting for interested faculty and students is scheduled for Friday, February 1, at 12:00 noon in the Private Dining Room. Dr. Jim Beasley, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and faculty design advisors will present an update on McMahan Hall, Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Environmental Learning Center, Sage Hall Science Center, and Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center projects. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

From: Jim Beasley

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From: Terry Grieb

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From: Terry Grieb

APPLICATIONS FOR HAND GRANTS. Faculty are encouraged to apply for 2008 Hand Grants. Applications for Professional Development Projects and Hand Grants for Course Enhancement are due to Department Chairs on January 22, 2008. The application can be found in the "Faculty Professional Development Opportunities" handbook that is available in hard copy from the Office of Academic Affairs or electronically at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf>.

Traditionally, a total of six grants of \$2,000 each are awarded.

From: Judy Ward

NOMINATIONS FOR HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY are due to the college/school/library dean/director by Monday, February 26. Nomination information is attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter and is also online at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf>. Winners in each category are now eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed. A list of previous winners is available in the Office of Academic Affairs or online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HandAwardHistory.pdf>.

From: Judy Ward

THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED AND THE METANEXUS INSTITUTE is sponsoring a lecture by **Dr. Pangratios Papacosta** of Columbia College in Chicago, who will speak on "The Human Behind the Genius: The Other Einstein" in the Rinker Auditorium of the Lynn Business Center, Room 108, at 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2008.

A former professor of physics at Stetson, since 1987 he has taught in the Science and Mathematics Department at Columbia College where he was named Teacher of the Year in 1994. Dr. Papacosta holds graduate degrees in the history of science and physics from the University of London. His book, *The Splendid Voyage: An Introduction to New Sciences and New Technologies*, has been translated into Chinese, Arabic, and Spanish. A nationally recognized expert on the interplay of the fine arts and natural sciences, he recently was appointed a lecturer in the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

For additional information regarding the lecture please contact Dr. Donald Musser at 386-822-8934. Cultural Credit is available.

From: Donald Musser

GEORGE SHRIVER LECTURES. On January 29 and 30, Dr. David Holmes, Walter G. Mason Professor of Religious Studies at the College of William and Mary, will deliver the Shriver Lectures: Religion in American History. Since this year is an election year, the lectures should be particularly interesting and timely. The overall title for his lectures is "Religious but Usually Not Too Religious: The Faiths of the Post-World War II Presidents." The three-part series will consist of the following lectures:

"Overview: from Truman to Bush," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29

"The Faiths of Johnson and Nixon," at noon Wednesday, Jan. 30

"The Faiths of Reagan and Clinton," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30.

All lectures, which are open to the public, will be delivered in the Stetson Room. Please encourage your students to attend this series of lectures. Cultural credit is available. Please contact Mitchell Reddish at mreddish@stetson.edu or at 386-822-8932.

From: Mitchell G. Reddish

VALUES COUNCIL BOOK FEASTS. The Values Council announces a set of pro-con book feasts on its theme emphasis, "Global Citizenship." First, on February 20, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge (Carlton Union Building) participants will discuss *Why Globalization Works* (Yale University Press, 2004) by the distinguished economic journalist Martin Wolf. At the time of publication Wolf was associate editor and chief economics commentator at the *Financial Times* in London. He was formerly a senior economist at the World Bank's division for international trade. An unabashed defense of a global market economy, Wolf asks and answers three key questions: 1) Why a Global Market Economy Makes Sense?, 2) Why There is Too Little Globalization?, and 3) Why the Critics are Wrong?

On March 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge a "con" book feast will feature a reading and discussion of Peter Singer's *One World: The Ethics of Globalization* (Yale University Press, 2002). Singer, a professor of bioethics at Princeton University, raises ethical questions about globalization, especially with regard to climate change, the role of the World Trade Organization, human rights and intervention, and foreign aid.

The final book feast for the spring semester will take place on April 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge on Anouar Majid's *A Call for Heresy: Why Dissent is Vital to Islam and America* (University of Minnesota Press, 2007). Anouar Majid is founding chair and professor of English at the University of New England and the author of *Freedom and Orthodoxy: Islam and Difference in the Post-Andalusian Age*; *Unveiling Traditions: Postcolonial Islam in a Polycentric World*; and *Si Yussef*, a novel. He is also cofounder and editor of *Tingis*, a Moroccan-American magazine of ideas and culture.

In this work, Majid argues that the so-called "clash of civilizations" between the United States and contemporary Islam is really a clash of competing religious, political, and economic "fundamentalisms" that thwart and even silence creativity. In response, he calls for a return to the thought of Ibn Rushd, Thomas Paine, Abu Bakr Razi, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and others.

The book feasts are open to all students, faculty and staff. At this time we are taking reservations only for the Feb. 20 feast. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu by Wednesday, February 13, 2008 and pick up a free book by the end of the day. (A limited number of free copies are available. If you have the book or purchase it, you are welcome to register for the feast as well.) By receiving a free book, participants promise to read it in advance and attend the book feast. No-shows who received a free book will be ineligible for other book feasts during this academic year.

Entire courses are encouraged to participate. If attendance is a course requirement, students must purchase the book (or books).

To register for the remaining two book feasts we ask that you register when we post a formal announcement on Stetson Today in March.

These events qualify for cultural credit, and refreshments will be provided. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at dmusser@stetson.edu.

From: Donald Musser

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 19: Faculty Recital – Lynn Musco, clarinet; Michael Rickman, Piano

January 22: Benefit Concert for the Jacksonville Symphony Players Association, concert is free but donations would be appreciated

January 27: Faculty Recital – Susan McQuinn, flute; Boyd Jones, harpsichord; Ben Lieser, horn

January 29: Faculty Recital – Lloyd Linney, soprano; Michael Rickman, piano

February 1: Guest Recital – Charles West, clarinet

From: Kathleen Loftus

REPORTS OF 2006-2007 SABBATICALS and 2007 SUMMER GRANTS are now on Faculty Reserve in the duPont-Ball Library. Faculty are invited to stop by to read about the summer activities of their fellow colleagues.

From: Judy Ward

THE STETSON UNIVERSITY ART DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU TO: The Shipwreck Dress. A reading by author/Stetson English professor **Terri Witek** from her newest book of poetry, in collaboration with **Cyriaco Lopes**, Assistant Professor of Art and Digital Art on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Duncan Gallery of Art, Sampson Hall.

This event is free and open to the public (**Note: very limited seating**). Cultural Credit applies for Stetson students. For further information call 386-822-7266 or 386-822-7719.

From: Chris Nelson

"TOUR DE LAND!": 'GREEN BIKES' PROGRAM TO LAUNCH ON JAN. 31ST. On January 31st, the Bonner Scholars Program and Student Government Association will be launching "Green Bikes" – a campus community bike program that aims to promote campus environmentalism as well as student health and wellness by allowing students to use designated "Green Bikes" bicycles for one-week periods at no cost.

The launch of "Green Bikes" will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31st at the Holler Fountain in the Quad. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the launch, which will include some opening remarks about the program, then a bike tour of several sites in Deland - including the Stetson Mansion, the segregated cemetery, the Horace Bell honey bee farm, a new housing development (with an ironic twist) and the grapefruit grove around the house of Gary Bolding, Professor of Art. Even with stops to walk around the cemetery with West Volusia Historical Society's Bill Dreggors, a chance to buy some local raw honey, and pick (for free!) some grapefruit, all of these are so close (who knew?!) that even at a slow pace and with minimal kick-off talk, we should be back by 5:00. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets, if possible, as there will only be approximately 20 Green Bikes available for the tour. Be sure to bring a backpack for grapefruit, as well as water if you'll get thirsty.

The launch of "Green Bikes" is part of the nation-wide environmental movement "Focus the Nation," which works to raise awareness and dialogue about global warming. More information about "Focus the Nation" can be found at <http://www.focusthenation.org/about.php>.

If you have any bicycles or supplies that you would like to donate to the program, please contact Kevin Winchell, Coordinator of Bonner Scholars and Community Outreach, at kwinchel@stetson.edu.

From: Kevin Winchell

MISCELLANEOUS

NEEDED TO BORROW: ONE CRIB AND ONE YOUTH BED for Freiburg guests staying in guest housing, February 25 – March 5, 2008. Please contact Judy Ward (x 7010 or jward@stetson.edu) if you can help. Thanks!

From: Judy Ward

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Mary Pollock, Professor of English, presented a paper entitled "The Storytelling Ape: The Rhetoric of Autobiographical Field Narratives" at the Modern Language Association Convention in Chicago on December 28, 2007.

From: Mary Pollock

Dr. Tom Farrell, Professor of English, had his article, "The Prioress's Fair Forehead," published in *The Chaucer Review*. A note in the article acknowledges the assistance offered by **Dr. Kandy Queen-Sutherland**, Professor of Religious Studies, during Tom's research into the Greek and Hebrew words usually translated as "palm" or "hand" in English versions of the Bible, as well as that provided by Tom's wife Mary about anthropometric measurements of the cranium and face.

From: Tom Farrell

Dr. Stephen Ng, Assistant Professor of Music, was invited to appear as the first *'Artist in Residence'* at St. Paul's College in Hong Kong, December 13 – 21, 2007. Dr. Ng performed a solo recital, taught masterclasses, conducted workshops for the choirs, and gave seminars on "How to Use Your Voice in a Healthy Manner" and "Music Study in the U.S."

Dr. Stephen Ng appeared as tenor soloist in 2 performances of Handel's *Messiah* at the Beijing Central Conservatory of Music Festival (December 27, 2007) and St. John's Cathedral in Hong Kong (January 9, 2008).

Additionally, on January 13, 2008, Dr. Stephen Ng appeared as tenor soloist in J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* as part of the *St. Mark's Arts Series and the Community Concert Series of Riverside Presbyterian Church*, Jacksonville, Florida.
From: Patrece Robinson

Dr. Stephen Robinson, Professor of Music, performed a solo concert at the Glenridge Performing Arts Center Series in Sarasota, Florida, January 12, 2008. Also, a review of Dr. Robinson's compact disc, *Felicidade*, appeared in the December 2007 British publication, *Classical Guitar*. Reviewer Steve Marsh writes, "Occasionally a CD comes along in the review stack in which the featured performer immediately stands out from amongst the others for their sheer musicality, technical virtuosity and 'listenability' factor – and this new release from North American guitarist Stephen Robinson is such a CD. *Everything* about this disc smacks of quality. The more astute amongst you will have gathered by now that I liked this new disc enormously, and with a recording quality second to none, *Felicidade* is indeed a jewel in the crown of the Clear Note Publications CD catalogue and is to be highly recommended."
From: Patrece Robinson

HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Stetson University is indebted to many individuals who have shown their support of excellence in higher education through generosity to our programs. Dolly and Homer Hand are two such remarkable people. They have provided funding that is used to recognize outstanding faculty. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Council of Deans have worked together to structure the awarding of these funds, which are known as the Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements. The recipients of these awards are announced at Spring Commencement.

The categories and number of the Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements are:

- (a) Hand Award for Research, Creative, and Professional Activity - 3 @ \$1,500
- (b) Hand Community Impact Award - 1 @ \$1,500.

(a) HAND AWARD FOR RESEARCH, CREATIVE, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

With the Hand Research Awards, we celebrate the professional achievements of faculty at Stetson University. We recognize that faculty talent may be expressed in a variety of ways and that the criteria for determining excellence in different areas of scholarly inquiry or creative expression may vary. The Hand Research Awards emphasize the quality of the research or creative activity, the significance of the accomplishment within the faculty member's field, and its contribution to the intellectual vitality of our campus. This Hand Award recognizes that excellence is to be found in innovative as well as traditional forms of scholarship; in work that contributes to the pedagogical discussion in a discipline or across disciplines as well as work that makes original contributions to knowledge; in work that redefines disciplinary knowledge as well as in work that reinforces it; and in major community outreach projects that demonstrate substantive disciplinary or interdisciplinary knowledge.

(b) HAND COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

With the Hand Community Impact Award, we celebrate the achievements of faculty serving the needs of the community, both the Stetson community and the community beyond the campus. An institution depends on its faculty to provide guidance to its students, expertise to its governance structure, leadership in its planning processes, and connections to the larger community. We recognize that the life of a teacher is a life of service, service that goes beyond the classroom, service that takes inordinate time and energy. While service may at times seem to take faculty members away from their disciplines, it can also be an important form of scholarly investigation, as when theoretical understandings are applied or tested in local communities. Academic service may also involve important leadership in disciplinary organizations at both the regional and national level. All these kinds of service—to our academic community, to our surrounding communities and state, to our disciplines, to the world—are among our most important contributions to knowledge and our most impressive statements of our values commitments. We are pleased that this Hand Award will honor such achievements in service by our faculty.

PROCEDURES:

Any faculty or academic administrator may nominate a faculty member to be considered for the Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements; however, self-nominations are not appropriate. The person nominating should work with the person being nominated in preparing a representative packet of documentation and supporting materials. This packet should include:

- a letter explaining why this faculty member is being proposed for consideration, to include relevant details of the significance of the nominee's accomplishments within his/her discipline;
- a current curriculum vitae;

- examples of work, reviews or citations or other evidence of the impact of the nominee’s work, and any other item considered helpful in the decision. Care should be taken to present only representative materials and not overburden the committees with unnecessary items.

Nominations for the award are received by the college/school/library dean/director who forwards them to the college/school/library committee. This committee selects the designated number of nominations and forwards them to the Office of Academic Affairs, which then forwards them to the University committee for review. The identity of those chosen by the University committee is forwarded to the Chair of the Council of Deans, but otherwise remains confidential until the announcement at the Spring Commencement ceremony. Winners in each category are eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed.

COMMITTEES:

1. College/School/Library Hand Award Recommendation Committees

(a) Formation of the committee:

After nominations have been received, the dean/director of each college/school/library appoints a representative group of faculty to serve as the Hand Award Recommendations Committee. The size of the committee may vary according to the size of the college/school/library. Care is taken to involve appropriate gender and minority representation as well as those sensitive to the research/creative process as it applies to that unit.

(b) Responsibilities of the committee:

The committee receives the nominations and selects those that will be sent forward to the University committee. The number of nominations that may be sent forward from each unit are: College of Arts and Sciences - 8, School of Business Administration - 2, School of Music - 2, Library - 1. The nominations are sent without comment or priority indication.

2. University Hand Award Committee

(a) Formation of the committee:

The Council of Deans appoints faculty to serve on the University committee.

(b) Responsibilities of the committee:

The Chair of the Council of Deans convenes the committee, reviews with them the procedures and expectations, leaves prior to discussion of individuals, and remains available to respond to questions that the committee may have. The committee has access to all information generated by this process and to the list of prior recipients.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND DATES FOR HAND AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DATES	SPECIFIC PROCEDURES
February 25	Nominations are due to college/school/library dean/director
March 10	The Dean/director of each college/school/library appoints their respective Hand Award Recommendation Committee
April 2	The Recommendation Committees forward nominations to Office of Academic Affairs
April 7 – 11	The Chair of the Council of Deans convenes the University committee
April 14 – 25	The University committee reviews nominations
April 28	The University committee submits the names of winners to the Chair of the Council of Deans
May 10	Awards are announced at Commencement