

THE NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 23, 2009

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday, January 27	Last Day to Adjust Spring Schedule without Financial Penalty
Friday, January 30	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Rinker Auditorium
Wednesday, February 11	Town Meeting on Diversity - No Daytime Classes; University-wide Events Scheduled
Monday, February 23	Nominations due for Hand Awards
Monday, March 2	Mid-Term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via BannerWeb
	Residence Halls close 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, March 2-6	SPRING HOLIDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 at 12:00 noon in the Rinker Auditorium, Lynn Business Center. Please note the change in location! A light lunch will be served in the lobby beginning at 11:45 a.m., and with normal rules waived for this event, faculty may eat in the auditorium. Agenda items include a report on the joint meeting of the Trustee Finance and Executive Committees held January 23, an update on facilities, and a report on spring and fall enrollment figures.

January 30, 2009	(Friday)	Rinker Auditorium, LBC	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

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009, 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, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009, at noon in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium. Please mark your calendars and watch for further announcements.

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 eligible for consideration again in that category after five years have passed. A list of previous winners is available online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HandAwardHistory.pdf>.

From: Judy Ward

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THE ULTIMATE SELF ASSIGNMENT. Richard Mackson, Director of External Relations and Vice President in the Office of the CTO at Eastman Kodak and former Sports Illustrated contract photographer, will be speaking on how he photographed the Beijing Olympics last summer in China. The discussion will include not only how it was shot but also give a glimpse into the technology used to "make, manage and move" the images. The presentation will be highlighted by a 20+ minute multi-media presentation of his images. The event is scheduled for **7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26**, in the **Lynn Business Center Auditorium**. Cultural credit will be offered. For more information, contact Daniel Plante at dplante@stetson.edu or by phone at ext. 7553.

From: Dan Plante

VALUES COUNCIL LECTURE. The Values Council invites students, faculty, and staff to a lecture on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the H. Douglas Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall. In accordance with the Values Council's year-long theme, "Tradition and Innovation," lecturer Michael Kinnamon will be discussing "Is It Possible to Talk to One Another? Tension Between Tradition and Change." Kinnamon is General Secretary of the National Council of Churches.

Kinnamon earned a Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1980 in the field of religion and literature. His A.B. degree is from Brown University in 1971. He previously was the Allen and Dottie Miller Professor of Mission, Peace, and Ecumenical Studies at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis. He also was Professor of Theology and Ecumenical Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary from 1988 to 2000 and was dean of the seminary from 1988 to 1998. Prior to that, Kinnamon was Assistant Professor of Theology at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, from 1983 to 1988 and Acting Dean from 1986 to 1988.

In addition to his scholarly work, Kinnamon has a strong ecumenical background. He was General Secretary of the Consultation on Church Union, which became Churches Uniting in Christ, from 1999 to 2002. He was executive secretary of the World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order from 1980 to 1983 and had a major role in drafting the World Council of Churches' major planning document, "Toward a Common Understanding and Vision of the WCC." Kinnamon is widely published on the subject of the Ecumenical Movement. In 200, he was appointed the 9th General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, a position he continues to hold today.

This event qualifies for cultural credit. For additional information contact Dr. Donald Musser (dmusser@stetson.edu).

From: Don Musser

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. Wilson will deliver the Stewart Lecture Monday evening, 7:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Center.

From: Dixon Sutherland

2009 STEWART LECTURE. Dr. E. O. Wilson will visit Stetson's campus to 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

STETSON'S ART EXHIBITION ACHTUNG-ATTENTION-CUIDADO NOW OPEN. The joint Art Faculty Exhibition between Stetson and Freiburg Art Faculty is now open and 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 the H. Douglas Lee Chapel, Elizabeth Hall, at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted.**

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

THE WRITING CENTER (FLAGLER 209) IS NOW OPEN for our regular hours of Monday - Thursday (3:00 - 9:00) and Sunday (6:00 - 9:00). This service is available to any student enrolled in a course that requires significant writing and/or research. "Walk-ins" are welcome, but appointments with particular tutors can be made on our website (accessible through Stetson's site index); ideally, this will encourage students to develop extended mentoring relationships with specific tutors.

If one of your students attends a session, you will receive an interactive evaluation report via email. Please take the time to respond to this report - doing so allows you to offer valuable input on the student and the tutor's performance. If you have difficulty navigating the website, don't hesitate to contact me for assistance.

From: Michael Barnes

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OPERA. Persons wishing to donate any of the following items may drop them off in the music office in Presser Hall or contact Russell Franks (x 8952 or rfranks@stetson.edu) for pick-up.

Silk/faux flowers and plants of all types and sizes!!!

Silk/faux ficus trees/shrubs!!!

Vintage clothing - preferably wool coats/suits/vests

Dresses - cotton or silk that have 1940's look

Overalls

8x10 or smaller picture frames

Thank you for your help!

From: Russell Franks

Note From the Editor: The Newsletter returns to the regular schedule of the first and third Fridays in February. Articles for the next publication are due by Wednesday, February 4, at 4:00 p.m.

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.

Nominations for Hand Awards for Distinguished Faculty Achievements will be considered in either of these two categories.

- (a) Hand Award for Research, Creative, and Professional Activity
- (b) Hand Community Impact Award

A total of three Hand Awards will be awarded in 2008-2009.

(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 23	Nominations are due to college/school/library dean/director
March 9	The Dean/director of each college/school/library appoints their respective Hand Award Recommendation Committee
April 1	The Recommendation Committees forward nominations to Office of Academic Affairs
April 6 – 10	The Chair of the Council of Deans convenes the University committee
April 13 – 24	The University committee reviews nominations
April 27	The University committee submits the names of winners to the Chair of the Council of Deans
May 9	Awards are announced at Commencement