

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**MARCH 6, 2009**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, March 9	Classes Resume
Wednesday, March 11	Last Day to Drop Course Without Academic Penalty
Monday-Friday, March 30-April 3	Academic Advising for Summer Session and Fall Semester (NOTE CHANGE IN DATES)
Friday, March 27	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Tuesday-Thursday, April 7-9	Pre-Registration for Summer Session and Fall Semester (NOTE CHANGE IN DATES)
Friday, April 10	Good Friday (University Holiday)
Friday, April 24	Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 noon, H. Douglas Lee Chapel
Wednesday, April 29	<b>Classes End</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20 UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING** are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter. University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of the 2008-2009 academic year are as follow:

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 MONDAY, MARCH 9, AT 6:30 P.M.** in the Faculty Lounge in the Carlton Union Building. All faculty members are encouraged to attend the open discussion with incoming president Wendy Libby. Senators and invited guests meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

From: Stuart Michelson, Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer

### TWO IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR:

- 1) Students should check mid-term grade reports posted on BannerWeb. Paper copies will not be delivered to campus mailboxes.
- 2) The last day to drop a class without academic penalty is Wednesday, March 11. To drop a class, students must bring a drop form signed by the student's academic adviser to the Office of the Registrar no later than 4:30 on Wednesday, March 11.

From: John Tichenor, University Registrar

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

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**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH TO VISIT CAMPUS.** The Center for International Education will host a representative of the University of Edinburgh's study abroad program on **Monday, March 9**. If you would like to meet with Alexandra Baker, have her visit a class or talk to a student group about study in Edinburgh, please email Nancy Leonard at [nleonard@stetson.edu](mailto:nleonard@stetson.edu).

From: Nancy L. Leonard

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**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](mailto:emieras@stetson.edu).

From: Emily Mieras

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**THE 2009 LAWSON LECTURE, "THE SOVEREIGN SELF,"** will be presented by Professor Jean Bethke Elshtain of the University of Chicago Divinity School at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 10**, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. Elshtain, author of the book, "Sovereignty: God, State and Self," is the Laura Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics in the Divinity School. She is also a member of the faculty of the Department of Political Science and the Committee on International Relations.

"Dr. Elshtain is a political philosopher whose task has been to show the connections between our political and ethical and religious convictions," said Dr. Ronald Hall, professor and chair of Stetson's Department of Philosophy. "The effect of a notion of unbounded sovereignty on the self is the focus of her Lawson Lecture."

This is a cultural credit event.

From: Ron Hall

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**GENDER EQUITY COUNCIL BOOK FEAST FOR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS!** Faculty, staff, and students are invited to join members of the Gender Equity Council for a light meal and discussion of *From the Kitchen to the Corner Office: Mom's Wisdom on Leadership* by Michelle Drake. The book feast takes place on **Wednesday, March 11**, 4:00-5:30, in the Faculty Lounge. Participants should reserve a place with Marj Burrhus ([mburrhus@stetson.edu](mailto:mburrhus@stetson.edu) or extension 7430) and pick up the free book in LBC 432. First come, first served.

From: Mary Pollock

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**THE UNIVERSITY VALUES COUNCIL BOOK DISCUSSION.** The University Values Council invites students, faculty, and staff to participate in a lively book discussion (90 minutes, with tasty food and drinks) on the year-long theme: Tradition and Innovation. The book feast, to be held on **March 18, 2009** at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building, is on the reflective and provocative *Among Empires: American Ascendancy and Its Predecessors* by Charles S. Maier. Maier's study of the nature of imperial power throughout history offers a glimpse not only at the character of empire but also at how recent America compares to past empires. Having defined empire and laid out the precedents, Maier traces the last sixty years of American action on the world stage. Readers can judge for themselves if and when the U.S. turned imperial.

The book feast is open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or [lguenther@stetson.edu](mailto:lguenther@stetson.edu) by **Wednesday March 11, 2009**, 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. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at [dmusser@stetson.edu](mailto:dmusser@stetson.edu).

From: Don Musser

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

March 10: Guest Recital – Dana Robinson, organ

March 13: Guest Recital Piano Scholars Festival – Robert Blocker, piano

March 14: Piano Scholars' Recital

March 17: New Music Concert

March 21: Showcase Concert – Stetson Trombone Choir, David Schmidt, director **1:00 pm**

March 21: Alumnus Recital – Jack Coldiron, baritone; Sara J. Davis, piano **4:00 pm**

From: Kathleen Loftus

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The **SENIOR THESIS ART EXHIBITION** opening has been moved from March 20 to **March 27**. The reception will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is tentatively scheduled to be held in Sampson Hall. Following the opening, the regular gallery hours will be Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The gallery is closed on Saturdays. The exhibition continues through April 29, the last day of classes.

From: Chris Nelson

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO RECIPIENTS OF 2009 HAND GRANTS.

#### Hand Grant for Professional Development

Stephen Ng, Associate Professor of Music (half-grant)

#### Hand Grant for Course Enhancement

Kimberly Flint-Hamilton, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology (full grant)

Paul Croce, Professor of American Studies (half-grant)

From: The Council of Deans

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**ANNUAL ANN MORRIS ESSAY AND CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST.** Faculty members, please announce to your current and former students (and encourage those with eligible entries to submit them): Stetson University's Women and Gender Studies Program proudly announces the Annual Ann Morris Essay and Creative Writing Contest, with up to \$500 to be awarded for winning entries in fiction, poetry, drama, essays, research, and creative non-fiction writing. **The deadline is noon on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please submit entries to Dr. Diane Everett, 221 Davis Hall. The contest winners will be announced at the annual Women and Gender Studies Reception on April 8<sup>th</sup> and at the Academic Honors Convocation on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Contest Rules:

- Entries must in some way address the issues of gender, race, ethnicity, social class, and/or sexuality;
- Entrants must be currently registered undergraduate or graduate students;
- All entries must be typed, titled, and sealed in an envelope, with the contest name indicated on the front of the envelope;
- All entries should include a removable page with the author's name, campus unit number, telephone number, email address, and Stetson University identification number;
- The Stetson University identification number should appear on each page of each entry, but no other identifying information should appear on the entry;
- An entry may be solely or jointly authored;
- An author may submit up to three entries (jointly-authored entries count as one); and
- An author should submit three complete copies of each entry.

For more information, contact Dr. Diane Everett at [ddeveret@stetson.edu](mailto:ddeveret@stetson.edu).

From: Diane Everett

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**SURE COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN.** Faculty, please encourage your students to apply for a Stetson Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Grant. Proposals are **due Monday March 9**. Please contact Kimberly Reiter or go to <http://www.stetson.edu/other/research/sure.php> for more information.

From: Kimberly Reiter, Undergraduate Research Committee

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STETSON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ARTS SYMPOSIUM (SURCAS) TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.** Faculty, please encourage your students who are ready to present original research or creativity to apply to SURCAS. If you have not already done so, also please consider giving all your students the time to attend SURCAS on April 8, as audiences are as important as the papers. Applications for the Stetson University Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium for 2009 are **due Monday, March 9, 2009**. Please contact Kimberly Reiter or go to <http://www.stetson.edu/other/research/surcas.php> for more information.

From: Kimberly Reiter, Undergraduate Research Committee

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### FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Dr. Anthony Abbott**, Assistant Professor of Geography, and Lauren Hill recently published Lauren's senior research project results: "Surfacing Tension: Toward a Political Ecological Critique of Surfing Representations" in *Geography Compass* 3(1): 275-296.

From: Tony Abbott

**Dr. Michael McFarland**, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, reports that juniors **Kathleen Orlik** and **Sarah Holland** will be presenting papers at a conference at Florida Atlantic's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta (the honorary communication fraternity). Kathleen's paper was originally written in the rhetoric class taught by **Dr. Rebecca Watts**, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies; her paper is on Obama's acceptance speech in Denver. Sarah was a student in the intercultural communication class, taught by **Dr. Tara Schuwerk**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication Studies; her paper is on stereotypes and intercultural friendships. Additionally, **Rachel McFarland** (a senior at the University of Richmond and Dr. McFarland's daughter), will be presenting her paper on Basque nationalism under fascism. Dr. McFarland will chair a panel at the conference.

From: Michael McFarland

## STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, February 20, 2009

Stetson Room

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met on Friday, February 20, 2009, in the Rinker Auditorium.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and called upon Dr. Greg Sapp, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Hal S. Marchman Chair of Civic and Social Responsibility, to share the good news that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has awarded Stetson University its Community Engagement classification. Fewer than 5% of all colleges and universities in the country receive this award and institutions may apply for the classification in one or two areas—Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships. Stetson was classified in both areas, having documented eligibility institution-wide.

Dr. Michael Branton, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science and Chair of Faculty Senate, presented to faculty the motion from the University Curriculum Council that:

1. At least 50% of credits for Stetson's traditional bachelor's degrees must be completed through Stetson courses.
2. Upper-division requirements are detailed at the College/School level.
3. Policies addressing the eligibility of transfer credits to meet General Education requirements after students have enrolled at Stetson appear in the College/School sections of the Bulletin.

Dr. Gary Maris, Senior Professor of Political Science, seconded the motion and Dr. Noel Painter, Associate Professor of Music and Associate Dean of the School of Music, gave a synopsis of the University Curriculum Council's deliberations in forwarding the three policies. After group discussion, the question was called, Maris/Nylen (motion/second) and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Painter and Ms. Monica Jeancola, Lecturer in Accounting, reported on progress toward converting to the course unit curriculum within the School of Music and the School of Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary  
University Faculty