

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday-Friday, March 17-20	Academic Advising for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Friday, March 21	Good Friday (University Holiday)
Tuesday-Thursday, March 25-27	Pre-Registration for Summer Session and Fall Semester
Friday, March 28	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Friday, April 25	Academic Honors Convocation, 12:00 noon, Elizabeth Hall Chapel
Wednesday, April 30	Classes End

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. Agenda items include a report on the University budget. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m.
From: Judy Ward, Secretary, University Faculty

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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 6:30 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend.
From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

THE ARTISTS AND LECTURERS COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTING FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR. Funding requests are due by April 18. Please send the following information via email to Dr. Emily Mieras at emieras@stetson.edu:

Name of the Artist or Lecturer:

Purpose of visit:

Description of intended audience:

Date of event:

Credentials of artist or lecturer and applicable supporting materials:

Budget for proposed project:

Sponsoring program or faculty member: (Please include contact information, e.g. phone, unit number, etc.)

Feel free to contact Emily Mieras if you have any questions about the process by e-mail or at 822-7532

From: Emily Mieras, Chair, Artists and Lecturers Committee

HONORS CONVOCATION is scheduled for Friday, **April 25, 2008**, at 12:00 noon in the Elizabeth Hall Chapel. 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 7, following the procedures posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/HonorsConvocation.doc>.

From: Judy Ward

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HONOR SYSTEM COUNCIL SEEKS RECOMMENDATIONS. The Honor System Council is currently soliciting applications from students interested in serving on the Council for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Council requests the assistance of faculty and staff members, in identifying good candidates for the Council.

The Honor System Council is a panel of twelve students responsible for implementing the Honor System on campus. Council members' primary responsibility is to increase awareness of the Honor System, and of academic integrity issues, among the campus community. A secondary responsibility is to serve as a peer investigative and hearing board, in cases of alleged academic dishonesty.

Council membership is open to undergraduate students of unimpeachable academic integrity. The Council seeks members who will be proactive and creative in developing programming that will present the purposes and procedures of the Honor System to the Stetson community. Council members must be willing to hold their fellow students to high standards of academic honesty, and to uphold principles of restorative justice in conducting investigations and hearings.

Faculty and staff who know of students who would make excellent Council members are requested to ask those students to apply. Historically, the majority of Council members have joined the Council because a faculty or staff member has encouraged them to do so. Faculty and staff may also give the names of recommended students to the Council. Please contact Chris Riccard, Honor System Council president (criccard@stetson.edu), or John Rasp, Honor System faculty advisor (irasp@stetson.edu), with these names, or with any questions about the selection process.

Further information about the Honor System is available at <http://www.stetson.edu/honorsystem/>. Application materials are available on that website, by following the "Joining the Council" link. Applications are due to the Office of Academic Affairs in DeLand Hall, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28.

From: Chris Riccard, Honor System Council president, and John Rasp, Honor System faculty advisor

STETSON UNIVERSITY WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM IS NOW SOLICITING NOMINATIONS FOR THE JUNE BROOKS AWARD FOR ACTIVISM. Do you know a currently enrolled student whose commitment, insight, imagination, dedication and work on behalf of the community you admire? The June Brooks Award is given annually in memory of a beloved member of the Stetson community, who was known for her active involvement in the world, as she strove to make it a better place.

While all forms of student activism are encouraged, special consideration will be given to:

- activities that promote the cause of women and/or feminism
- activities that combat discrimination based on race, gender, or sexual preference
- activities involving promotion of peace and social justice

Nominations of currently enrolled Stetson students should be made in writing to:

Yves-Antoine Clemmen

Campus Box 8423

By e-mail yclemmen@stetson.edu

The most important part of the nomination is your letter. However, you may wish to supply additional material such as the nominee's résumé, secondary supporting letters, or other documentation of the nominee's service to Stetson or the larger community.

Deadline for nominations: 4:30 PM March 28th, 2008.

Presentation of the award will be at the WGS Reception on April 14th and Honors Convocation.

From: Yves-Antoine Clemmen

ATTENTION FACULTY AND STAFF: Please alert students that if they are planning to take classes in the Summer 2008 semester and wish to apply for financial aid, they must go online to <http://www.stetson.edu/financialaid/forms.php> and complete the Request of Summer Financial Aid 2008 form. This form must be received by the Office of Financial Aid no later than April 11, 2008. The receipt of the form is necessary whether they are enrolling in courses on the DeLand campus or are planning to study abroad.

From: Brittany Debity Barker

NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO PROMOTES SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE FOR ALL. The Advocate for Social Justice Award recognizes a Stetson University student for his or her sustained commitment to social justice and effective leadership on behalf of progressive causes such as cultural diversity, environmental sustainability, economic fairness, gender equity, and peace.

Promotion of social justice is different from conventional charity. The recipient of this award will be recognized, not merely for helping others, but for seeking actively to enhance the dignity, and self-determination of all.

The award recipient will receive:

- A trophy given at the University Honors Convocation
- Name on perpetual plaque
- A significant MONETARY AWARD
- Public bulletin board at the CUB_ (For campus advocacy)
- Domain Name and Server Space (For internet advocacy)

Eligibility:

- Must be a **full-time student**.
- Must have an **established record or show significant promise as an advocate of social justice**.
- Must plan to **remain enrolled at Stetson for the entire '07/'08 academic year**.

A nominating paragraph, describing the student's efforts, is due by **APRIL 10, 2008** to Dr. Michael Denner, Unit 8361. (mdenner@stetson.edu)

Anyone may nominate a student –You may nominate yourself!
From: Michael Denner

VALUES COUNCIL BOOK FEAST. As the semester comes to a close, the Values Council will also be rounding out its discussion of global citizenship with a book feast on **April 9, 2008** at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge in the Carlton Union Building. During the book feast, participants will be discussing Anouar Majid's latest book, *A Call for Heresy: Why Dissent is Vital to Islam and America* (University of Minnesota Press, 2007).

Anouar Majid, a founding chair and professor of English at the University of New England and author of several books on Islam in the Post-Modern era, presents an examination of the dangerous fundamentalism that is stifling both Muslim nation and America is at once revolutionary and provocative. He argues that in order to Islamic cultures and America to survive, they must revive the practice of discussion and dissent, what Majid defines as heresy. Majid claims that there has been stagnation and silencing of the creative voice of both Muslims and Americans. His critique of Islam, especially the more fundamentalist sects, and right-wing American conservatives is clear and concise, giving both sides a balanced examination.

Majid's claim is that "only through encouraging an engaged and progressive intellectual tradition ca the nations reverse their decline and finally work together for global justice and the common good of humanity."

The book feast is open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at 386-822-8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu, by **March 26, 2008** and pick up a free copy of Anouar Majid's *A Call for Heresy* in Allen Hall, room 202. (Note: 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 receive a free book will be ineligible for other book feasts during this academic year.

This event qualifies for cultural credit, and refreshments will be provided. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at 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 Elizabeth Hall at 7:30 pm and are free to the Stetson community **unless otherwise noted**.

March 25: Chamber Orchestra Concert – Anthony Hose, conductor; Michael Rickman, piano; Stephen Robinson, guitar. *Celebrating 25 years at Stetson*

March 27: **BENEFIT CONCERT WITH GEORGE WINSTON CANCELLED.** Redeem tickets at Presser Hall

March 28: Guest Recital – Richard Cionco, piano. *Piano Scholars Weekend*

March 29: Piano Scholars' Recital – Michael Rickman, piano **4:30 p.m.**

March 30: Faculty Recital – Tom Waid, tuba **3:00 p.m.**

From: Kathleen Loftus

SENIOR THESIS EXHIBITIONS. Thirteen graduating art and digital art-art majors have their works on exhibit as noted at the following venues.

The Museum of Florida Art (formerly The DeLand Museum of Art) at 600 North Woodland Blvd., DeLand, Florida 386-734-4371, has on display works from **Courtney Botzford** (painting and ceramic), **Kristin Fossnes** (ceramic); **Blake Henschel** (mixed media); **Kim Menninger** (mixed media); **Ryan Cooper** (video self-portrait); and **Sean Gordon** (animation). This exhibition continues through March 30, 2008. Museum hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sundays 1 – 4 pm. \$3 general admission (free to Stetson students presenting Stetson ID). Closed Mondays. Cultural credit for Stetson students.

The Duncan Gallery of Art features the work of **Annemarie Heekin** (mixed media); **Kimberly Lyle** (ceramic/mixed media); **Virginia Monte** (painting); **Petra Ramirez** (ceramics/mixed media); **Davidson Thomas** (mixed media); **Derick Ostrenko** (digital); and **Kevin Ward** (interactive video). The exhibition continues through April 30, 2008. Gallery hours: Mon-Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sundays 1 – 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Gallery events are all free and open to the public. Cultural credit for Stetson students.

From: Chris Nelson

CLAUDIA STEVENS TO PERFORM ONE ACT PLAY. Critically acclaimed playwright and performer, Claudia Stevens, will be returning to Stetson University to perform her latest One Act Play entitled, “Blue Lias, or the Fish Lizard’s Whore.” The performance will take place at the Sands Theater Center in DeLand on March 26, 2008 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and cultural credit will be available to students.

Steven’s play examines the rising debate and conflict between science and religion during the 1800’s, during the rise of Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection. The play focuses on Mary Anning, a religious yet ardent geologist and paleontologist who discovers the complete skeleton of a plesiosaur. Stevens plays Anning as well as her arch rival William Buckland, a minister and geologist who takes credit for Anning’s discoveries and work. The play provides fodder for the discussion of where science and religion, as well as gender issues can meet without conflict.

Stevens is a widely known musician, playwright and performer who is completing her East coast tour of “Blue Lias, or the Fish Lizard’s Whore.” She is an Associate Professor of Music, currently on leave, at the College of William and Mary. She has written several plays dealing with a wide range of topics, dealing with the conflict of ethics and actions. Her work includes a plays on bio terrorism (*The Poisoner on the Train*), science, gender and religion; hate crimes and reconciliation (*Dreadful Sorry, Guys*).

This event is sponsored by the Institute for Christian Ethics, The Metanexus Institute and the Stetson Center for Science, Nature and the Sacred. If you have any questions regarding the event please contact Lisa Guenther in the Religious Studies department at ljguenth@stetson.edu or 386-822-8930.

From: Dixon. Sutherland

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE. We will be having our annual Spring Blood Drive on Thursday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Friday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked in front of the Carlton Union Building. Moe’s Southwest Grill will be providing salsa and chips and burritos for all donors. Incentives for donating blood this month include FREE Admission to Marineland, a book bag, and a T-shirt.

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 the success of our last blood drive on February 13-14, 2008, in which 99 units of blood were collected to save 297 local lives. Thank you so much for your support! We hope to see you on April 10th and 11th.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOME REPAIR SERVICES. Help Around The House LLC - providing you with professional services for your home and office. Proudly serving members of the Stetson community & the West Volusia area for over 6 years. Licensed & insured. If we can be of assistance to you, please, call Don Roske at (386) 985-6556, (386) 747-6634 (cell) or by e-mail at droske@earthlink.net.

From: Linda Roske

QUAINT BUNGALOW FOR RENT. 201 E. Stetson Street. 2 bedrooms/1 bath; closed-in Florida room; large walk-up attic for storage; laundry room w/ washer & dryer; large front porch; detached garage; fireplace; central air & heat; SPOTLESS. walking distance to Stetson. Rent includes utilities (electric; water; trash disposal; sewer). \$875/month. Maximum 2 persons, no pets, no students please. Available immediately. Call John Wilton, 386-956-2737 or email: jwilton@stetson.edu
From: Nancy Wilton

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Leena Taneja, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, was invited to appear on the WMFE radio program *Intersection* to discuss Buddhism in Central Florida, on Wednesday March 12, 2008.

From: Leena Taneja

Dr. Richard A. Ferland, Associate Professor of French and Chair of the Modern Language Department, read a paper entitled "They're Dancing on His Grave: The Convulsionists of St. Médard Cemetery and Their Suppression by the King" at the meeting of the Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages & Literatures held at Stetson University on February 23rd, 2008.

From: Richard Ferland

Dr. Stuart Michelson, Roland & Sarah George Professor of Finance, recently attended the Midwest Finance Association 2008 annual meeting in San Antonio. Dr. Michelson presented his paper "Do Experienced Analysts Produce More Reliable Earnings Estimates?" and participated as a discussant and session chair at two other sessions.

Dr. Michelson attended the mid-year board meeting of the Academy of Financial Services in San Antonio, participating as a board member and as the editor of the *Financial Services Review* academic journal.

From: Stuart Michelson

Dr. Carina King, Lecturer in Sport Management, will be attending the 123rd American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Convention & Exposition. The event runs April 8-12 in Fort Worth, Texas, where she has been elected as a Presider for a Research Consortium Presentation Session on Wednesday, April 9.

Dr. King also will be participating in the Florida Office of Women in Higher Education conference at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens on March 28.

From: Carina King

Dr. Patrick Coggins, Jesse Ball duPont Professor of Teacher Education, reports the following activities.

On March 7, 2008, Dr Coggins presented a workshop entitled "Trends in Cultural Competence and Diversity". at the National Association of Directors of Equity " hosted at the Seminole Community College. Attendees were from Rollins University, University of Central Florida, Seminole Community College, Daytona Beach Community College, Lake County Community College, Valencia Community College and Stetson Multicultural Education Institute

On March 14, 2008, Dr Coggins presented the following Keynotes at plenary sessions at the Annual Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) in Tampa, Florida. The two Topics were " Strengthening Treatment Access and recovery for Culturally Diverse- and Ethnic Populations" and the second Keynote address was entitled "Multicultural Awareness: New medical Information Useful in Understanding and Treating Substance Abuse Clients." The audience included State offices of Children and Youth, State Alcohol and drug Abuse Services, Florida Alcohol and drug abuse Association and representatives of Substance Abuse Treatment Agencies and Fields.

Dr Coggins was selected to a juried research panel who on March 25-26 will meet with other experts including Dr C. Edward Koop, Former Surgeon General of the United States of America. This expert team is part of the Innovators Combating Substance Abuse National Center, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

From: Patrick Coggins