

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**MARCH 7, 2008**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Sunday, March 9	Residence Halls open 12:00 noon
Monday, March 10	Classes resume
Wednesday, March 12	Last day to drop course without Academic Penalty
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	<b>Classes End</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 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:

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

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE** are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

From: Stuart Michelson, Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer

**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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**ANN MORRIS ESSAY AND CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST** Faculty members, please announce to your current and former students: 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 19<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 14<sup>th</sup> and at the Honors Convocation on April 25<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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**EVE ENSLER LECTURE AND DISCUSSION.** Eve Ensler, award-winning author of *The Vagina Monologues*, will give a lecture on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium. Ensler's visit to Stetson is part of her nation-wide College Speaking Tour to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the V-Day Campaign, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Founded in 1998, V-Day is a worldwide movement of education, support and fundraising for local organizations. Through benefit productions of the *Vagina Monologues*, V-Day has raised over \$ 40 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and girls and the efforts to end it. Stetson students' annual production of the play continues to benefit the Domestic Abuse Council in Daytona Beach and A Woman's Touch in DeLand. A book signing is planned after Ensler's lecture. The event is free to the Stetson Community and open to the general public. Tickets (\$ 10 for the general public, \$ 5 for non-Stetson students with valid ID) can be purchased at the door. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

A discussion of Eve Ensler's latest book *Insecure At Last: Losing It in Our Security-Obsessed World* will take place on Monday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cross-Cultural Center. The text explores the measures we take to keep ourselves safe, and how we can experience freedom by letting go of the deceptive notion of "protection". Interested Stetson students, faculty and staff should purchase the book and meet on Monday, March 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Cross-Cultural Center. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Elisabeth Poeter at [epoeter@stetson.edu](mailto:epoeter@stetson.edu) or Ext. 7280. Refreshments will be served  
From: Elisabeth Poeter

**2007/08 SPORT MANAGEMENT GUEST LECTURER SERIES.** National Hockey League Consumer Products Marketing Vice President, Mr. Jim Haskins, will dialogue and interact with the Stetson community about his work as a sport marketing strategist plus provide insights to the dos and don'ts on career preparation. Gain an inside understanding of experiential marketing from this 15 year NHL veteran with expertise in strategy, licensing, event management and brand product development. Haskins is a 1988 graduate of Stetson University (BA Political Science) and received his Master of Education in Sports Management from Springfield College in 1991. Haskins currently serves as a member on the Stetson University College of Arts and Sciences Board of Advisors

Guest Lecture by: Jim Haskins, NHL Consumer Products Marketing VP  
LBC: ROOM 014  
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2008  
Time: 2:30-3:30p.m.

This event is open to all and qualifies for cultural credit. For additional information, contact Dr. Wayne Bailey (Political Science) at [wbailey@stetson.edu](mailto:wbailey@stetson.edu) or Dr. Carina King (Sport Management) at [carking@stetson.edu](mailto:carking@stetson.edu) or Ext 8105.

From: Carina King

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**VALUES COUNCIL BOOKFEAST.** In continuation of the book feasts on the topic of globalization, the Values Council is pleased to announce that next book feast will involve a reading and examination of Peter Singer's *One World: The Ethics of Globalization* (Yale University Press, 2004). The book feast will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building.

Peter Singer is Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University. He has written on various ethical topics, such as the ethical treatment of animals, genetic screening, euthanasia, and affluence. With *One World*, Singer hopes to provide, not only the meaning of globalization, but also the moral obligation to globalization. As G. John Ikenberry, of *Foreign Affairs*, noted in a recent review, Singer presents "acceptable principles of global fairness . . . that even the rich and powerful countries ignore."

*One World* examines four important and current issues facing our country and our world. They are climate change, the World Trade Organization, human rights, and humanitarian intervention and foreign aid. Singer's goal is to analyze these issues and provide a critique of the actions of developed nations as well as a "prism of ethics" through which the audience can foster change within their environment and the world as global citizens.

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](mailto:lguenth@stetson.edu), by Monday, March 10, 2008 and pick up a free copy of Peter Singer's *One World* 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](mailto:dmusser@stetson.edu).  
From: Don Musser

**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*).

If you have any questions regarding the event please contact Lisa Guenther in the Religious Studies department at [lguenth@stetson.edu](mailto:lguenth@stetson.edu) or 386-822-8930.  
From: Dixon. Sutherland

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**FOUR FIRST PERFORMANCES OF NEW MUSICAL WORKS** will be the highlights of Stetson University's Composition Department Recital on Tuesday evening, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Elizabeth Hall.

Faculty composers Manuel DeMurga, Sydney Hodkinson and Nathan Wolek will offer an extremely varied selection of pieces written for oboe, computer-generated sounds and woodwind quintet. Stetson artists performers include Ann Adams, oboe, Ashley Heintzen, bassoon, Benjamin Lieser, French horn, flutist Susan McQuin and Lynn Musco, clarinet.

This concert of premieres will be free and open to the public.  
From: Sydney Hodkinson

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**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 9: University Symphony Orchestra – Anthony Hose, conductor  
**St. Luke's Cathedral, Orlando, FL 6:00 pm**  
March 14: CMENC Broadway Revue – Benefit Concert **\$5.00 admission to all**  
March 16: Faculty Recital – Boyd Jones, organ **3:00 pm**  
March 18: Faculty Composers – Manuel de Murga, Sydney Hodkinson  
and Nathan Wolek

From: Kathleen Loftus

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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** The next issue of The Newsletter will be published on Thursday, March 20, due to the University holiday on March 21. The deadline for submission of articles is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18.

**FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Mr. Andy Dehnart**, Lecturer in English and Communication Studies, reported and wrote a piece for *Wired* about the identity of a figure resembling Apple founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak in Epcot's Spaceship Earth attraction. In addition, he wrote a column for the January issue of *RealScreen* magazine and five pieces of television criticism for *msnbc.com*.

From: Andy Dehnart

**Dr. Susan Hewlings**, Assistant Professor of Integrative Health Science, received word that her text book, *Nutrition: Real People Real Choices*, has been published and released by Pearson/Prentice Hall and is now available for purchase.

Dr. Hewlings announces the creation of a dog rescue program called The A.R.F Shack [www.arfshack.com](http://www.arfshack.com) . Persons interested in adopting a dog or in making a charitable donation may contact Sue at [shewling@stetson.edu](mailto:shewling@stetson.edu). Their 501 c 3 status has been filed, they are awaiting approval.

From: Sue Hewlings

**Dr. Shawnre D. Campbell**, Assistant Professor of English and Director of Africana Studies, gave an invited lecture entitled, "Creating A Village: Committed to the Beloved Community" for the First Unitarian Universalist of West Volusia speaker program in DeLand, FL on February 10, 2008.

From: Shawnre D. Campbell

**Dr. Stephen Robinson**, Professor of Music, was invited to perform concerts, teach master classes and/or appear as soloist with orchestra for the following Universities and Arts/Civic Centers:

Austin Peay State University, *Guitar Fest 2008*, Clarksville, Tennessee - Solo performance and master class; February 5-6, 2008.

Florence Symphony Orchestra, Florence, South Carolina - Guitar soloist in performances of Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* for guitar and orchestra and Roland Dyens' *Tango en Skai* for guitar and strings; solo performance at the Florence Youth Orchestra's Annual Youth Concert at the Florence Civic Center. February 10-11, 2008.

California State University at Northridge - Solo performance and master class; February 21-22, 2008.

From: Patrece Robinson

**Dr. Stephen Ng**, Assistant Professor of Music, has been invited to attend *Songfest 2008* at Pepperdine University, Malibu, California from May 26-June 17, 2008. As one of 12 'Stern Fellows' selected nationwide for this prestigious and highly competitive program, Dr. Ng will work closely with Graham Johnson, one of the world's leading vocal accompanists; with John Harbison, distinguished Pulitzer Prize winning composer; and with Martin Katz, internationally renowned pianist/collaborator.

From: Patrece Robinson

**Faculty Senate Meeting January 28, 2008**  
**Regular Meeting, Chair Michael McFarland Presiding**

Attending: Stuart Michelson (Senate Secretary) (Business), Michael McFarland (Senate Chair) (A&S At-large), Michael Branton (Senate Vice-Chair) (University At-large), Shawnrece Campbell (A&S At-large), Jane Christeson (Music), Patrick Coggins (Education), Richard Copeland (Business), Manuel de Murga (Music), Andy Dehnart (Lecturers/Adjuncts), Kimberly Flint-Hamilton (A&S Social Sciences), Jennifer Foo (Business), Tandy Grubbs (Natural Sciences), Jamil Khader (University At-large), John Pearson (A&S At-large), Susan Peppers-Bates (Humanities), Bob Sitler (A&S At-large)

Guests: none

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Chair McFarland.
2. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2007 meeting. (Branton/Peppers-Bates, motion/second). Approved unanimously.
3. Progress report on tutoring program. Program not making progress because of lack of work-study money. Senate will investigate this further.
4. Elections: Faculty Senate elections will begin soon. Senate will nominate and elect open positions on University Grievance Council Committee and Tenure, Grievance, and Academic Freedom Committee. Michelson will send information to Senators.
5. Suggestion that the Senate invite the chairs from each of the P&T Committees (University, College, Schools) to meet and discuss consistency in the process.
6. Faculty Finance Committee: Question asked as to what's causing the current budget problems. Response: fewer students in the fall than projected (about 20 fewer transfer students), the number of students returning this Spring is lower than projected (91% instead of 93%), possible loss of the FRAG, Trustees (at the last Finance Committee Meeting) requiring the university to have a balanced budget with no more than a 5% increase in tuition, and the continuing increase in expenditures on utilities and insurance.
  - Question was asked about returns on the endowment. Michelson explained the diversification of the portfolio over the past few years and how the portfolio has met and outperformed the respective indexes over the past few years.
  - Senator suggested that Stetson consider offering online courses as an additional revenue source.
  - Suggestion was made to invite Nestor de Armas to discuss the long-term plan for the university addressing the fundamental problems with the university. This is an important topic considering we are in the process of hiring a new president. **Faculty Senate requests that the Trustees work with the administration to develop a long-term strategic plan. This will be an actual written plan that is executed and evaluated on a regular basis.**

7. Course unit system: proposed to increase the perceived and real value to our students/constituents. This should help lower the discount rate and increase the attraction to a broader population of potential students. Discussion ensued.
8. Discussion of possible bias to P&T decisions. COD has compiled the data. Committee is being formed to analyze the data and investigate the possibility of bias. Senate request that this committee be formed soon and start work this semester. As part of the investigation, the committee should also assess the assessment process. Discussion ensued.
  - Question was raised regarding the debate on the process of decoupling the promotion and tenure decision (i.e. receive tenure, but not promotion). Should decoupling not be allowed in the future? This will be put on the agenda for February's Senate meeting.
9. Incident last Fall of gay discrimination. This is a communication issue for the university and an educational opportunity for the university and faculty. Hatter Alert is a process to alert students (and any faculty that provide cell phone info) to urgent/emergency situations. Discussed the need to review the Nethersole report and evaluate implementation. Senate requests that Deborah Thompson attend the next Senate meeting to discuss these issues and the processes in place.
10. There are a few places on campus where it is dangerous to walk. (crossing Woodland between Flagler and Elizabeth) (crossing Amelia between campus and the new dorms). Request that the university install stoplights or revise sidewalks to address the issues. Motion to recommend a new stoplight on Amelia and revise the sidewalks near Woodland. Moved/seconded Coggins/Branton.
11. Motion to adjourn (Coggins/Foo). Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Michelson.