

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Wednesday, November 26	No Classes. Administrative offices open as usual.
Thursday, Friday, November 27-28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Wednesday, December 3	Classes End
Thursday, December 4	Reading Day
Friday-Thursday, December 5-11	FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Thursday, December 11	Final Grades for Graduating Students Due to Registrar via BannerWeb by 9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 12	Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement 10:00 a.m.
	Residence Halls close 3:00 p.m. for ALL STUDENTS
Thursday, December 18	All Grades Due to Registrar by 9:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO USHER AT 2008 FALL BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT. Please contact Judy Ward (jward@stetson.edu or x 7010) if you can usher at either or both of our fall commencement events. Baccalaureate will be held on Friday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Elizabeth Hall Chapel; and commencement ceremonies for all degree candidates will be held on Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Edmunds Center.
From: Judy Ward, Commencement Coordinator

REPORTS ON 2007-2008 SABBATICALS, 2008 SUMMER GRANTS, and 2008 HAND GRANT are on faculty reserve in the Library. Faculty are encouraged to read about their colleagues' recent research and professional activities
From: Judy Ward

FACULTY ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THE 2008-2009 FACULTY SERVICE CHART, now posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/service.php> and also available in hard copy from the Office of Academic Affairs. Please forward corrections to Unit 8358 or via e-mail to kloftus@stetson.edu.
From: Judy Ward

TOWN MEETING ON DIVERSITY RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009. Faculty, as you plan for your spring classes, I encourage you, where appropriate, to include ways that your students may incorporate and reflect on the work of that day into their continuing coursework. As soon as the Diversity Council's plans for the day are firmed-up, I will distribute a working copy of the schedule.

In the meantime, please know that we welcome input and suggestions.

From: Leonard Nance, Dean of First Year Studies and University Adviser on Diversity Issues

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UNIVERSITY**

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.**

November 21: Symphony Orchestra with Concerto Winners – Anthony Hose, conductor

November 22: Community School of the Arts Youth String Orchestra – Routa Kroumovitch-Gomez, director **3:00 p.m.**

November 22: Stetson Chorale and Stetson Men – Andrew Larson, conductor

November 23: Student Composers' Recital – **3:00 p.m.** In this concert, the composers feature art song, live computer music, a work for amplified toy piano and various forms of chamber music with influences that range from classical music, heavy metal, music from Latin America and more. To close the concert, the Stetson Student Composers organization presents a special event called "Theme in a Can" featuring improvisations by Dr. Boyd Jones, Dr. Michael Rickman and student musicians on themes provided by members of the Stetson School of Music community and chosen at random during the concert.

November 25: Choral Union – Ann Small, conductor

December 04: Christmas Candlelight Concert, Alan Raines, conductor (**Tickets required; Sold out**)

December 05: Christmas Candlelight Concert, Alan Raines, conductor (**Tickets required; Sold out**)

December 07: Christmas Candlelight Concert, Alan Raines, conductor **4:00 p.m. (Tickets required; Sold out)**

A traditional concert of music celebrating the Christmas season, tickets sold in Presser Hall.

The entire Stetson community is invited free of charge to an open dress rehearsal of the annual Christmas Candlelight Concerts on Wed., Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Elizabeth Hall Chapel. The students will be dressed in their formal wear, the candles will be lit and the hall decorated, and the music will be the same as in the performances scheduled for Dec. 4, 5, and 7. The audience is asked to be seated prior to 7:30 p.m.

From: Kathleen Loftus

19TH JURIED STETSON UNIVERSITY ART EXHIBITION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED. On Friday, November 7, 2008, 24 students were juried into the 19th Juried Student Art Exhibition. Twenty-seven students entered 78 works, 49 of which were selected to be in the show opening on Friday, November 14, in the Duncan Gallery of Art. Twenty-four artists juried into the current exhibition were vying for 18 coveted awards and prizes totaling over \$5,000. The results are:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Artist</u>
Ann Hall Best of Show Award	Tim Patz (acrylic on canvas)
Dean of Arts & Sciences Purchase Award	Abbey Lamb (mixed media)
.....	Rachael Peck (ceramic)
.....	Alexandra Harney (clay)
Dean of Business Administration Purchase Award.....	Jaclyn Miller (mixed media)
Students' Choice Award.....	Sara Hagan (oil on canvas)
Charlene Thomas Award of Excellence.....	Sabrina Fernandez (white earthenware/oil paint)
Feasel Paint-Glass-Home Décor Award of Excellence	Jaclyn Miller (mixed media/TV)
Li-Hung Catron Award of Distinction.....	Alex Robinson (white earthenware with glaze)
Express Printing Award of Distinction.....	Sara Hagan (oil on canvas)
Old Spanish Sugar Mill Award of Distinction.....	Abbey Lamb (oil on canvas)
Rich & Lillis George Award of Distinction	Angela Prosan (ceramic)
Speedway Custom Photo Lab Award of Distinction.....	Katie Humphreys (acrylic)
Katharine Hansen Award to a Non-Art Major.....	Rosie Bumpus (DVD)
Awards of Merit	Kelsey Clews (clay)
	Jana Fisher (audio installation)
	Sarai Moore (black and white photograph)
	Sophia Penafiel (color photograph)
	Carley Rudd (clay)
	Angeli'que Stevenson-Taylor (drawing)

In addition to the above awards, the following *Patron's Choice* purchases were made:

Jim and Joan Beasley

Channing and Jennifer Coolidge.....

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The students whose works are on exhibition through December 3, 2008 are: Rosie Bumpus, Kelsey Clews, Brielle Dunne, Sabrina Fernandez, Jana Fisher, Grace Gdaniec, Sara Hagan, Alexandra Harney, Katie Humphreys, Sean Kinberger, Abbey Lamb, Dana Martino, Jaclyn Miller, Sarai Moore, Jennifer Newell, Tim Patz, Rachael Peck, Sophia Penafiel, Angela Prosan, Lyzaida Rivera, Alex Robinson, Carley Rudd, Anjeli'que Stevenson-Taylor, Ashley Znak.

The Duncan Gallery of Art is free and open to the public Monday through Friday 10 am – 4 pm and on Sundays 1-4 pm. The gallery will be closed November 26-30 for Thanksgiving. For further information call 386-822-7266.

From: Chris Nelson

NATURAL SCIENCES SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE. Celebrate the opening of the Sage Hall addition and all the disciplines in the Division of Natural Sciences with a t-shirt or crewneck sweatshirt! Shirts will be sage green with white ink. Tees are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$25 (add \$2 for XXL sizing), with proceeds being invested in the Kresge Endowment which supports the purchase and maintenance of equipment for all the departments in the Division. Prepaid orders only are being taken through December 15th in any of the division's academic department offices (Biology, Chemistry, Geology/ESS, Integrative Health Sciences, Math/CS, or Physics); shirts will be ready at the beginning of next semester. Design details can be seen on the Sciences at Stetson web site: www.stetson.edu/artsci/science. Or, contact Laura Glander in the Physics office (lglander@stetson.edu or x8910).

From: Laura Glander

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Tara J. Schuwerk, Visiting Assistant Professor in Communication Studies, was a participant/presenter in a round table discussion entitled, "Stretching Outside of the Ivory Tower: A Roundtable Discussion of Turning Research into Social Justice Action" at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender, October 2008, Nashville, TN.

From: Tara Schuwerk

Dr. Paul Croce, Professor and Chair of American Studies, wrote "Is Sarah Palin'?", as a Guest Commentary before the election for The DeLand Beacon (October 27-29, 2008).

From: Paul Croce

Dr. Donald Musser, Senior Professor of Religious Studies, presented a critical assessment of an upcoming Oxford University Press book by Brian Birch at the annual meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology meeting at the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Chicago on November 2. Musser is also the author of six biblical theology articles in the initial volumes of *Feasting on the Word*, a 12 volume set of commentaries on the Christian lectionary texts, edited by David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor and published by Westminster John Knox Press. Additionally, Musser vetted a prospective article for *Horizons*, the journal of the Catholic Theological Society. Musser is serving on the planning committee for an international conference on Baptist history and theology, scheduled for September 2009 during the 400 year anniversary of the rise of Baptists in England. He also represented Stetson at the inauguration of Alice Hunt as the 16th president of Chicago Theological Seminary on October 30. Dr. Hunt, formerly Associate Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School, previously taught as an adjunct instructor in Stetson's Religious Studies Department.

From: Don Musser

Dr. Rusty Witek, Professor of English, has had his "The Arrow and the Grid: Creating the Comics Reader," published in *A Comics Studies Reader*, a collection of "the best of the new comics scholarship," from the University Press of Mississippi. Witek's previous work is mentioned in "The Rise of Comics Scholarship: the Role of University Press of Mississippi" on the internet at: <http://sanseverything.wordpress.com/2008/08/02/the-rise-of-comics-scholarship-the-role-of-university-press-of-mississippi/>

From: Rusty Witek

Dr. Jamil Khader, Associate Professor of English, had his article, "Subaltern Cosmopolitanism: Community and Transnational Mobility In Caribbean Postcolonial Feminist Writings," which came out in *FS: Feminist Studies* (Spring 2003): 63-81, cited in Ferda Asya's "Anarchism in the Works of Aurora Levins Morales" [*Writing off the Hyphen*. Eds. Jose Padilla and Carmen Rivera. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, 2008.]

Dr. Khader had word that his article, "After Tantara/ After Auschwitz: Trauma, Postcoloniality, and the (Un)Writing of the Nakbah in the Documentary Film, *Paradise Lost*," has just come out in *The Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 44. 4 (2008): 355-65.

Dr. Khader will be presenting a paper on "Vampire Fiction and Trauma Theory" at the 30th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL, March 18-22, 2009.

Dr. Khader will also chair a panel on "Re-reading Fairy Tales" with his students **Sabrina Edmonston**, **Crystal Smith**, and **Stephanie Scobell** at the same 30th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL, March 18-22, 2009.

From Jamil Khader

Dr. Phillip Lucas, Professor of Religious Studies, presented a paper entitled, "The Ramana Maharshi Effect: When a Movement is not a Movement" at the American Academy of Religion Annual Conference in Chicago Nov. 3, 2008. The paper was part of a session examining new religions in South Asia.

From: Phillip Lucas

Dr. Missy Gibbs, Associate Professor of Biology, and **Dr. Terry Farrell**, Professor of Biology, together with their students **Kristyn Talmadge**, **Donny Lock** and **Jonathan Shields** had their paper "Reproduction in an invasive exotic catfish *Pterygoplichthys disjunctivus* in Volusia Blue Spring, Florida, U.S.A." published in the July, 2008 edition of *Journal of Fish Biology*.

From: Missy Gibbs

Dr. Patrick Coggins, Jessie Ball duPont Professor of Teacher Education, presented a keynote speech and paper entitled "Prejudice Reduction: Making Choices" at the Holocaust Awareness Conference on November 11, 2008, at the Jewish Community Center in Palm Beach, Florida.

Dr. Coggins presented a paper entitled a "Detention Prevention: Keeping Youth from Entering the Criminal Justice System" at the Connecticut Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System. His five recommendations will be incorporated into Commission's.

Dr. Coggins presented a public lecture on October 30th titled, "Tuskegee Airman Fighter Pilot of World War II, Lt. Col. Hiram E. Mann, an Original Tuskegee Airman," which discussed Mann's experiences as a pilot during WWII. Dr. Coggins also shared the content of his book on the Tuskegee Airman. CSPAN covered the lecture for a future broadcast in November 2008.

Dr. Coggins presented a paper on "Understanding the New Standards for Social Science Education" on October 25, 2008, at the Florida Council on the Social Studies Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida.

From: Patrick Coggins

Dr. Betty Thorne, Professor of Information Services, has received notice that her statistics textbook, *Statistics for Business and Economics*, Sixth edition, co-authored with Paul Newbold and William Carlson and published by Prentice-Hall has been authorized for sale in India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.

Dr. John Tichenor, Assistant Professor of Information Services, Director of Institutional Research, and University Registrar, and **Dr. Thorne** presented their joint research paper "Using Inter-class Teams to Teach Business Statistics" at the Tenth Annual Conference of the Academy of Business Disciplines, November 6 – 8, 2008 in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida.

Dr. Thorne and Dr. Tichenor participated on October 28, 2008 in a live internet event "Integrating SPSS Statistics into Your Course." This teleconference was sponsored by SPSS Inc.

From: Betty Thorne

Dr. Stephen Ng, Associate Professor of Voice, appeared in the inaugural *Sarasota Bach Festival* on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, Florida. Dr. Ng performed Bach's Cantata No. 4, *Christ Lag in Todesbanden* with the Sarasota Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra.

Dr. Stephen Robinson, Professor of Music, performed a solo benefit concert for the Port Chester - (New York) Council for the Arts on October 24, 2008 in Rye Brook, New York.

On October 26, 2008, Dr. Robinson performed a solo recital on the *More Music Series* at Church of St. Thomas More in New York City.

Dr. Robinson also performed a benefit recital at Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine, Florida on November 1, 2008. The concert benefited the *Betty Griffin House*, a refuge and counseling center for abused and battered women and their families.

On November 12-13, 2008, Dr. Robinson was invited to perform a solo recital and teach a master class at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, Michigan. Dr. Robinson was also the featured guest artist for the Interlochen Public Radio *Music Radio Program* on November 12.

On November 21, 2008, Dr. Robinson appeared on the Advent Christian Village "Live! At Dowling Park Artist Series" in Dowling Park, Florida where he performed 2 recitals with flutist Donna Wissinger.

From: Patrece Robinson

Dr. Terri Witek, Professor of English and Art and Melissa Sullivan Chair in Creative Writing, has had four poems published in *Blackbird* at <http://www.blackbird.vcu.edu/v7n2/index.htm> (press poetry on the masthead): "How to Apparel Yourself for the Hunt," "How to Lure a Lizard into a Bird Feeder," "Walking Angry in that City" and "Walking House-proud." Witek recently read poems and delivered a paper about using poetic forms (called "Why the How") at the Florida Literary Arts Coalition Conference. She also read from her new book, *The Shipwreck Dress*, at the 25th Anniversary Miami Book Fair. She has been invited to New York to read on November 21 with other 2009 Alhambra Poetry Calendar Poets at NYU's The Poets House, and to Rutgers University, where she'll speak to an MFA Poetry Workshop.
From: Terri Witek

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From: Linda Roske