

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**OCTOBER 19, 2007**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, October 19	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Monday-Friday, October 22-26	Academic Advising for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Wednesday, October 24	Applications due for 2008-2009 Sabbaticals
Monday-Tuesday, October 29-30	Registration for Upper-class Students for Spring Semester
Monday-Wednesday, November 5-7	Academic Advising for First-year students for Spring Semester
Thursday, November 8	Registration for First-year students for Spring Semester
Wednesday, November 21	No Classes
Thursday-Friday, November 22-23	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (University Holiday-no classes)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007**, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. Agenda items include a report and discussion on recruitment initiatives for Fall 2008 and a report on the Presidents Climate Commitment. 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:

October 19, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
November 16, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
NO MEETING SCHEDULED for December			
January 25, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
February 15, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
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

**SABBATICAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 24.** Following new procedures, applicants are to submit eleven (11) copies of their complete application to the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358 or 1<sup>st</sup> floor, DeLand Hall), and one (1) extra copy of the "Sabbatical Application Form" (cover sheet only) to the chair of the Professional Development Committee: Jane Christeson, Unit 8399 or Room 212 Presser Hall. Applications received in the Office of Academic Affairs after October 24 at 4:30 p.m. will not be considered. Samples of successful applications are on reserve in the Library. Complete application guidelines are available from the Office of Academic Affairs or online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php>.

**SUMMER GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS DUE OCTOBER 24.** Department Chairs are reminded to forward Summer Grant applications and recommendations to their Dean by Wednesday, October 24.

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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**EARLY ENGLISH HISTORY FIELD COURSE**, May 20-June 4. There will be an information session on Wednesday, October 24, at 4 pm in EH 315 for all those interested in the 2008 Ancient/Medieval Britain Field Course, taught by Dr. Kimberly Reiter in the Department of History. This year, we will be studying the impacts of prehistoric peoples, Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Normans on the history of Britain exploring the megalithic ruins of the British Stone Age, hiking Dartmoor and Hadrian's Wall, exploring prehistoric tombs and medieval castles, and visiting Roman villas and fortresses. Along the way, we will discuss how the British envision and preserve their physical past. There will be time off in Wales, Durham, York and of course, London. This course is open to faculty and staff as well as students. Come hear about this exciting and wildly popular adventure! For more details, contact Kimberly Reiter at x7541 or [kreiter@stetson.edu](mailto:kreiter@stetson.edu).

From: Kimberly Reiter

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**UNDERWATER SCIENTIST CHARLES BEEKER SPEAKS ON 31 OCT AND 1 NOV.** Indiana University scientist, Charles Beeker, has been invited as part of the 2007/08 Sport Management Guest Lecture Series. Beeker, an underwater archaeologist, directs the Office of Underwater Science and Academic Diving at Indiana University. His multidisciplinary approach to scuba related research involves departments such as anthropology, biology, kinesiology, public policy and environmental affairs, sport and recreation management, etc. He established the nation's first undergraduate certificate program in underwater resource management. Beeker has conducted research projects on submerged artificial reefs, cultural and biological resources throughout the United States and the Caribbean for more than 20 years. He is an internationally recognized pioneer in the creation of underwater museum exhibits. Many of his projects have resulted in the establishment of state or federal underwater parks and preserves, and have led to several site nominations in the National Register of Historic Places. He was a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Archaeological Working Committee for the Abandoned Shipwreck Act and is currently on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee.

Beeker will speak at Stetson in the Rinker Auditorium, room 108 LBC, on Thursday 31 Oct at 5pm and Friday 1 Nov at noon. The lectures will cover various research projects and make the case for scuba as a research methodology in various fields of study. The event is funded by the Artists and Lecturers Committee. The events qualify for cultural credit. For additional information contact Carina King, [carking@stetson.edu](mailto:carking@stetson.edu), at the Department of Integrative Health Science and Sport Management.

From: Carina King

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**THE STETSON CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED**, a program of the Stetson Values Council and the Metanexus Institute, invites you attend a talk (with a Question and Answer session) by internationally known lecturer , John Haught. John Haught is Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Theology at Georgetown University. He will speak in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building, October 22, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. on "Evolution and Faith: What is at Stake?." Cultural Credit is available.

Haught's area of specialization is systematic theology, with a particular interest in issues pertaining to science, cosmology, evolution, ecology, and religion. He is the author of numerous articles and reviews. In 2002 he was the winner of the Owen Garrigan Award in Science and Religion and in 2004 the Sophia Award for Theological Excellence. He testified for the plaintiffs in the 2005 "intelligent design trial" (*Kitzmiller et al. vs. Dover Board of Education*). For more information regarding the lecture please contact Dr. Donald Musser at 386-822-8934.

From: Don Musser

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**THE VALUES COUNCIL ALONG WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN ETHICS, AND TEMPLE BETH-EL** will host Dr. Neil Gillman on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building. Dr. Neil Gillman will be speaking on the topic of "Global Citizenship From A Jewish Perspective."

Dr. Neil Gillman is a member of the Conservative movement's rabbinical body, the [Rabbinical Assembly](#), and is a professor of [Jewish philosophy](#) at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in Manhattan, New York. He graduated from McGill University in 1954, was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1960, and received his PhD in philosophy from Columbia University in 1975. A popular speaker and teacher, Dr. Gillman is the author of several books and essays, including *Traces of God: Seeing God in Torah, History and Everyday Life*; *The Death of Death: Resurrection and Immortality in Jewish Thought*; and *The Jewish Approach to God: A Brief Introduction for Christians*. Cultural Credit will be available.

From: Don Musser

**GREENFEATHER BLOOD DRIVE.** We will be having our annual Greenfeather Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Carlton Union Building, Faculty Lounge. Registration will take place in the Faculty Lounge with follow-up in the Florida's Blood Centers Blood Mobile located in the circle in front of the Carlton Union Building. Special incentives for donating blood this month include a 50% off admission to Universal Orlando, free admission to Marineland, and a free commemorative Greenfeather T-Shirt. A Chick-Fil-A sandwich will be available for all blood donors.

Please remember to bring your Club Red cards when donating blood. After two donations, you'll receive \$10.00 in Darden Gift Certificates, redeemable at Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Smokey Bones, and Bahama Breeze.

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.

From: Mitchell Reddish

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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**.

October 19: Elgar Festival – University Symphony Orchestra  
Anthony Hose, conductor; David Bjella, cello

October 21: Woodwind Ensembles **3:00 p.m.**

October 23: Faculty Recital – Stephen Robinson, guitar; Boyd Jones, organ

October 26: University Symphony Band – Bobby Adams, conductor

October 27: Stetson Opera Theater presents an evening of Operatic Scenes from  
*La Bohème, Act II, Puccini The Tender Land, Selected Scenes, Copland -  
Russell Franks, director*

October 28: Alumnus Faculty Recital – Ernest Murphy, tenor; Michael Rickman, piano **3:00 p.m.**

October 28: Artist & Lecturers Series Guest Recital – David Ascanio, piano

October 30: Artist & Lecturers Series Guest Recital – Terry Pender, mandolin; Brad Garton and Gregory Taylor, laptop

November 2: Student Composers' Recital

From: Kathleen Loftus

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**ART EXHIBIT CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 29.** An exhibit featuring the works of Richard Heipp continues through October 29 in the Duncan Gallery of Art in Sampson Hall. Richard Heipp, a professor of art at the University of Florida, has taught painting for over 25 years, and is known for his large-scale installations and site-specific public art projects.

From: Chris Nelson

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**DEAR STETSON FACULTY COLLEAGUES** - The Stetson Chorale has received a juried invitation to perform at the State Convention of the American Choral Director's Association on November 2, 2007. These student singers will depart Stetson's Campus at 11:30 on Friday, November 2, and return at approximately 5 p.m. that same day. Those students involved with this performance invitation are:

Sarah Anderson	Gina-Marie Francolino	Shannon McPadden	Sarah Scherff
Mari Bryan	Lauren Friedman	Kaitlyn McQuinn	Lauren Schneyer
Lauren Burke	Aubrey E. Gamble	Jessica Moon	Melissa Serluco
Allison Conkling	Michelle Haymon	Sarai Moore	Jenna Siladie
Holly Cooper	Diana Hunter	Adrienne Myers	Megan E. Thompson
Ashley Cox	Heather Janiczek	Allison Nance	Regina Urban
Audrey Coyne	Ariana Joyner	Elise Onur	Tiffany Vasquez
Ashlee Suzanne Culp	Nicole Lemoine	Christina Parson	Betsy Walch
Legera Danieleles	Laura Long	Sandra Perry	Lauren Woodall
Hannah Rose DeBevoise	Stefanie Maldonado	Emily Pinyot	Megan Woodall
Daniella DiRoma	Shaina Lee Mattei	Tricia Reilly	
Michelle DuCharme	Meagan McHugh	Michelle Sayers	

From: Andrew Larson

**INVITATION TO SHARE** - Our annual Thanksgiving food drive has a new name, *Stetson Shares*. Our objective is the same, to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to as many needy families as we can. However, instead of making deliveries to individual homes (last year nearly 300 families!), we will be working with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of Spring Hill and other local organizations.

Join the fun and help our community in this important effort. Pick up a basket (while quantities last) or grocery bag from Patricia Lopez ext. 4025 e-mail [plopez@stetson.edu](mailto:plopez@stetson.edu) or Linda Grooms ext. 7184 e-mail [lgrooms@stetson.edu](mailto:lgrooms@stetson.edu), fill it with the ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal (list of necessary items will be provided). Have fun and be creative, decorate your basket or grocery bag. This is truly a Stetson tradition and with the sponsorship of the Quality of Service Council, we hope to have another banner year. Baskets/grocery bags can be dropped off at the duPont-Ball library on Thursday or Friday, November 8th and 9th.

From: Pat Lopez

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## FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Mr. William Elliott**, Lecturer in Theatre Arts, was granted the position of production consultant by the *Women Playwrights Initiative* in Orlando, FL. In collaboration with Stetson students and alumni, Mr. Elliott served as the technical advisor for the world premiere of Ree Howell's *Five Women in Havana*. **Elise Holt** 07' (Stage Manager), **Eileen Betancourth** 07' (Set Designer), and **Cathleen Plazas** 08' (Lighting Designer) were advised by Mr. Elliott on their first professional production. (September 2007)

Lake Highland Preparatory School, located in Orlando hired Mr. Elliott as their Scenic Designer for the production of *Playboy of the Western World*. (October 2007).

From: William Elliott

**Dr. Jamil Khader**, Associate Professor of English, had his article "Postnational Ethics, Postcolonial Politics: Raimonda Tawil's *My Home, My Prison*" published in *Arab Women's Lives Retold: Exploring Identity Through Writing*, ed. Nawar Al-Hassan Golley (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2007): 71-89.

His "Autobiographical Memory, Marginality, and the Socio-psychology of Diaspora," a review of *Diaspora, Memory, and Identity: A Search for Home*, ed. Vijay Agnew (Toronto, Buffalo, and London: University of Toronto Press, 2005) has come out online on H-Nationalism @h-net.msu.edu (October 2007). <<http://nationalismproject.org/h-nationalism.html>>

From: Jamil khader

**Dr. Terri Witek**, Professor of English, has learned that her poem "Almost Anybody's Love Life" will appear in the *2008 Poetry Calendar*, English language edition, published internationally by Alhambra Publishing.

Witek's recent publications include an article in the *PN Review*, "In Loving Disagreement: Donald Davie" and poems in *Barrow Street* and *The Cincinnati Review*. She opened the 2007-2008 Visiting Writers' Series at University of California, Northridge, where she gave a reading and spoke to students in a "Literature and the Visual Arts" class as well as to poetry classes.

From: Terri Witek

**Mr. Andy Dehnart**, Lecturer in English, published an article on corporate-sponsored blogs in *Wired* on Sept. 18. He's also been asked to serve as interim TV editor for *msnbc.com* during an editor's seven-month leave, while continuing as a contributing writer for the entertainment section. In addition, his site *reality blurred* was recently named one of *PC World's* "100 Blogs We Love."

From: Andy Dehnart

**Dr. Tom Farrell**, Professor of English, presented his paper "Austen, Joyce, O'Brian, and Chaucer's Squire: Bakhtin and Medieval Narratology" at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association held October 4-6, 2007, at Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC. Tom was also the organizer for the pedagogically oriented "Breakfast with Chaucer" reading session at the conference.

From: Tom Farrell

**Mr. Sims Kline**, Associate Professor and Reference/Outreach Services Librarian, recently made presentations to two community groups: "Mysteries of the Stetson Mansion" to the Florida Museum of Art Guild and "It Was Festination" to the DeLand Area Parkinson's Support Group.

From: Sims Kline