

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Thursday-Friday, October 11-12	FALL BREAK
Friday, October 12	Mid-term grade reports due to Registrar via BannerWeb
Monday, October 15	Applications due for 2008 Summer Grants
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTMEBER 10, 2007 FACULTY SENATE MEETING are attached elsewhere to this addition of The Newsletter.

From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. in the Stetson Room. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Agenda items will be announced electronically

University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of 2007-2008 are as follows:

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

2007-2008 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

Summer Grant applications are due **October 15**. Applicants are to submit eleven (11) copies of their complete application to the Office of Academic Affairs (Unit 8358 or 1st floor, DeLand Hall), and one (1) extra copy of the "Summer Grant 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 15 at 4:30 p.m. will not be considered.

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 1st floor, DeLand Hall), and one (1) extra copy of the "Summer Grant 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.

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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STETSON EXPERTS: A VALUABLE GUIDE TO NEWS SOURCES. The Office of Public Relations and Communications publishes an online Stetson Experts Guide designed to give the media convenient access to Stetson University faculty and staff experts. Journalists want to quote experts who can provide specific, accurate and current information in a timely manner, and we want our Stetson Experts Guide to continue to facilitate that.

The online Guide provides each expert's name, title, areas of specialization, office telephone number and e-mail address. (We can omit phone numbers upon request.) In addition, the Office of Public Relations and Communications is available to help journalists locate professors and staff members, and to assist our experts in any way possible.

We ask those of you who already have agreed to be Stetson Experts to please review your listing under the "Broad Subject Index" of the Guide at <http://www.stetson.edu/marcom/experts2.php>. Please notify the Office of Public Relations and Communications if your listing needs to be updated. If you are not included, please let us know if you'd like your name to be added to the list.

- General questions about the Experts Guide and about what it means to be a Stetson Expert should be directed to Cheryl Downs, director of Media and Public Communications, at cdowns@stetson.edu or 386-822-7213.
- Experts in the College of Arts & Sciences who wish to have their listings updated or added should contact Communications Specialist Gerri Bauer at gbauer@stetson.edu or 386-822-8922.
- Experts in the School of Business Administration should contact Business Communications Specialist Carlos Herrera at cherrera@stetson.edu or 386-822-8921.
- Experts in the School of Music should contact Betty Brady at bbrady@stetson.edu or 386-822-7284.

Our Faculty in the News page <http://www.stetson.edu/marcom/facultynews.php> includes many examples of what Stetson Experts participation can accomplish.

From: Cheryl Downs

FINAL CALL to participate in a year-long discussion of science and religion. You are invited to join sixty other students, faculty, staff, and local citizens in book feasts over Ian Barbour's science/religion classic, *When Science Meets Religion: Enemies, Strangers, or Partners?* (Harper: San Francisco, 2000.) Barbour is professor emeritus of Physics and Religion at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

Participants will receive a free copy of the book and be invited to the book feasts. The next feast will be on Wednesday, October 17 from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the Allen Hall Auditorium. We will discuss pages 90-118 on Evolution and Continuing Creation. The next upcoming feast is scheduled for October 30 in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. The remaining feasts will be held in February and April of 2008, with specific details announced later.

All new and past participants need to register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu by Wednesday, October 10, and new participants will need to pick up a free book in Allen Hall, room 202. (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. Organizers realize that participants might be unable to attend the remaining four book feasts, but request that they try to attend as many as possible. This event qualifies for student cultural credit and refreshments will be provided. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at dmusser@stetson.edu.

From: Don Musser

JAZZ MUSICIAN FRED HO TO GIVE OCT. 18 HOWARD THURMAN LECTURE A self-described "radical, revolutionary artist," Fred Ho will give the Howard Thurman Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building. The Brooklyn composer and author's presentation is titled "Jazz and the Revolutionary Imagination: Afro-Asian Identities; New Sounds and a New World."

From: Cheryl Downs

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 including *Is Nature Enough? Meaning and Truth in the Age of Science*. His most recent publication *Christianity and Science* was released. 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

STETSON MANSION OPENING FOR GALA EVENING, FALL TOURS. The Stetson Mansion, built by Stetson University benefactor John B. Stetson, has been undergoing a thorough renovation and will reopen this fall. The first look will be available during an *Arts in Autumn Gala at the Mansion* fundraiser for the Museum of Florida Art, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. The event will include an array of gourmet hors d'oeuvres, libations, live music, an antique and art auction and period actors. Gala tickets for museum members are \$100; tickets for non-members are \$125. The Stetson Mansion is located at 1031 Camphor Lane in DeLand.

In addition, tours will be given from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, from Oct. 18 through Dec. 16. Tour tickets are \$10 for museum members, \$12 for non-members and \$5 for children. Tickets for either the Gala or the tours are available at the Museum of Florida Art, 600 N. Woodland Blvd.
From: Betty Brady

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

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

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 5: Faculty Benefit Recital: Collegiate Music Educators National Conference
\$5.00 admission to all

October 18: Elgar Festival – University Ensembles

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

From: Kathleen Loftus

SUMMER FREIBURG PROGRAM 2008

The Summer Freiburg Program is now accepting course proposals for the coming year. Proposals should have a European focus and may be designed to meet general educational requirements including E- and C-course requirements or address topics in a major field of study. The program welcomes proposals from many different areas of study within the College of Arts and Sciences and the Music School.

Faculty teaching in Freiburg will receive a stipend to cover expenses for travel to Germany, rent and other living expenses for the duration of the program and salary for the teaching one course.

Dates for the 2008 program: May 17 – June 28, 2008.

Deadline for submitting proposals: Oct. 5, 2007.

To submit proposals or for further information, please contact:

Elisabeth Poeter at epoeter@stetson.edu or David Dysart at ddysart@stetson.edu.

You may also visit the website at www.stetson.edu/artsci/freiburg

From: Elisabeth Poeter

MISCELLANEOUS

Please help! We need someone willing to take in a 6-year-old spayed female cat from February 2008 to August 2008, and we will pay \$50/month. Her name is Bella, she's an eight pound domestic shorthair calico who sheds minimally, has an extraordinarily long tail, and who loves people & attention & laps. Bella is an indoor-only cat, and she has her claws. Please call Joel Davis at x7724 or 738-2893 or 490-0532, and thanks.

From: Joel Davis

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Bill Jens, Professor of Accounting and C.R. Lindback Chair of Business, and **Dr. Larry Belcher**, Professor and Chair of Finance and Director of the George Investments Institute, recently participated as invited speakers at the Walt Disney World Leadership Conference. Dr Jens and Dr. Belcher spoke at several sessions in Orlando at the East Coast conference and Dr. Belcher also did two sessions at the West Coast Disney Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. Dr. Jens presented sessions on Time Management and Dr. Belcher did sessions on Understanding Financial Markets and the Economy. Stetson's Celebration Business Programs also had a booth in the conference's Expo section.

From: Larry Belcher

Dr. Phillip Lucas, Professor of Religious Studies, has published his article, "Constructing Identity with Dreamstones: Megalithic Sites and Contemporary Nature Spirituality," in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol 11: 1. The article represents the culmination of 7 years of study of megalithic monuments in Western Europe and how sites such as Stonehenge, Newgrange, and Callanish are being used today to practice various forms of nature spirituality. Those interested in the paper can find issues of *Nova Religio* in the Stetson Library.

From: Phillip Lucas

Dr. Joel Davis, Assistant Professor of English, has received word that his article, "Paulina's Paint and the Dialectics of Masculine Desire in the Metamorphoses, Pandosto, and The Winter's Tale" has been reprinted in Shakespearean Criticism 101 (2007).

Dr. Davis will also chair a session titled "The Ends of Love in Elizabethan Poetry and Prose" at this year's South Atlantic Modern Language Association meeting, November 9-12, in Atlanta.

From: Joel Davis

Dr. Michael Denner, Assistant Professor of Russian Studies, received a Title VIII grant to spend ten days in June at the Summer Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In August, he traveled to Russia to present a paper entitled "'Но да не утрашит тебя величие': Толстой, знаменитость и скандал о картине «Рыбная ловля» Бунина" at the V Международная научная конференция «Лев Толстой и мировая литература outside of Tula, Russia. While there, he also presented a copy of the most recent issue of the *Tolstoy Studies Journal* to Vladimir Tolstoy, Leo Tolstoy's great-grandson and current director of the Museum-Estate of Leo Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana. (Dr. Denner is the editor of the *Tolstoy Studies Journal*, the international peer-reviewed publication of the North American Tolstoy Society.) The paper will appear in the conference proceedings, published by the museum, this winter.

Dr. Denner received word that his article "'Be not afraid of greatness...': Leo Tolstoy and Celebrity" will be published in the 2009 issue of *Journal of Popular Culture*.

He also appears as a talking head in two documentaries produced by Lucas Films, *Seeking Truth—The Life of Leo Tolstoy* and *Unquiet Voices—Russian Writers and the State*. Both documentaries will air on the History Channel later this year and will also be included, as Companion Historical Documentaries, to the DVD release of the Emmy®-award winning series, *The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones*.

He also has a book review of *Bakhtin: Ethics and Mechanics* Valerie Z. Nollan (ed.) appearing in the Winter issue of the *Slavic and East European Journal*.

From: Michael Denner

Dr. Tony Abbott, Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Science, accompanied two students, **Caroline Barron** and **Sam Rabin**, to the Orange to Green Climate Change Summit at the Orange County Convention Center on September 25th. The summit consisted of several panel discussions on the future of Orange County vis-à-vis global warming and municipal plans to reduce carbon emissions. Focus panels featured topics on transportation and alternative fuels, green building and recycling, energy use, and regional action. Featured speakers included Mayor Richard Crotty, Roger Ballentine, and Charlie Christ. Information gathered at the conference will be applied to Stetson greening initiatives.

From: Tony Abbott

Faculty Senate Meeting, September 10, 2007
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), Patrick Coggins (Education), Richard Copeland (Business), Andy Denhart (Lecturers/Adjuncts), Kimberly Flint-Hamilton (A&S Social Sciences), Jennifer Foo (Business), Tandy Grubbs (Natural Sciences), Jamil Khader (University At-large), Rob Lehnholt (Library), Megan O'Neill (University At-large), John Pearson (A&S At-large), Susan Peppers-Bates (Humanities), Mollie Rich (Emeritus), Bob Sitler (A&S At-large)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Chair McFarland.
2. Introduction of Senate members.
3. Senate meeting calendar: September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 28, February 25, March (no meeting), April 7, April 28.
4. Minutes from April 2, 2007 meeting approved at the April 30, 2007 meeting. This meeting also consisted of a presentation/discussion from Nestor de Armas.
5. Senate Committees – Chair McFarland presented the committee assignments. Patrick Coggins agreed to be University Athletic Committee representative. (after the meeting Tandy Grubbs agree to be the UAC representative and Patrick Coggins agreed to be on the Communication Committee)
6. Faculty Survey – The consensus was that the Senate should perform a survey. Content and emphasis will be determined later. It's important that the faculty receives feedback on the recommendations from the survey and to the Faculty Welfare suggestions. Communication Committee will develop themes of the major issues that should appear in the survey for the next Senate meeting.
7. Faculty Welfare Committee – Stetson Benefits – (Stuart Michelson) No change in benefits of health plans, increase in premium is 6.88% for 2008. There will be a new BC/BS Medicare Umbrella PPO plan offered starting in 2008. The cost will be reasonable at about \$200 per month per employee/retiree for the full cost of the insurance. Stetson Trustees approved the plan to phase out the retiree health insurance benefit in May 2011. Discussed adding Catastrophic insurance coverage to our health insurance options for those that can't afford our health insurance. Senate would like to see this discussed by the University Benefits Committee. There was also a lengthy discussion about whether the university had a right to terminate the retiree health coverage based on the coverage being an implied legal obligation. How many Stetson full time employees don't carry any health insurance? These people would be interested in Catastrophic coverage.
8. Presidential Search – Search committee has been formed and announced. There are four faculty on the committee. Nestor de Armas (Trustee chair and Search Committee chair) will be at our October or November meeting to report on progress.
9. Discussed future topics: University Vision, SAT requirement, support of General Studies students, awarding of scholarships, AQI, relationships between College/Schools.
10. Music School Dean Search continuing. Lynn Musco is chair of the search committee and the position notice has been sent out.
11. Motion for adjournment by Rick Copeland/Patrick Coggins (motion/second). Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Senate Secretary Stuart Michelson