

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 SEPTEMBER 14 UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of 2007Fall Semester 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			

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

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.

Samples of successful applications are on reserve in the Library. Complete application guidelines are available from the Office of Academic Affairs, and are also posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php>.

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

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“WALKING THE DOG: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR OLDEST COMPANIONS ABOUT LIVING WITH AN ENDANGERED EARTH” is the title of a lecture to be presented by Karla Armbruster on Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stetson Room. This lecture is a project of The Values Council, English Department, Women & Gender Studies Program and Artists & Lecturers. Dr. Armbruster will also be visiting with several classes the next day.

Karla Armbruster is an Associate Professor in the English Department, at Webster University, in St. Louis, MO, where she teaches American literature and professional writing. Her primary research interests are nature writing and environmental literature, ecocritical approaches to literature, and animal studies. She also teaches interdisciplinary courses as part of the Environmental Studies, Women's Studies, and Freshman Seminar programs.

She received a B.A. in English from Miami University of Ohio in 1985, an M.A. in English from The Ohio State University in 1989, and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1996. Her dissertation topic was "Speaking for Nature: The Politics and Practice of Environmental Advocacy in American Literature and Culture." She has published a number of scholarly articles and book chapters on environmentally-relevant writers such as Terry Tempest Williams, Ursula Le Guin, Rick Bass, Josephine Johnson, and Toni Morrison. With Kathleen R. Wallace, she co-edited *Beyond Nature Writing: Expanding the Boundaries of Ecocriticism* (Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 2002). Most recently, she has become very interested in animal studies and is working on a book about dogs and the ways humans perceive them as mediating between nature and culture.

Karla's background also includes graduate-level coursework in scientific and technical communication (at Miami University), which led her to her work as a writer and editor on the environmental science textbook, *Biosphere 2000: Protecting Our Global Environment*, by Donald G. Kaufman and Cecilia Franz.

From: Ray Legans

SUMMER FREIBURG PROGRAM 2008

The Summer Freiburg Program is now accepting course proposal 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.

Freiburg, located in the Southwestern corner of Germany and close to Switzerland and France, is an ideal location for courses and seminars that include fieldtrips and the study of the social, cultural, political and natural environment of the region and beyond. The program welcomes proposal from many different areas of study within the College of Arts and Sciences and the Music School.

Previous course offerings have included courses in Political Sciences, Religious Studies, German Language and Literature, Geography, Art, Sociology, American Studies and Philosophy.

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

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.**

September 21: Guest/Alumnus Recital - Carlos Velez, flute; Shiau-uen Ding, piano

September 23: Guest Recital - Edward Smith, harpsichord **3:00 P.M.**

September 25: Faculty Composers' Recital - Manual de Murga, Sydney Hodkinson and Nathan Wolek

October 2: Artists & Lecturers Series - Chamber Orchestra - Nestor Torres, flute; Anthony Hose, conductor

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

October 18: Elgar Festival - University Ensembles

From Kathleen Loftus

NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR USA TODAY ALL-USA COLLEGE ACADEMIC TEAM. USA TODAY seeks outstanding college juniors and seniors for its 19th annual All-USA College Academic Team. The 20 students named to the First Team will win trophies, \$2,500 cash awards and be featured in a February 2008 issue of USA TODAY as representatives of all outstanding undergraduates. Forty more students will be named to Second and Third Teams. They will be named in the paper and receive certificates.

Criteria include academics, campus and community involvement and leadership. The program honors students who have not only challenged themselves and excelled in their course work, but extend their academic and broader intellectual abilities beyond the classroom to benefit their schools, their communities and society. A key element given most weight by the judges will be the student's essay describing his or her most outstanding original academic or intellectual product. The nominator (or one of the people writing a letter of recommendation) must describe the merits of the endeavor in detail and how it may benefit society. If the endeavor is a group project, the letter should describe in specific terms what the student did and any results from the student's actions. Students must be nominated by their college or university and register electronically to download the entry form, which must be completed and mailed in by Nov. 30, 2007.

The program is open to full-time undergraduates of at least junior standing. (The vast majority of the students named to the First Team have been seniors, as judges focus on the totality of a student's college record.)

There is no limit to the number of students a college may nominate. It is recommended, however, that professors or deans not nominate more students than they can write different, persuasive letters of nomination for. If two nominees write essays about the same endeavor in which they participated, they and the nominators must be specific about the individual contributions of each nominee.

For more information, visit http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2007-05-17-2008-allstar-college-apply_N.htm

From: Karen Kaivola

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Peter Heine, Associate Professor of Management, has recently earned certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), the highest level of certification offered by the national Society for Human Resource Management. To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive seven-part examination that demonstrates theoretical, strategic and technical knowledge, as well as practical experience, in the human resource management field.

From: Peter Heine

Dr. William R. Nylan, Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled "Participatory Legislative 'Home Styles' and Party Renewal in the Workers' Party (PT) in Brazil" at the XXVII Latin American Studies Association International Congress, September 5 – 8, 2007 in Montréal, Canada.

From: Dr. William R. Nylan

Dr. Rusty Witek, Professor of English, has published an edited volume of interviews, *Art Spiegelman: Conversations* with the University Press of Mississippi. Dr. Witek's previously unpublished interview with the Pulitzer-Prize-winning creator of *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* also appears in the volume.

From: Rusty Witek

Dr. Michael Bitter, Professor of Accounting, and Dr. Laurie J. Henry were authors of the article "Early Nineteenth Century Accounting by an Adolescent Merchant," that was published in *Southern Business Review* (Spring, 2007).

Dr. Bitter's book review of Thibodeau and Freier's *Auditing After Sarbanes-Oxley: Illustrative Cases* (1st edition), appeared in *Issues in Accounting Education* (February, 2007).

From: Mike Bitter

Mr. Dan Gunderson, Professor of Art, has a sculpture on display in the Entel Family Gallery as part of the Dunedin Fine Art Center's current show, "Artist as Inventor." His work will be exhibited through December 24, 2007.

From: Dan Gunderson

Dr. Patrick Coggins, Jesse Ball duPont Professor of Teacher Education, presented a paper at the Pinellas County Administrators Conference. His topic was "Managing Cultural Competence in Public Schools." Over 513 school administrators and principals attended this presentation on August 2, 2007.

Patrick Coggins presented a paper on "Cultural Understanding and Appreciation" to 108 athletic coaches hosted by St. Lucie County School District on August 8, 2007.

Patrick Coggins presented a paper on "Using Cultural Competence to Close the Achievement Gap" on August 17, 2007, at the Pinellas Social Studies Teacher Conference, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Patrick Coggins and Chet Bell presented a research paper on the results of "Assessing the Cultural Needs of Clients in Substance Abuse Treatment." This paper was delivered on August 27, 2007, at the Annual Conference of the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association.

Patrick Coggins published an article, "Cultural Issues of HIV/AIDS of Caribbean Clients: Myths and Realities." *Guyana Journal*, Vol 12 No. 8, August 2007. This article was based on a presentation on April 27, 2007, at the National Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the National Center for Drug Abuse Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C.

From: Patrick Coggins

Dr. Yves-Antoine Clemmen, Professor of French, had his article "Où a quand même lieu la littérature française: Situer Nothomb à la rentrée littéraire" accepted for publication in the Journal *Contemporary French and Francophone Studies: Sites* (Routledge). The article will appear in the November 2007 Issue entitled *Situating French (part 2)*.

From: Yves Clemmen

Mr. Matt Roberts, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, was featured in the article "In Brooklyn, a Confluxion Junction" that appeared in the September 19, 2007 issue of the *New York Times*. Roberts was one of over 100 artists who participated in *Conflux*, a festival in which artists most often used technology to change the physical environment in order to affect people's emotions and behavior.

From: Grady Ballenger

Dr. Glen Epley, Professor of Teacher Education, reports that his article, "The Establishment Clause and Public Schools in the 21st Century," has been published in *NASSP Bulletin*, Vol. 91, September 2007, pp. 181-200.

From: Glen Epley

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Friday, September 14, 2007

Elizabeth Hall Auditorium

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Friday, September 14, 2007, in the Stetson Room.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and called upon Ms. Deborah Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Campus Life, to report on Fall 2007 enrollment.

Ms. Thompson reviewed information distributed electronically to faculty, sharing her disappointment in a lower than projected enrollment of transfer students, especially in the School of Business Administration. Likewise, the number of first time ALANA students was lower than in the past two years, and these trends reflect a change in the Florida market that the Enrollment Management team will address. Ms. Thompson shared the good news of increased enrollment of international students and an improvement in the discount rate. She reported that as of September 14, the current number of first-time students was 669, and that the current enrollment stood at 2228. After responding to questions from faculty, Ms. Thompson asked for their assistance at the Presidential Preview Day, scheduled for October 20, 2007.

Dr. Grady Ballenger, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, reported that the Faculty Working Group on A&S Course Curriculum has discussed the proposed course unit curriculum with departments and meets next with interdisciplinary programs. Faculty may also visit <http://pippin.stetson.edu/cu/> for information. Dean Ballenger also encouraged faculty to attend upcoming events sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Lee closed the meeting by reporting that the Board of Trustees would meet at the DeLand campus on September 20-21, 2007, and would be involved with numerous dedications and groundbreakings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty