

THE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Thursday, September 11	Professional Development Workshop, 4:00 p.m., LBC213
Friday, September 12	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Thursday, Friday October 9-10	FALL BREAK
Friday, October 10	Mid-term Grade Reports Due to Registrar via BannerWeb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, in the Faculty Lounge in the Carlton Union Building. Senators and invited guests meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 6:45 p.m. and all faculty members are encouraged to attend. Agenda items include committee assignments for development of the Senate whitepaper for the incoming president, and reports on the presidential search, Tenure and Promotion, COD and President's Staff meetings, and new sabbatical award procedures.

From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. A light lunch will be served starting at 11:45 a.m. Agenda items include reports on the budget, SACS, Campus Safety, Course Unit Curriculum, and the Carnegie Application for Community Engagement Classification. Minutes to the August 18 meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter.

University Faculty Meeting dates for 2008-2009 are as follow:

September 12, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
October 17, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
November 7, 2008	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
NO MEETING SCHEDULED for December			
January 23, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
February 13, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
March 27, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
April 17, 2009	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

From: Judy Ward, University Faculty Secretary

COMMENCEMENT CHANGES FOR DECEMBER 2008. As part of our 125th Anniversary celebrations, the fall commencement schedule has been changed and will now include Baccalaureate, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, in Elizabeth Hall Chapel. The commencement ceremony for both graduate degree candidates and undergraduate degree candidates will be held in the Edmunds Center at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13.

From: Judy Ward, Commencement Coordinator

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2008-2009 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. The Professional Development Committee will host a workshop on **2009 SUMMER GRANTS** and **2009-2010 SABBATICALS** on Thursday, September 11, at 4:00 p.m. in LBC Room 213.

The Professional Development Committee is committed to meeting with anybody who has a conflict with this schedule. If you wish to attend this meeting but cannot make it, please contact Jane Christeson (x 8954) after September 23, and she will meet with you and answer any questions that you might have regarding your summer grant or sabbatical leave application.

Summer Grant applications are due October 13 and Sabbatical applications are due October 22. Samples of successful applications will be placed on reserve in the Library by Monday, September 8.

The Faculty Professional Development Opportunities Handbook will be available at the workshop or, after September 11, from the Office of Academic Affairs as well as online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php>.
From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR, with revisions due to Tropical Storm Fay, and to include the revised December commencement schedule, is posted online at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/calendar.php>.
From: Judy Ward

NCAA RULES EDUCATION FOR FACULTY AND FOR STAFF. Stetson University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletics Association's Division I and is committed to compliance with its rules. One of the requirements for membership in NCAA Division I is institutional control, which includes educating our faculty and staff on relevant NCAA rules. In order to do this most effectively, Mike Bitter, Faculty Athletics Representative, in conjunction with Jorie Tress, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, have created two documents summarizing pertinent NCAA rules – one for faculty and one for staff. The document for faculty, titled "NCAA Rules Education for Faculty" can be accessed from the "Faculty" page on the Stetson Intranet. It is listed under "Resources." The document for staff, titled "NCAA Rules Education for Staff" can be accessed from the "Staff" page of the Stetson Intranet. It is also listed under "Resources." We hope that all faculty and staff will access this document and read it. This is particularly important because not only is the University responsible for rules education, but it is responsible for rules compliance. If a faculty or staff member commits a violation of NCAA rules, the university will be held responsible and could potentially face significant penalties, depending on the severity of the infraction.

In addition to the aforementioned rules education documents, faculty members are provided with a summary of NCAA rules related to student-athlete eligibility which may be helpful to them when advising student-athletes. This summary has been placed in the Advising Handbook, courtesy of Dr. George Glander. This summary might also be of interest to staff members in academic affairs, admissions, the registrar's office, first year studies, the dean's offices, the counseling center, and the academic resource center. The link to the summary is as follows:
<http://www2.stetson.edu/advising/faculty/menu.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding the rules education documents, please feel free to contact Mike Bitter, Faculty Athletics Representative, at mbitter@stetson.edu or x-7422 or Jorie Tress, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, at jtress@stetson.edu or x-7490. If you have any questions about the eligibility rules, please contact me or Jan Usher, Assistant Athletics Director for Academics, at jusher@stetson.edu or x-8141."
From: Mike Bitter

THE ART OF CLAY exhibition featuring artists Jack Earl, Richard Shaw and Victor Spinski is now open to the public in the Duncan Gallery of Art in Sampson. Hours: M-F 10:00 a.m. – 4: p.m., Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (The gallery will be closed October 9-12 for Fall Break).

Additionally, Victor Spinski will conduct a ceramics workshop on Wednesday/Thursday, October 29/30, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you wish to attend, please contact the Art Department, as space is extremely limited. Members of the Stetson Community are invited to attend a lecture by Spinski in the Rinker Auditorium from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on October 30, followed by a reception in Sampson Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
From: Chris Nelson

IN SEARCH OF OFFBEAT TIDBITS. Do you know any obscure but interesting facts about Stetson University and/or the Stetson community? The Stetson Archives and Office of Public Relations and Communications are compiling a list of 125 Facts About Stetson, to be shared with the entire Stetson community as part of Stetson 125th Anniversary literature, events, posters, etc. No fact is too obscure or too dated! Please email contributions to Gerri Bauer at gbauer@stetson.edu. Thanks.

From: Gerri Bauer

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 9: Faculty Recital – Lloyd Linney, soprano; Michael Rickman, piano

September 12: Faculty Recital – Ann Adams, Oboe; Michael Rickman, piano

September 16: Faculty Recital – Tom Macklin, trumpet; Joni Hanze-Bjella, piano

From: Kathleen Loftus

VALUES COUNCIL BOOK DISCUSSIONS. The University Values Council invites students, faculty, and staff to participate in a series of lively book discussions (90 minutes, with tasty food and drinks) on the year-long theme: Tradition and Innovation.

Our first book feast, September 16, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Stetson Room, is on the shocking and provocative *Occidentalism: The West in the Eyes of Its Enemies* by Ian Buruma and Avishai Margalit. This breezy but erudite read traces the historical roots of a virulent set of stereotypes about Westerners and their ideas. It locates modern terrorists in a long continuum of enemies of liberal Western society. Americans especially, who see their beloved land as “a light to the world” will have their comfortable self-image challenged by those who loath the West and see it as an evil empire.

The book feast is open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu, by Thursday, September 11, 2008, and pick up a free book by the end of the day. (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 received a free book will be ineligible for other book feasts during this academic year.

This event qualifies for cultural credit. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at dmusser@stetson.edu.

From: Don Musser

THE VALUES COUNCIL AND GENDER EQUITY COUNCIL BOOK FEAST. The Values Council and Gender Equity Council will host a book feast on Thursday, September 25, 2008, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building.

As part of the council's year-long "Tradition and Innovation" theme, participants will read and discuss *Hooking Up: Sex, Dating, and Relationships on Campus* by Kathleen Bogle. Bogle is an assistant professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

Her book is an intimate look at how and why college students get together, what hooking up means to them, and why it has replaced dating on college campuses. Whether one defines a “hook up” as kissing, oral sex, or going all the way, the lack of commitment is paramount. *Hooking Up* breaks through many misconceptions about casual sex on college campuses and looks at understanding the new sexual culture on its own terms, with real-life stories of young men and women as they navigate the newest sexual revolution.

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From: Don Musser

THE METANEXUS INSTITUTE AND THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE, NATURE, AND THE SACRED BOOK FEAST. The Stetson Center for Science, Nature, and the Sacred, a joint program of the university Values Council and the Metanexus Institute, invites students, faculty, staff, and local participants in the Center to join in a book feast on E. O. Wilson's *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth* on September 30, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building.

Wilson, one of the most notable scientists in the world, and twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize, a Harvard University professor for nearly five decades, has written more than twenty books including *On Human Nature*, *Consilience*, and *The Ants*. The author will not be present at the book feast but he will visit Stetson on Monday, October 6, and present a public lecture at 7:30 P. M. titled "Can Nature Be Saved? E. O. Wilson on Science, Religion, and Our Future" in the Edmunds Center.

Born in Birmingham, and raised a Southern Baptist in Alabama, Wilson, by his own account, was lastingly influenced by evangelical Christianity. He was equally imprinted by the mystery of nature. These formative influences drew him into evolutionary biology. Scientific humanism, as he explains in this book, provided his worldview. In the book, written as a letter to a pastor, Wilson argues that science and religion need not be warring antagonists. He rather suggests that they are two powerful forces that, if joined together, have the promise of engaging the multitude of natural and spiritual issues of our time.

The book feast is open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or lguenth@stetson.edu, by Tuesday, September 16, 2008 and pick up a free book by the end of the day. (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 received a free book will be ineligible for other book feasts during this academic year.

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From: Don Musser

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Terri Witek, Professor of English and Art and Melissa Sullivan Chair in Creative Writing, has recently learned that her "Reeds and Hides: Cormac McCarthy's Domestic Spaces" has been chosen for inclusion in the Cormac McCarthy volume of *Modern Critical Views* edited by Harold Bloom.

Witek was selected for a 2008 Fellowship to the Hawthornden International Writers Institute, and spent July at Hawthornden Castle in Lasswade, Scotland.
From: Terri Witek

Dr. Tom Farrell, Professor and Chair of English and Nell Carlton Chair of English, presented "Chaucer's Diegetic Supplement" at the 43th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in May, and "Wiki Pedagogy and the Chaucer Seminar" at the 16th Congress of the New Chaucer Society at Swansea University (Wales) in July. In Kalamazoo, he also performed (as Reader's Theater) and recorded (for the Chaucer Studio) the pageants of the *Crucifixion* and the *Harrowing* from the York Cycle of mystery plays.
From: Tom Farrell

Dr. Terry Farrell, Professor of Biology, **Dr. Peter May**, Professor of Biology, and **Dr. Melissa Pilgrim**, Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina, Upstate, had their paper "The Repeatability of Female Reproductive Traits in a population of Pigmy Rattlesnakes" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Herpetology*.

Pilgrim, Farrell, May, and Chris Romanek (University of Georgia) presented a paper at the annual American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists meeting this August in Montreal, Canada. The talk was titled "Assessing the Effect of Habitat Heterogeneity on Among-Population Variation in the Isotopic Composition of Pigmy Rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius*) Scale Tissue."
From: Terry Farrell

Dr. Eric Kurlander, Associate Professor of History, is returning from a sabbatical year in Germany, where he was Thyssen-Heideking Fellow at the University of Cologne and Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at the University of Bonn. In addition to completing his new book, *Living With Hitler: Liberal Democrats in the Third Reich, 1933-1945* (Yale University Press, 2009), Kurlander published a number of articles and review essays:

"I Am No Anti-Semite, but I Am Also No Jew': Liberalism and The 'Jewish Question' in the Third Reich." *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* (Washington, DC), nr., 42, Spring 2008, pp. 49-63 (<http://www.ghi-dc.org/publications/ghipubs/bu/042/bulletin42.html>)

"Otto Scheel." Ingo Haar und Michael Fahlbusch, eds., *Handbuch der völkischen Wissenschaft*. Munich: K.G. Saur, 2008. This volume, which examines German social scientists in the Third Reich, received considerable press attention in Germany, including a press conference and reviews in major newspapers (http://www.cbh.pan.pl/pl/images/stories/pliki/pdf/Symposium_Handbuch_voelkische_Wissenschaft.pdf)

A review article of Lars Fischer's *The Socialist Response to Antisemitism in Imperial Germany. German Politics and Society*, v. 26, No. 1, Spring 2008, pp. 122-127.

"The Law of the Jungle," a review article of Christian Hilger's *Rechtsstaatsbegriffe im Dritten Reich. Eine Strukturanalyse*. Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck, 2003. *H-Net*, East Lansing: Michigan State University, 2008, pp. 1-3.

A review of Oliver Grant's *Migration and Inequality in Germany 1870-1913*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. *Central European History*, v. 40, nr. 4, 2007, pp. 733-735.

Kurlander also delivered four invited lectures:

"Between Detroit and Moscow: A Left Liberal Third Way in the Third Reich?" Delivered at the Conference, *Crossing Boundaries: International History in a Global Age*, American Academy in Berlin, June 6-7, 2008 (<http://www.ces.fas.harvard.edu/conferences/Charlie/index.html>).

"Negotiating National Socialism: The Liberal Democratic Experience in the Third Reich." Lecture delivered at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Network Meeting, University of Marburg, February 14, 2008.

"Liberal Democrats in the Third Reich: Some Reflections on Resistance and Accommodation." Delivered to the Research Colloquium of the *Historisches Seminar*, University of Augsburg, December 12, 2007.

"'Ich bin kein Antisemit, aber ich bin auch kein Jude': Liberalismus und 'Judenfrage' im Dritten Reich." Invited Lecture in the International Lecture Series, *Beyond the Nation State*, University of Cologne, October 22, 2007 (http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/histsem/koelner_vortraege/)

Dr. John York, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, was recently awarded a research grant by the Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society in support of his research project entitled, "Investigating Copper-Thiophene Binding Interactions: Impact on the Desulfurization of Hydrocarbon Fuels by Adsorption Processes." This \$50,000 grant awarded for 2008-2010 will help support the development of his undergraduate research program, with the ultimate goal of understanding how to produce cleaner fuels. The ACS Petroleum Research Fund is a highly-competitive award designed to support "innovative fundamental research, advanced scientific education, and the careers of scientists, to aid in significantly increasing the world's energy options."

From: Ramee Indralingam

Dr. Betty Thorne, Professor of Decision Sciences and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Business Administration, has received notification that her book, *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 the People's Republic of China.

From: Betty Thorne

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2008

Elizabeth Hall Auditorium

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Monday, August 18, 2008, in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed the faculty back to campus. Rev. Michael Fronk, University Chaplain, offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Lee called on the Deans to introduce the new faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Business Administration. Dr. Jim Beasley, Senior Vice President for Administration and Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Deborah Thompson, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Campus Life, Ms. Linda Davis, Vice President for University Relations, and Mr. Jeff Altier, Athletics Director, made introductions of new administrators in their respective areas.

Mr. Nestor de Armas, Chair of the Board of Trustees, brought greetings from the Board, and stated that the Presidential Search is on track. The search committee, having recently narrowed the field of candidates to twelve, will make a recommendation to the Trustees by January 2009. Ms. Peggy Fox, Special Events Coordinator, reported on special activities planned as part of Stetson University's 125th Anniversary celebration, to include Founder's Day on Friday, November 7, 2008; the dedication of new buildings in the spring semester; a music gala scheduled for April 3, 2009; and the launching of a commemorative Web site in early November.

Ms. Thompson shared a report on the Fall 2008 entering class whose numbers represent the second largest enrollment of first-time students in the history of Stetson. Dr. Beasley reported on the progress of capital improvements and announced the anticipated schedule for the completion of construction projects. He also reminded faculty and staff to secure offices if Tropical Storm Fay threatens the area.

Dr. Leonard Nance, Dean of First Year Studies and University Adviser on Diversity Issues, announced that daytime classes would be cancelled for a Diversity Town Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, to allow the Stetson community to celebrate and reaffirm its commitment to be inclusive. Ms. Davis thanked the faculty for their financial support of the annual fund, especially since the goal was reached with the postings from June 2008 payroll deductions.

Dr. Michael Branton, Chair of Faculty Senate, announced the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate agenda to include the creation of white papers outlining faculty desires to present to the incoming president; the review of Senate surveys; and identifying major issues and engaging faculty.

Dr. Lee shared his Fall 2008 agenda that features preparations for the SACS administrative self-study, and highlighted progress made during the past 25 years with respect to academic resources and long-term financial security despite temporary budget reductions caused by the recent depressed economy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty