

THE NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Friday, September 7	Promotion and Tenure Workshop, 12:00 pm, LBC Room 213
Thursday, September 13	Professional Development Workshop, 4:00 p.m., LBC Rinker Auditorium
Friday, September 14	University Faculty Meeting, 12:00 noon, Stetson Room
Thursday-Friday, October 11-12	FALL BREAK. No Classes
Friday, October 12	Mid-term grade reports due to Registrar via BannerWeb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 10, 2007, 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. Faculty Senate meetings for the remainder of the fall semester are scheduled for October 1, November 5, December 3.
From: Stuart Michelson, Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WILL MEET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007, at 12:00 noon in the Stetson Room. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Agenda items include a report on fall enrollment. Minutes to the August 20 meeting are attached elsewhere to this edition of The Newsletter. University Faculty Meeting dates for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year are as follow:

September 14, 2007	(Friday)	Stetson Room	11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
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, University Faculty Secretary

2007-2008 PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE INFORMATION. The University Promotion and Tenure Committee will meet with candidates, interested faculty, chairpersons with candidates going forward, and College, School, Library, & Departmental committees on Friday, September 7, at 12:00 p.m. in LBC Room 213. Faculty members who will be candidates for tenure and promotion in future years are also welcome to attend. Promotion and tenure dates for 2007-2008 may be viewed at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/ptinformation.php>.
From: Vince Brenner, Chair, University Promotion and Tenure Committee

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2007-2008 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. The Professional Development Committee will host a workshop on **2008 SUMMER GRANTS** and **2008-2009 SABBATICALS** on Thursday, September 13, at 4:00 p.m. in LBC Rinker Auditorium.

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 (8954) after September 21, 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 15 and Sabbatical applications are due October 24. Samples of successful applications are on reserve in the Library.

The Faculty Professional Development Opportunities Handbook will be available at the workshop or from the Office of Academic Affairs. It is also available at <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/profdevel.php>.

From: Jane Christeson, Chair, Professional Development Committee

ART EXHIBIT OPENS SEPTEMBER 7. An opening reception for Richard Heipp will be held on Friday, September 7, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 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. Please visit his Web site at www.richardheipp.com for more information. Mr. Heipp will exhibit his work at Stetson University's Duncan Gallery of Art from September 7 through October 29.

The opening reception and the exhibition are free and open to the public. For further information call 386-822-7266.

From: Chris Nelson

SCHOOL OF MUSIC OFFERS SCHUBERT SONG FESTIVAL

The School of Music will host a Schubert Song Festival Thursday through Tuesday, September 6-11. Kenneth Griffiths of the Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, and Susan Youens of the University of Notre Dame, will join Stetson faculty members in showcasing Schubert's works during the festival. Coordinated by Dr. Stephen Ng of Stetson's Voice faculty, the event will offer master classes for singers and pianists, as well as four recitals. All are free to the Stetson community and will be in Elizabeth Hall Chapel:

- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, **Recital: *Die schöne Müllerin***
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, **Faculty Chamber Recital**
- 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, **Recital: *Winterreise***
- 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, **Master class for singers and pianists**
- 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, **Master class for singers and pianists**
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, **Recital: *Schwanengesang***

Friday night's recital will begin with a talk by Dr. Susan Youens, and will feature Stephen Ng, tenor; Michael Rickman, piano; and Susanne Eules, reader, presenting Franz Schubert's "Die schöne Müllerin." Saturday night's recital will open with a lecture by Kristie Born, followed by Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen" and "Auf dem Strom," both sung by Lloyd Linney, soprano, joined by Lynn Musco, clarinet; Ben Lieser, horn; and Michael Rickman and Kristie Born, piano. Faculty members Routa Kroumovitch-Gomez, violin; Jesus Alfonzo, viola; David Bjella, cello; John Wieland, bass; and Kristie Born, piano, will also play Schubert's "Quintet in A major (Trout)."

Sunday afternoon, Youens will give another pre-concert talk, followed by a performance of "Winterreise" by Bobb Robinson, baritone; and Michael Rickman, piano. Tuesday night, Youens will again open the program, followed by "Schwanengesang" and "Die Taubenpost," sung by Jane Christeson, mezzo soprano; with Michael Rickman, piano.

From: Stephen Ng

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 Q and A) by one of the lightning rods in conservative Christianity's explosive debate about environmental concerns, including global warming. Richard Cizik, Vice President for Governmental Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals and a prominent lobbyist in Washington, D. C. will speak in the Stetson Room of the Carlton Union Building, **September 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.** on "For God's Sake: Caring for Creation." Cultural Credit is available.

Since 2002 he has been leading spokesperson for "creation care." In 2006 twenty prominent evangelical leaders released a letter stating that "global warming is not a consensus issue." Reverent Cizik opposed the statement. In March 2007 James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family, circulated a letter calling on Cizik to resign, catalyzing a fierce debate among conservative Christians that continues. Refusing to resign, Mr. Cizik said, "It's time we return to being people known for our love and care of the earth and our fellow human beings."

In his position with the NAE Richard Cizik brings the voice of conservative Protestants before Congress, the White House, and the Supreme Court. He holds graduate degrees from George Washington University and Denver Seminary. He is the author of more than one-hundred articles and editorials; author and editor of *The High Cost of Indifference*; and a contributor to *On Christian Freedom*, the *Dictionary of Christianity in America*, and *For the Health of the Nation: an Evangelical Call to Civic Engagement*.

From: Don Musser

VALUES COUNCIL BOOK FEAST. The Values Council will host a book feast on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Carlton Union Building.

As part of the council's year-long "Global Citizenship" theme, participants will read and discuss *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. Kidder is a graduate from Harvard University and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Award.

In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Tracy Kidder's magnificent account shows how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems through a clear-eyed understanding of the interaction of politics, wealth, social systems, and disease. Profound and powerful, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes people's minds through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity."

The book feast is open to all students, faculty and staff. Participants must register with Lisa Guenther at Ext. 8930 or ljguenth@stetson.edu, by Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 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, and desserts will be provided. For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Musser at dmusser@stetson.edu.

From: Don Musser

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 14: Faculty Recital – Ann Adams, oboe; Michael Rickman, piano

September 16: Faculty Chamber Recital – **3:00 P.M.**

September 18: Faculty Recital – Tom Macklin, trumpet; Joni Hanze-Bjella, piano

From: Kathleen Loftus

THE WRITING CENTER (FLAGLER 209) IS NOW OPEN for our regular hours of Monday - Thursday (3:00 - 9:00) and Sunday (6:00 - 9:00). This service is available to any student enrolled in a course that requires significant writing and/or research. "Walk-ins" are welcome, but appointments with particular tutors can be made on our website (accessible through Stetson's site index); ideally, this will encourage students to develop extended mentoring relationships with specific tutors.

If one of your students attends a session, you will receive an interactive evaluation report via email. Please take the time to respond to this report - doing so allows you to offer valuable input on the student and the tutor's performance. If you have difficulty navigating the website, don't hesitate to contact me for assistance.

From: Michael Barnes

THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS in the School of Music is currently registering for private lessons on all orchestral & band instruments, including piano, guitar & voice. Auditions are continuing for the Children's Choir program and will continue through the end of September. The Young Singers (ages 13-18) begins Tuesday September 11 at 4:00 pm. The Apprentice Choir (ages 9-12) begins September 10 at 4:00 pm. The Youth String Orchestra begins September 13 at 5 pm. Orff classes for young children ages 3-7 begins Monday September 10 at 4:00 pm. The Orff program is an active approach to learning music, based on what children love to do: sing, dance, chant rhymes & clap! The Community School of Dance is also registering and can be reached at 822-7589

All faculty & staff receive a 10% discount for all Community School programs.

From its beginning in 1985 the Community School has provided music & dance instruction to the residents of Central Florida and to the Stetson community. For details and registration information call Claudia Gatewood at 822-8962 or go on line to the School of Music homepage and click on Community School. Registration is available on line.

From: Claudia Gatewood

FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Tom Farrell, Professor of English, reports that his article "The Persistence of Donaldson's Memory," has appeared in the *Chaucer Review* 41 (2007): 286-95.

Tom also participated in a reader's theater performance of *Mankinde* in the role of New Guise at the May 2007 International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, and more recently in similar performances of the York *Crucifixion* pageant in the role of Jesus and the York *Harrowing of Hell* in the roles of Simeon and Belsebub; both pageants were performed at the July 2007 Visual Representations of Medieval Spirituality Conference, in York Minster.

N.B. Our International Congress performance was not among those cited as "campy dramatic readings of tales in Middle English" in the truly juvenile article about the famous Kalamzoo conference printed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* on July 6 (<http://chronicle.com/free/v53/i44/44a00801.htm>): as the attached sound file clarifies, the author (whose thesis appears to have been that medieval scholars ought to be primarily interested in Dungeons and Dragons) was referring by that phrase to a Malory performance.

From: Tom Farrell

Dr. Eugene Huskey, Professor of Political Science, reports that his chapter, "Eurasian semi-presidentialism: the development of Kyrgyzstan's model of government," has just appeared in *Semi-Presidentialism outside Europe: A Comparative Study*, edited by Robert Elgie and Sophia Moestrup and published by Routledge in their *Research in Comparative Politics* series.

From: Gene Huskey

Dr. Anne M. Hallum, Professor of Political Science, will present a paper at the meeting of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) in Montreal, Canada, September 4th - 7th. The title of her paper is: "Finding Common Ground: Environmental Activism in Latin America."

Dr Hallum published an article with **Rachel M. Hallum** entitled "Women and Sustainable Agriculture in Guatemala," in *SECOLAS Annals: Journal of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Vol 38, 93-112. Rachel Hallum is a 2004 Stetson graduate, now pursuing her doctorate in Sociology from the University of Florida.

From: Anne Hallum

Dr. Alicia Schultheis, Assistant Professor of Biology, attended an NSF Chautauqua Summer Short Course entitled, "Investigative Cases: Contexts for Active Students Engaged in Science," at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan August 6-8, 2007.

From: Cindy Bennington

Dr. Randall S. Hansen, Professor of Marketing, was interviewed live for an *MSNBC News* story on bad bosses on Wednesday, August 22. The segment, shot in the WESH studios in Winter Park, focused on tips for workers who have a bad boss. Over the summer, Dr. Hansen was also quoted in several media outlets, including *The New York Times* and the *Associated Press*.

Also over the summer, Dr. Hansen and Dr. Katharine Hansen, Adjunct Professor of Business, had their article, "The Student Experience in Speed Teaming: A New Approach to Team Formation." published in the *Journal of College Teaching and Learning* 4 (7), 69-78.

From: Randall Hansen

Mr. Andy Dehnart, Lecturer in English, attended the Wesleyan Writers Conference in June after being awarded a John W. Paton scholarship.

In April, he discussed "The Death of the Link: Does Attribution Still Matter?" at MIT's fifth Media in Transition conference, which focused on "Creativity, Ownership and Collaboration in the Digital Age."

From: Andy Dehnart

Mr. Matt Roberts, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, currently has a solo exhibition of his digital Florida landscape works at the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, FL (August, 27 – October, 19, 2007).

Mr. Roberts will present his mobile interactive computer-based art project "Cycles for Wandering" at CONFLUX 2007, Brooklyn, NY (September 2007).

MPG: Mobile Performance Group, under the direction of **Matt Roberts**, and **Dr. Nathan Wolek**, Assistant Professor of Music Technology, will perform at the New West Electronic Arts & Music Organization 2007 Festival, San Diego, CA (October 2007).

From: Chris Nelson

Dr. Jamil Khader, Associate Professor of English, has had his book review, "Writing Against the Grain: The Third Wave of Anglophone Feminist Science Fiction," a review of *Daughters of Earth: Feminist Science Fiction in the Twentieth Century*, ed. Justine Larbalestier (Middleton, CO: Wesleyan University Press, 2006), accepted for publication in *Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du monde Anglophone*. This review will be published online in September, 2007. <<http://www.cercles.com>>

Dr. Khader, has had his book review, "Specters of New Criticism: The Social Formalism of the American New Criticism," a review of *The Cultural Politics of the New Criticism*, by Marc Jancovich (1993; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), accepted for publication in *Cercles: Revue Pluridisciplinaire du monde Anglophone*. This review will be published online in September, 2007. <<http://www.cercles.com>>

From: Jamil Khader

Dr. Phillip Lucas, Professor of Religious Studies, was interviewed and quoted by the *Associate Press* for a story on spiritualism camps that appeared in a number of newspapers around the country and that was posted online at http://www.cnn.com/2007/LIVING/wayoflife/08/22/spiritualist.camp.ap/index.html?eref=rss_topstories on August 24, 2007.

From: Grady Ballenger

STETSON UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

Monday, August 20, 2007

Elizabeth Hall Auditorium

Minutes

The University Faculty of Stetson University, DeLand campus, met Monday, August 20, 2007, in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium.

Dr. H. Douglas Lee, President, opened the meeting at 8:50 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, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. 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 Committee, which held their inaugural meeting in July, would make regular reports of their progress to the Board of Trustees and to the Stetson community.

Ms. Thompson presented a preliminary report on Fall 2007 enrollment figures, totaling 692 first-year and transfer students. Dr. Beasley reported on improvements to campus emergency management that include NOAA weather alerts, the relocation of a generator to provide continuous food services, a campus emergency notification system utilizing new campus phones and cell phones, and revisions to the emergency management plan.

Dr. Lee gave an overview of achievements made last year that give evidence to Stetson's significant reform, citing impressive annual reports; outstanding speakers at commencement; strong financial progress in balancing the budget, building reserves, and reducing the draw on the endowment; and impressive fund raising.

Dr. Leonard Nance, Dean of First Year Studies and University Adviser on Diversity Issues, agreed that Stetson is undergoing a transformation as evidenced by curriculum changes, and a sense of renewal and re-commitment. He then introduced Richard Light, Walter H. Gale Professor of Education at Harvard University, who shared his research and findings on strengthening the college experience for students.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Judy Ward, Secretary
University Faculty