A Word from the Secretary
by Arie Leegwater

Have you ever wandered into parts unknown, a journey without maps (the title of a book by Graham Greene), without a travel guide, an atlas, or GPS? That is the experience I had growing up in Tidewater, North Carolina, and visiting Washington DC, the big city, for the first time. Four weeks in the Liberian bush may have been a bewildering experience for Greene. One day in DC was sufficient to disorient me. We all need accurate maps and competent people to interpret them.

The curriculum guide, artfully constructed for so many years by Gordon Kamps, is CALL’s detailed map, inviting one to an exploratory adventure to parts unknown. An invitation to not only whet one’s appetite; exploring ideas, visiting new sites, and engaging in challenging conversations, but also to experience companionship and togetherness. Not being “alone together” [Sherry Turkle’s recent book] mediated by the latest computer-driven technology, but rather being in dialogue, in conversation, in a hospitable learning situation with others. These are goals CALL wishes to foster.

Besides CALL’s diversity, our program also provides an avenue for those interested in traveling to parts unknown. Let me provide one example of how one’s travel interests may dovetail together. During the 2016 January Series Dr. Jere L. Krakow will give a lecture, underwritten by CALL, entitled National Parks: America’s Greatest Treasure on January 20. Mr. Krakow will also be present at the CALL Member Event Brunch. In addition, two Passport to Adventure travel films will be devoted to the American West: Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage on February 2 and America’s Grand Canyon on March 15. Finally CALL’s Extended Trips committee is planning a trip to northern National Parks in September 2016 led by John Apol.

Growing up, my family often exchanged December gifts with an additional requirement. We had to write a poem to accompany the gift: a personal touch which often accompanied the description of a rather practical object. Frequently, the poem took the form of a limerick, a silly poem with five lines. Enjoy this amateur example describing the work of CALL’s curriculum committee:

CALL comes first to mind with a certain pride
When we sit down to develop a curriculum guide
One artfully created for CALL
Is an order exceedingly tall
But, hopefully, a map that is bona fide.

The guide will be in your hands by mid-January. Note there is one class in January by Karin Maag as described on pages 4 and 10 that is available for signup now.

In this December newsletter, I again want to thank our CALL administrative staff, Sonja De Jong and Marjo Jordan, for informing us weekly on the news and events at CALL, at Calvin, and in the community.

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On Monday, November 23, CALL presents the second in this season’s Passport to Adventure travel films series. Join us as we have the opportunity to enjoy a recent and high-definition film by Marlin Darrah titled *Cuba: From Havana to Santiago de Cuba*.

Lonely Planet describes Cuba like a prince in a poor man’s coat; behind the sometimes shabby facades, gold dust lingers.

These rich dichotomies make travel here an exciting, exhilarating roller-coaster ride. Trapped in a time warp and reeling from an economic embargo that has grated for more than half a century, this is a country where you can wave goodbye to Western certainties and expect the unexpected. If Cuba were a book, it would be James Joyce’s *Ulysses*; layered, hard to grasp, serially misunderstood, but —above all—a classic.

We expect this film to be sold out, so purchase your tickets today!

Both season tickets ($25) and individual tickets are available at the box office—526-6282.

Pay only $5 per film with a season pass or $6 for tickets to a single show.

**Passport to Adventure**

by Henry Baron, Chair

Reserve the following film dates:
- Mon, Nov 23, 7:00 pm
- Tue, Feb 2, 7:00 pm
- Tue, Mar 15, 7:00 pm
- Sat, Apr 9, 2:00 pm

Both season tickets ($25) and individual tickets are available at the box office—526-6282.

Pay only $5 per film with a season pass or $6 for tickets to a single show.
After a short hiatus, come back on February 2 for Lewis and Clark: A Confluence of Time and Courage with Gray Warriner. Filmmaking took two years to complete, while it took Lewis and Clark three years to make the journey.

The idea for the film is something Warriner had in the back of his mind since he was a child growing up Seattle. "I grew up at the end of the trail," he said. "We heard all about it. This is where they first encountered the Pacific Ocean. I've been fascinated by the story. Warriner hired re-enactors, changed a few landscapes, and interviewed Native Americans along the way.

"We did some special effects," he said. "We took out a dam at the Great Falls. Basically the whole film is a re-enactment. We got as close as we could get to the boats they used on the Ohio and Missouri rivers."

For more details: go to our website under Travel Film Series.

3 weeks away...

The Brown Family Gospel Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are still available by phone or email. All seats are reserved. Order tickets at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice or phone 526-6282.

A coach shuttle provides transportation from the Prince Conference Center and DeVos parking lots to the Fine Arts Center.

Concert only tickets are $20. Dinner and the concert are $45.
Dantia Dandjinou

CALL Scholarship Recipient
by Dan Bos, Public Events Liaison

Dantia Dandjinou is the CALL Scholarship recipient for 2015-2016. I met her at the Scholarship Dinner on October 27.

Dantia was attracted to Calvin’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Beginning at Calvin in September 2014, she has now completed the prerequisites for the program. In January she will find out if she has been accepted into the nursing program.

Dantia grew up in Benton Harbor, Michigan, as the oldest child in a single-parent home, lacking many of the advantages that Calvin students often take for granted. She is proud of her mother for instilling in her a strong Christian faith and a desire for education. Dantia graduated with honors from Kalamazoo Central High School in 2005.

Motivated by an aspiration to combine her faith with her vocation, Dantia hopes to use her BSN to extend the love of Christ to HIV/AIDS patients and also to mental health patients—those people that society devalues—to ensure that all receive quality health care.

Dantia is thankful to her husband for supporting her education, to the Holy Spirit for leading her to Calvin College, and to CALL for such wonderful financial support.

Announcements
by Sonja DeJong

Current Membership Facts

Of our nearly 1,900 renewed members, 82 are original members from CALL’s beginning in 1996.

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Spring Class schedule:
Session I: February 15-March 25
Session II: March 28-May 6

Membership and Course Fee Changes

Two changes were approved by the CALL board:

First, a ½ year membership is available for $25 for any memberships after January 1.

Second, after careful evaluation of several options, CALL course pricing will increase January 1 to $25 per course, an increase from $20.

There are two reasons for an increase in course pricing. The first is that we increased the honoraria paid to instructors equals between $260 and $390, a payment we feel they more than deserve.

The second reason to increase the course fees is due to higher office staff costs since 2014. With the increased growth of the program, both office employees now work higher hours and also receive medical benefits, a benefit not previously paid to CALL employees.

Since the majority of office staff time is spent on administering facets of the curriculum program of CALL, the board felt the logical place to cover these added costs was in course fees.

A January Class with Karin Maag
Wed. Jan 6, 13, 20, 27

Science Bldg. 110, 2:00-3:15 pm
CALL is offering a four-week course in January of 2016 based on the availability of the instructor. Signup is available now online at www.calvin.edu/call or by mailing the form on the back page with check payment. This course is offered outside the spring curriculum guide. Course description:

Church and Society in Wales

Come learn about the least known part of the British Isles, and its rich history of Christianity, from the Welsh kingdoms of the early middle ages to the expansion of Christian life and faith in the 18th and 19th century revivals. The course will feature lectures and discussion, video clips, and music. The Welsh are renowned for their hymn singing!
Member Events
by Shirley Lautenbach

January Series Brunch: National Parks: America’s Greatest Treasure
Wednesday, January 20. Prince Conference Center

CALL members and friends are invited to the January Series Brunch featuring Jere Kraków. Jere Kraków recently completed a public service career with the National Park Service and previously was a college professor in history. He served as superintendent of nine National Historic Trails, including the Oregon, Sante Fe, Pony Express and Trail of Tears National Historic Trails.

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior responsible for protecting the 35 national parks and monuments then managed by the department and those yet to be established.

Today more than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America’s 400+ national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve history. Join us as Mr. Krakow shares his knowledge and 100th anniversary of our national parks.

Brunch will begin at 9:30 am in the Willow Room at the Prince Center. Bus service is available to the Covenant Fine Arts Center where we will enjoy reserved seating for his lecture to the Calvin community.

Cost - $19.00 - includes brunch, speaker, busing to the Covenant Fine Arts Center and reserved seating.
Questions - call Shirley 299-3584.

The Beams are Creaking
Saturday, April 30. 10:30 am

The Beams are Creaking is a Master Arts production showcasing the inspiring, true story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who defied the Nazis. Our morning will begin by watching the video, Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German clergyman of great distinction who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. The Nazi hanged him on April 9, 1945, less than a month before the end of the war. Bonhoeffer's last years, his participation in the German resistance, and his moral struggle are dramatized in this film. More than just a biographical portrait, Bonhoeffer - Agent of Grace sheds light on the little known efforts of the German resistance.

After lunch we will go to the Master Arts Theater to watch the inspiring production The Creaking of the Beams. Invite your friends and enjoy these historical presentations of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Travel to Master Arts on your own.

Cost - $29.00 - video, lunch and play or pay $16.00 to watch the video and lunch (no play).

Purdue Varsity Men’s Glee Club
Tuesday, May 10

The Purdue Varsity Men's Glee Club is a widely-acclaimed musical group that has inspired audiences on nine European tours and has performed at five presidential inaugurations.

This dynamic musical troupe employs a versatile repertoire including gospel, classical choir selections, familiar opera choruses and much more. They utilize small groups and outstanding soloists to further enhance their programs.

We will enjoy lunch at the center, where a glee club member (s) will be at each table to talk about the history and rules of the Glee Club. We are offering this trip again this year due to popular demand.
Invite your friends and enjoy this popular musical experience.

Cost $99.00. $50.00 deposit and balance of $49.00 due March 1, 2016.

Cost includes deluxe motor coach, coffee and rolls, lunch and concert. This is a CALL favorite.
Member Events Registration

Two ways to register:

1. Online: [www.calvin.edu/CALL > Member Events]
2. Complete this form (make checks payable to CALL) and send to CALL, Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Event fees are per person. CALL will notify you if an event has filled.

☐ Jan 20  January Series—$19
☐ April 30 The Beams are Creaking- video, lunch, and play—$29
☐ April 30 The Beams are Creaking- no play—$16
☐ May 10 Purdue Men’s Glee Club Deposit—$50

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Confirm by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Extended Trips

by John Apol

World War II in Europe: A 12-Day Tour to Great Britain, France, and the Netherlands, April 2-16, 2016

Many of us have been to Europe before and have seen famous sights such as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the Eiffel Tower, and the Rijksmuseum, but perhaps as we were wandering around the great cities of London, Paris, and Amsterdam we did not stop to think that the greatest military conflict in history was fought in and around these areas just over 70 years ago.

On this trip we wander slightly off the beaten path (or in some cases on the beaten path) and focus on sites, museums, and memorials poignant to World War II.

This tour will bring us face to face with sites and reminders from several of the campaigns from the Western European Theater of the War: The Invasion of the Netherlands, The Battle of Britain, Operation Overlord (D-Day), the Atlantic Wall,
and Operation Market Garden. This includes visits to battle sites in Rotterdam, Churchill’s War Rooms, Omaha and Utah Beaches, the American Military Cemetery in Normandy, Sainte Mère Église, the massive German Todt Battery on the Atlantic Wall, and Arnhem with its famous John Front Bridge.

We will also visit several excellent museums that explain different aspects of the war in good detail and with superb collections of artifacts, vehicles, aircraft, and even ships. Some of these include the British Imperial War Museum, the Royal Air Force Museum, the Bovington Tank Museum, the Dutch Naval Museum, the Dutch Nationaal Militair Museum, and the Airborne Museum in Arnhem.

But if you think that everything on this trip will be nothing but war, war, war…. no worries; there will also be plenty of free time in London, Paris, and Amsterdam for individual exploring, shopping, and dining. There will also be a special excursion to the impressive Mont Saint-Michel off the Normandy coast.

The tour will begin in London and end in Amsterdam. If you wish to come for some time before the trip or stay for a while after, Witte Travel will be happy to work with you to alter your flights and assist with accommodation arrangements if you wish.

Finally, you will have someone who is well-versed in World War II as your guide for the tour. Ryan Noppen, Program Coordinator in the Meeter Center at Calvin College, has previously worked in the defense industry and is the author of six books and several articles on aviation, naval, and military affairs. Ryan has taught CALL courses on World War I and World War II for the last eight years.

Contact the CALL office to be added to the interest list as we await final details. This trip is limited to 20 participants.

Imagine music rippling off ancient stone walls in England’s most famous cathedrals.

Join Randy Engle on a trip to visit England’s heritage. Highlights include a private tour of Lambeth Palace and Archives; worship at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Chichester Cathedral; private organ tour at Westminster Abbey and attendance at the Southern Cathedral Festival. Along the way, travel through the Cotswolds, eat fabulous food, and stay in luxurious accommodations.

Trip highlights include exploring Windsor Castle and attending a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Led by Calvin alumnus, the Reverend Randy Engle ‘87, this trip is open for registration. See the CALL website under the tab Extended Trips for cost, trip overview and background on the trip leader.

Majestic Northern National Parks-September 8-18, 2016

This exciting adventure to some of America’s northern national parks offers the perfect combination of serene, educational, breathtaking and thrilling experiences. Led by John Apol, highlights include Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site and the Smokejumpers Base Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula.

Enjoy a non-paddling floating trip down 13 miles of the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park, the Upper and Lower Falls of the Grand Canyon at Yellowstone, driving in a pair of 1930’s open-top busses called Red Jammers from Glacier National Park through Logan Pass that crests the Continental Divide, a ride often titled “Going to the Sun Road,” and a stop at St. Ignatius Mission, a beautiful church, established in 1854 as a mission to the Flathead Native Americans who live in the area. …which doesn’t even touch the surface of all the activities. This trip is open for registration and trip details are available in further detail on our website. Additionally, feel free to contact John Apol at 243-8600 or johnapol07@gmail.com.
Prague, Vienna & Budapest: History, Religion and Intrigue  
September 21–October 4, 2016

The capital cities of central Europe have a tremendous history. They are some of the most beautiful cities on the continent and each has its own flavor. From Prague’s beautifully preserved medieval city to Vienna’s Baroque grandeur to Budapest’s captivating confidence throughout its complex history, this part of Europe is a must-see!

See part of the trip itinerary below:

Arrive in Prague, the Czech capital, known as “the Golden City of a Thousand Spires.” Throughout the two days here you’ll learn about Prague’s beauty, legends and history.

Litoměřice: North of Prague, this town has a lovely historic center. Lunch will be at a nearby winery.

Terezín: Travel to the concentration camp where many intellectual and political prisoners, as well as musicians, were interned. The overnight will be back in Prague.

Český Krumlov: Spend the afternoon in this UNESCO World Heritage Site on your way to Vienna.

Vienna: A walking tour will introduce you to the Austrian capital. The day will include visits to St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Mozart’s House, the Hofburg Palace’s Royal Apartments and the Sisi Museum.

Schönbrunn Palace: Visit the summer residence of the Habsburg dynasties.

Corwin Smidt, the trip leader, is a Calvin political science professor who has lived and studied in Hungary. Contact us to request more information when available or email the trip leader at corwin.e.smidt@gmail.com.

The Italian Heritage Tour, led by Ken Bratt, from June 10 - 24, 2016, is full.
January CALL Course Registration

$25 per participant- Note the new price for all CALL courses

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Church and Society in Wales with Instructor Karin Maag

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27
Science Building 110, 2:00-3:15 pm

Mail with check payment to:
3201 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Or sign up online at www.calvin.edu/call

We recommend parking at 1:45 or earlier. Calvin students begin their interim classes at 2:00. This time allows our CALL students the option to watch the January Series lectures in the Fine Arts Center at 12:30.