
SECTIONALS – SESSION TWO – 10:45-11:35

Sectionals are in Hiemenga Hall unless otherwise noted, and are open to all faculty and staff, current and retired. Refreshments will be available near the sectional rooms.

The Calvin Portal:

Your Gateway to Online Campus Resources

Hekman Library 122 (computer lab)

The Calvin Portal (portal.calvin.edu) is a new tool to provide access to Moodle, administrative services, classifieds, campus news, and more. This hands-on session will help you find resources previously in KnightVision, provide pointers on using the Portal to simplify your life, demonstrate how the Portal affects your students, and include opportunities for your feedback to further improve this tool.

Matt Jeltema, Sarah Greenfield, Kevin VanSchepen, Bill Vriesema

Teaching and Learning Cross-Culturally

HH 331

Challenges with retention of cross-cultural faculty at Calvin College will be discussed from the perspective of factors that influence teaching, learning, and issues of evaluation. There will be an emphasis on cultural differences that cause cross-cultural faculty members to receive negative evaluations from students and peers.

Sérgio da Silva, Kristin Du Mez, Becky Haney, Elisha Marr, Eric Washington

Teaching Passive Learners to Engage:

Best and Worst Pedagogical Practices

HH 334

Drawing from personal experience, colleagues will lead a discussion about pedagogical engagement. Scores from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) seem to confirm that Calvin students tend to be passive in their approach to learning. The panel will discuss some techniques that work—or don't work—in earning students' trust and cooperation in helping them be active learners in the classroom.

Umit Dhuga, Stan Haan, Paul Harper, David Koetje, Vic Norman

Calvin Online Course Pilot

HH 321

Technology has opened up new ways to serve both current and potential students. This Online Course Pilot will allow Calvin to explore the resources needed and the pedagogical implications of offering courses online.

Rob Bobeldyk

Make Assessment Work for You: Proposing New Courses and Designing Syllabi with Learning Goals

HH 323

Assessment is more than jumping through hoops...or at least it can be. In this session you will receive practical advice for proposing or modifying courses and programs using the new proposal templates and online examples from EPC (Educational Policy Committee). You will also learn how to design learning goals, measures, and syllabi that can become tools for assessing individual classes and programs, and how to integrate assessment techniques into the work you might already be doing in your classes and departments. There will also be a time for questions.

Cheryl Brandsen, Jack Du Mez, Martin Hughes, Mike Stob, Paul Sytsema

Positive Advising: Increasing Advising Effectiveness

HH 320

How do effective advisors move advising sessions beyond scheduling courses to creating opportunities for meaningful dialogue? With input from panel members on best practices, this interactive discussion will explore ways to expand your own advising effectiveness and resulting satisfaction with the process.

Brian Cawley, Dana Hebreard, James Randall, Bonnie Speyers, Julie Yonker

Engaging God's World Through Service-Learning

HH 316

Your classroom in the CFAC, the Science Building, or Hiemenga Hall is framed by its concrete walls; your work space is similarly confined by a cubicle, a room, or a building. In contrast, acres of possible educational real estate exist in the City of Grand Rapids and its surroundings. In addition, many other opportunities present themselves for you to come along side students, opportunities like becoming a StreetFest mentor or a Spring Break Trip mentor. Come learn about the invaluable resources at the Service-Learning Center, a division of Student Life which can serve you, your vision, your faith, your passions, your syllabus, and your objectives in ways that you never imagined.

Noah Kruis, Megan Kruis Jerry Fondse

YES! And . . .

Chapel Undercroft

Learn to use improv skills to help think on your feet and contribute to the positive culture at Calvin. Two experienced improvisers from River City Improv and Pop Scholars will lead this interactive workshop—be prepared to participate!

Matt Sterenberg, Rick Treur

Are You Ready for Some Football?

HH 336

(offered both sessions)

We really want to know. Over the next few months the Football Feasibility Task Force will survey faculty, staff, students, and alumni regarding the prospect of adding American football as an intercollegiate sport at Calvin College. This presentation will feature many issues taken up by the task force including implications for students, the campus community, and beyond.

Brian Bolt

All-Campus Bible Study on the Psalms

HH 337

(offered both sessions)

For the second consecutive year Calvin College Campus Ministries is launching an all-campus Bible study, this time on the Psalms. Faculty, staff and students are all encouraged to form groups and use the prepared materials—including a helpful study guide written by Eugene Peterson titled “Psalms: Prayers of the Heart.” Come to this workshop to learn more about the study and to learn how you and others can get involved. You’ll be able to join a group, lead a group, or just find out what (we hope) everyone will be talking about this fall.

Aaron Winkle, AJ Gretz

Learning, Living, and Brushing: Life in the Residence Halls of Today meet on chapel patio

(offered both sessions)

Come and see how the Residence Hall experience for Calvin students has been shaped and changed over the years, and how the Residence Life Department is partnering with other disciplines and departments to promote student learning. This session includes an on-campus tour of Bolt-Heyns-Timmer Hall, as well as a commemorative travel toothbrush! Meet Jay Wise on the chapel patio for the brief walk across campus.

Jay Wise, John Witte