

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Provost's Office of Calvin College  
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*Welcome to The Academic Bulletin, a weekly newsletter from the Provost's Office of Calvin College. This newsletter is intended to be a place to gather many details of special interest to faculty life at Calvin. The bulletin will also be a place to highlight recent articles or books on higher education, to post brief reminders, to welcome new faculty as they are hired, and to publish occasional editorial comments from the provost.*

*Claudia Beversluis, provost*

## ***Congratulations***

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- To Judy Vander Woude (CAS) who received the Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching at the teaching award dinner last Thursday evening.
- To Don Wilson (Sociology, emeritus) for the Faith and Learning Award from the Alumni Association, received during Homecoming events on Saturday.
- To Bruce Berglund (History), Keith Grasman (Biology), Loren Haarsma (Physics and Astronomy), Stephen Matheson (Biology), Diane Obenchain (Religion), Bert Polman (Music), Donald Reynolds (Business and Accounting), Thomas Scofield (Mathematics and Statistics), Cynthia Slagter (Spanish), James Turner (Mathematics and Statistics), and Jo-Ann Van Reeuyk (Art); all were interviewed and received tenure from the Calvin Board of Trustees.

## ***Welcome new faculty***

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With the start of interim and the spring semester, two new faculty colleagues quietly arrived on campus:

Mwenda Ntarangwi joined the Department of Sociology and Social Work in a tenure track position. Prof. Ntarangwi received his doctorate from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Prof. Ntarangwi is teaching introductory cultural anthropology courses. Prof. Ntarangwi has a productive and active record of scholarly work, having published many articles and several books on cultural anthropology. He is currently at work on a book titled *Reversed Gaze: An African Encounters America through Anthropology*.

Julie Yonker joined the Department of Psychology in a tenure track position. Prof. Yonker received her degree from Stockholm University. She is teaching introductory and developmental psychology. Prof. Yonker has a strong record of publishing, with most of her articles being on topics that bridge psychology and biology as well as articles on pedagogy.

## ***NEW Faculty Development Opportunities: On Campus***

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Tuesday, February 13, 12:30-1:30; HL 305 Information Hunting Made Smarter: WebCat SmartSearch  
As a basic search with relevance ranking, SmartSearch allows you to achieve maximum results with

minimum fuss. Learn more about SmartSearch at this lunch break led by Steven Putt, Electronic Services Librarian ([sjp6@calvin.edu](mailto:sjp6@calvin.edu)). Bring your lunch; chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided.

Wednesday, February 13. How to become an outstanding educator of Hispanic and African-American first generation college students. 3:30 PM, Meeter Center Lecture Hall.

### **NEW Faculty Development Opportunities: Off Campus**

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From the Council of Independent Colleges: The Center for Hellenic Studies and the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) will co-sponsor a seminar on Ancient Greece in the Modern College Classroom, to be held on the Center's Washington, DC campus, July 14-18, 2008. The seminar is open to full-time faculty members in all fields at CIC-member colleges and universities. The selection process is based on nominations by chief academic officers, not direct application by faculty members. Nominations are due March 10. Please let Heidi Rienstra ([hrienstr@calvin.edu](mailto:hrienstr@calvin.edu)) know of your interest by March 1, 2008. See [http://www.cic.edu/projects\\_services/coops/ancient\\_greece.asp](http://www.cic.edu/projects_services/coops/ancient_greece.asp).

### **This Week on Campus: Lectures** (Check the campus calendar for more information)

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*Five Days in the Black World* (Each event is held in the Chapel Undercroft from 6 to 8 pm.)

Tuesday, February 12—Dr. Joy DeGruy Leary will show and discuss the DVD *Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome* <http://www.posttraumaticsavesyndrome.com/>

Wednesday, February 13—Food tasting and discussion.

Thursday, February 14—History of gospel music.

Friday, February 15—Multimedia presentation and discussion.

#### Tuesday, February 12

- Jeroen Wagendorp, Grand Valley State University. The Geography of Public GIS in Michigan: Eighteen Years of Institutional Observations. 3:30 PM, NH 078.

#### Wednesday, February 13.

- Weng Kaixin, Tsinghua University, Beijing. The rule of law and the role of religion in contemporary China. 3:30, Commons Lecture Hall.

#### Thursday, February 14

- Nursing Department Seminar Series. A Feast for the Senses—Interim 2008. 12 noon, SB 202.
- Dr. Jehu J. Hanciles, Associate Professor of Mission History and Globalization at Fuller Seminary. African Immigrants & the New Missionary Encounter with American Society. 3:30 PM, Commons Lecture Hall.
- Victor Khumalo and Angie Diale, Southern Africa HIV/AIDS collaboration. Fighting against HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa. 3:30 PM, NH 161.

#### Friday, February 15

- Richard Colling, Olivet Nazarene University Professor of Biology. Randomness, Purpose, God, and Evolution: Can they go together? 3:30 PM, SB 110.
- Amos Young, Regent University School of Divinity. Disability Enabling Theology. 8 PM, Meeter Center Lecture Hall.