

# 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 Gail Landheer Zandee (Nursing) who was honored last week with a Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for her work as a community partnership development coordinator. The program she coordinates pairs lay community health workers with senior nursing students as they go door-to-door in the Baxter, Burton Heights, and Creston neighborhoods delivering health education and consultation. The award is the highest given by MCC to college and university faculty and staff in the state of Michigan.
- To recipients of Alumni Association Faculty Grants for the coming year: Joel Adams (Computer Science), Roy Anker (English), Randy Buursma (CAS), Matthew Kuperus Heun (Engineering), Karen Miller (Spanish), Bert Polman (Music), Kumar Sinniah (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Ralph Stearley (GEO), Helen Sterk (CAS), Karen VanderLaan (Nursing), Randy VanDragt (Biology).

## ***Thank you***

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Thank you to members of the Strategic Planning Task Force: Claudia Beversluis (chair), Rhae-Ann Booker, Jeff Bouman, Henry DeVries, Bob Eames, Jennifer Holberg, Dale Kuiper, Michelle Loyd-Paige, Karin Maag, Darlene Meyering, Robert Nordling, Mike Stob, Matt Walhout, Julie Walton, Sam Wanner.

The Strategic Plan 2008-2013 was approved by the Calvin Board of Trustees last week. Look for more information about the plan this spring.

## ***Welcome new faculty***

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Calvin College is pleased to welcome Jason Stansbury to a tenure track position in the Business Department next fall. Prof. Stansbury is completing his Ph.D. in organization studies at Vanderbilt University. Prof. Stansbury teaches in the areas of business ethics, organizational behavior, power and influence, and human resources management. His research interests include ethics and morality in organizational decision-making as well as a secondary interest in criminology and occupational deviance. You can send a welcome message to Prof. Stansbury: [Jason.Stansbury@owen.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Jason.Stansbury@owen.vanderbilt.edu) or 1023 McMahan Avenue, Nashville, TN 37216.

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

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“Research Fluency Instruction: Can we do more?” How prepared are our students to do library research? How well do we teach students the art of research? Who is responsible for this instruction? Can more be done? Come with your success and horror stories. We’ll also discuss models from other colleges. This workshop will be facilitated by librarian Glenn Remelts and is part of the “Teaching Confrontationally” teaching development series. February 20, 2008, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall. For more information on the series, visit: <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/events> .

The Milton and Carol Kuyers International Programs Endowment provides financial support for a variety of international activities and projects. See <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/kuyers/> or visit the Off-Campus Programs website and click on "Faculty Resources" (middle column, bottom line). This spring's deadline is March 17. Late applications will be considered if funds still remain after the March 17 funding requests have been considered.

## **This Week on Campus** (Click “Calendars” on Calvin’s home page for more information)

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### Tuesday, February 19

- Exploring the Faces of Educational Diversity. (Prince Conference Center). Although the primary focus of this event is preK – 12 schooling, this is an excellent *From Every Nation* (FEN) faculty development event. Free and open to the public.
  - 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Plenary speaker Bernard Taylor, GRPS superintendent, will address the challenges and opportunities of teaching in schools with increasingly diverse student populations.
  - 2:15-5:15 p.m.—Breakout sessions. Topics include: building partnerships with international schools, educational diversity in Christian schooling, successful teaching in diverse schools, and constructing and using an ethnically diverse curriculum.

For details, see <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/news/events/beversluis.pdf> .

- Dr. Yi Sun, Renmin University of China, Beijing. What Calvin’s Theology means to Chinese Society and its Culture. 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center (Hekman Reading Room 415).
- Stuart J. Dykstra, Calvin Alum and Hydrogeologist, director, Natural Resources Division, V3 Companies of Illinois Ltd. Stuart will be speaking on his work in Haiti. 3:30 p.m. (North Hall 078). Refreshments served.

### Thursday, February 21

- Thomas Flynn, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Philosophy, Emory University. Philosophy as a Way of Life: Foucault and Hadot. 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall.

### Friday, February 22

- Westminster Choir College, Artist Series Concert. The Sun is Daily New and Old...telling what it told. 8 p.m., FAC. Tickets required.