

The Academic Bulletin

from the Provost's Office of Calvin College
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Congratulations

To Ron Blankespoor and Carolyn Anderson who were awarded \$77,000 through a 2008 Beckman Foundation Beckman Scholars Award. This award will support the research efforts of four outstanding students from the Department of Biology and the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry over the next three years. Each student, designated a Beckman Scholar, will work on a research project with a mentor for two summers and the intervening academic year. Towards the end of the second summer, each Beckman Scholar will present his or her work at a symposium for Beckman Scholars in California.

Welcome New Faculty

Dr. David Benson will join the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in a tenure track position this fall. Prof. Benson is a bioinorganic chemist who received his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from the University of Illinois. A trained analytical chemist, his teaching and research interests have crossed into biochemistry. He has extensive experience in using enzymes for biodetection. Prof. Benson has a \$289,000 grant from the Department of Naval Research to increase the sensitivity of receptor-based biosensors using single molecule fluorescence spectroscopy. Prof. Benson comes to Calvin College from Wayne State University. You may welcome him via email: dbenson@chem.wayne.edu.

Dr. Laura Kapitula will join the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in a reduced-load tenure track position in the fall of 2009. After earning a master's degree in psychology from the University of New Mexico, Prof. Kapitula went on to pursue a doctorate in statistics from the same institution. She is now an applied statistician with more than ten years of experience working in various roles on applied statistical projects. Prof. Kapitula looks forward to the opportunity to teach and mentor undergraduates at a Christian college. Although she is somewhat familiar with the college already (her husband, Todd, joined the same department last fall), please take a moment welcome Prof. Kapitula to the faculty as well (email address: lkapitula@gmail.com; street address: 1815 Observatory Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546).

NEW Faculty Development Opportunities: On Campus

The final panel in the "Teaching Confrontationally" series is "Teaching Truth? Building Up Students in the Faith." The series began by examining approaches to teaching that often challenge students' faith. It ends by asking: When teaching confrontationally, how do we pass along something firm for our students to hold on to? Come for a stimulating roundtable led by Matt Walkout, Paul Moes, Jim Bratt, and Jennifer Holberg. March 26, 3:30 - 4:45, Commons Lecture Hall.

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

Monday, March 24

- Dr. Rolf Peterson, expert on gray wolf ecology. The Wolves of Isle Royale— After 50 Years. 12:30 p.m., SB-010.

Tuesday, March 25

- Francene Lewis and Sarah Kolk, librarians. Google Reader, RSS, and You: Keeping Current with Journal Literature. 12 noon, HL 305.
- Dr. Alice Dreger, Associate Professor of Clinical Medical Humanities and Bioethics at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Intersex in theory, life, and practice. 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall.

Wednesday, March 26

- Dr. Carol Pardun, Director of the School of Journalism, Middle Tennessee SU. Hell hath no torment ... for sex research by a woman of faith. 3:30 p.m., Alumni Board Room.
- Dr. Stephen Linton, founder of the EugeneBell Foundation, a pioneering medical missionary in Korea which supports medical and humanitarian aid to North Korea, and visiting associate of the Korean Institute at Harvard University. What Should Christians Do about North Korea? 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Thursday, March 27

- Dr. Stephen Linton, founder of the EugeneBell Foundation. Why Should Koreans Care about North Korea? 3:30 p.m., Calvin Seminary Auditorium.

Friday, March 28

- Dean Zimmerman, Professor of Philosophy, Rutgers University. What did God know, and when did He know it? 3:30 p.m., Alumni Board Room.
- Eric LaRock, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Oakland University. Interactive Cellular Assemblies, Neural Suppression, and the Unified Character of Consciousness. 3:30 p.m. SB-110
- Partners for a Racism-Free Community (PRFC) Annual Forum (formerly the Summit on Racism). 8:00 – 10:30 a.m., Steelcase University Learning Center Town Hall.