

The Academic Bulletin

from the Provost's Office of Calvin College
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Congratulations

The Professional Status Committee (PSC) has confirmed several faculty administrative appointments in recent weeks. Please extend your congratulations to:

- Janel Curry (GEO, dean for research and scholarship) who was appointed to the Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Christian Perspectives on Political, Social, and Economic Thought (Byker Chair). Her expertise in leading cross-departmental research teams will serve her well in this role. She will continue her work as dean for research and scholarship half time, at least for the coming year. Special thanks to Paul Freston (Sociology), the inaugural chairholder, who has held the chair for the past four years.
- Jim Penning (Political Science) who was appointed director of the Center for Social Research (CSR). He possesses a dynamic vision for the center's future, as well as a background in public administration and experience serving on many community boards. Jim joins Neil Carlson and a strong team of student research assistants. Jim follows Kurt Schaefer (Economics) who returned to his department this past fall after directing the CSR for three years.
- Susan Felch (English) who was appointed director of the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship (CCCS). She was previously the director of the Seminars in Christian Scholarship program for several years. Susan has a strong publication record and possesses a comprehensive Reformed vision of Christian scholarship. She brings excellent collaboration and communication skills to this role. Susan succeeds Jim Bratt (History) who has served as the director since 1999.

Welcome New Faculty

Steve McMullen will join the Economics Department in a tenure-track position this fall. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; his dissertation title is "The Labor Market Determinants and Impact of Homework Time in High School." Prof. McMullen's research interests lie in the fields of education, labor, and health economics, with a focus on public policy issues. He teaches a variety of courses including micro- and macroeconomics and principles of economics. He has also led a teacher training program and has received several teaching awards. You may welcome Prof. McMullen via mcmullen@unc.edu.

After a national search, Bob Schoone-Jongen was awarded a tenure track position in the History Department. Previously, he held several term appointments in the department. He replaces Dan Miller in training history education students. Prof. Schoone-Jongen earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Delaware and has twenty-seven years of experience in high school teaching and administration. He has also received grants to develop curricula and is a reader of educational improvement grants for the United States Department of Education. His research interests include social history; currently, he's exploring processes by which migrant groups attempted to perpetuate their identities in new contexts. Feel free to welcome him anew to Calvin College at rps2@calvin.edu.

Especially for Faculty

The Provost's Office joins the Broene Counseling Center in presenting a Lunch and Learn session titled **Addressing Sexual Assault on Campus—Faculty Make a Difference**. Monday, April 7, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Alumni Association Board Room, Commons Annex. **Free lunch tickets for those who preregister**. Call the Broene Counseling Center, x-6-6123 or email Barb at bveenema@calvin.edu.

Keith Edwards, Ph.D., Director of Student Life, Macalester College (MN), will give an informal, interactive presentation and discussion on the latest approaches to sexual assault prevention on campus. Dr. Edwards will address such questions as:

- What is the role of faculty in addressing issues of response and prevention?
- Who are the perpetrators of sexual assault on campus?
- What is "rape culture"?
- Which pro-active approaches to sexual assault prevention are effective?
- How can we reach men and teach them about healthy treatment of women?
- How can we improve our approach to teaching women the skills necessary for resisting abusive treatment?
- Males are victims of sexual assault also. How does this happen?

Dr. Edwards will also be presenting "She Fears You" for the Calvin community at 7:45 pm in the chapel. Further information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) events are posted at <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/broene/sexualassault/saam.html>.

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

Monday, March 31

- Nicholas Wolterstorff, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology Emeritus at Yale and John Witte, Jr., Robitscher Professor of Law and Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University. The Religious Heritage of Rights Talk: A Symposium. 7:00 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall.
- Dean Koldenhoven, former mayor of Palos Heights, Illinois and 2002 recipient of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. Religious Tolerance: How far does "Love your Neighbor" go? 7:30 p.m., Prince Conference Center.

Wednesday, April 2

- Allen Verhey, Duke Divinity School. Every Ethos Implies a Mythos: Dominant Myths about Nature and its Alteration. 7:30 p.m., Calvin Theological Seminary Auditorium.

Thursday, April 3

- Allen Verhey, Duke Divinity School. An Alternative Mythos: Revisiting the Christian Story. 3:30 p.m., Calvin Theological Seminary Auditorium.