

The Academic Bulletin

from the Provost's Office of Calvin College
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Congratulations

The Professional Status Committee (PSC) continues making faculty administrative appointments. Please extend your congratulations to:

- Cheryl Brandsen (Sociology and Social Work), who has been appointed to a three year term as academic dean of the Social and Contextual Studies Division. Cheryl brings wisdom and practical knowledge to the task of dean; her administrative skills have been well-developed by her service as department chair and by her experience in leading a professional program.
- Mike Stob (Mathematics and Statistics), who has been appointed to a three year term as dean for institutional effectiveness, beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year. Mike's passion for excellence in teaching as well as his commitment to the effective use of quantitative data in institutional planning, informed by his years as an academic dean, will serve him well in this role.
- Randy Bytwerk (Communication Arts and Sciences), who was appointed coordinator of the Developing a Christian Mind (DCM) program. Randy's administrative and recruitment skills will be well-used in this role, and his experience as a successful DCM faculty member for many years will enable him to provide excellent leadership. Randy succeeds Lee Hardy (Philosophy) who has served as coordinator for the past three years.

Calendar Notes

Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

Honors Convocation

Faculty Attendance is expected, in full academic regalia. Student Karen Kaashoek and history professor Bruce Berglund are this year's speakers.

Thursday, May 8

Friday class schedule in effect

As you may recall, spring semester 2008 presented some scheduling challenges. In order to provide thirteen instructional days of each day of the week during this semester, it is necessary to observe a Friday class schedule on Thursday, May 8. Although faculty were reminded of this schedule abnormality in December and January as spring syllabi were being prepared, there may be a few who missed the notices. Please take a moment now to double-check your own syllabi, to remind your students (who may need to change work schedules), and to make sure part time faculty in your department are also aware.

Thursday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.

Faculty Tribute Dinner

All faculty and their spouses are invited. Invitations will be issued next week—please remember to RSVP in a timely manner. Thank you!

NEW Faculty Development Opportunities: On Campus

Teaching Development Workshop: Foundations for Making Racial Diversity Work. What are other institutions of higher education doing to make diversity work? What can we learn from them? What could they learn from us? This session will include a time of sharing the big picture of the Office for Multicultural Affairs and brief presentations of some of the best practices of other institutions of higher education. April 9, 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall. For more information contact the Office for Multicultural Affairs, x68703, multiculturalaffairs@calvin.edu.

Teaching with Technology LunchBytes. Point and click: An overview of the clickers (CPS). The “clickers” are gaining momentum on campus—this wireless polling system can be used to measure comprehension, gather opinions, and take attendance. Learn more: April 9, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., Alumni Association Board Room. Registration not required; however, the first ten to register will receive a lunch ticket. Register at: http://www.calvin.edu/weblogs/cit_workshops/register.

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

Tuesday, April 8

- Janny Venema, associate director, New Netherland Project. The Legacy of the New Netherland Colony for the United States. 7:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall.

Wednesday, April 9

- James Goode, professor of Middle East History, Grand Valley State University. Negotiating for the Past: Archaeology, Nationalism, and Diplomacy in the Middle East, 1919-1941. 3:30 p.m., Commons Annex Alumni Association Board Room.

Thursday, April 10

- Sudhir Venkatesh, professor of sociology, Columbia University, and director of the Center for Urban Research. Law and Order in the Urban Ghetto. 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall.
- Jamie Skillen, professor, Christ College, Valparaiso University and incoming professor of the GEO department. Who Owns the West? 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall.

Monday, April 14

- Roland Hoksbergen, professor of economics. Transformational Development: The Role of Christian NGOs in the Promotion of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. 3:30 p.m., North Hall 161.
- Fred P. Keller, Chairman and CEO of Cascade Engineering. Sustainability, Innovation, and Faith: Making the Connection. 3:30 p.m., Science Building 010.