

The Academic Bulletin

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Welcome to New Faculty

Marilyn Cain will join the Business Department as an accounting faculty member this fall in a three-year, tenure-track appointment. Ms. Cain is a CPA and received her MBA from Xavier University. She has worked in the assurance services function and national office of Deloitte & Touche LLP and has taught business courses in Poland, in India, and at Taylor University (Fort Wayne). If you would like to send a note of welcome, please e-mail her at mrcaain@tayloru.edu.

This fall, the Psychology Department will welcome **Emily Helder** to a three-year, tenure-track appointment. An alumna of Calvin College and currently completing her Ph.D. at Wayne State University, Helder will teach courses in clinical and counseling psychology, research methods, and brain and behavior. She has published extensively on her primary research interest, pediatric neuropsychology. Welcome notes can be sent to her at helder.emily@gmail.com.

Welcome to New Deans

The Office of the Provost is pleased to announce the selection of two new deans and would like to express its gratitude for their willingness to serve in these administrative roles.

- **Matt Walhout** (Physics) will be replacing Janel Curry as the next dean for research and scholarship. Matt's interdisciplinary interests and experience and his vision for collaborative scholarship will be particularly useful in this position.
- **Mark Williams** (Classics) will be replacing Dean Ward as the new academic dean for arts, languages, and education. Mark brings to this role a commitment to the Reformed identity of Calvin, to liberal arts education, and to active faculty mentoring.

Please join us in thanking Janel and Dean for their faithful service in these positions and in wishing them the best in their continued service to Calvin. The college community will have an opportunity to thank them in a more festive manner at the end of this semester.

Faculty Development Opportunities

Conference: "A Grand Dialogue in Science and Religion," March 14, 2009, Grand Valley State University (Loosemore Auditorium, Grand Rapids campus). Brian Malley, lecturer in psychology at the University of Michigan and author of *How the Bible Works*, will deliver the keynote lecture, "Why Do People Believe in Gods?" For more information, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/granddialogue/>.

Conference: “Hospitality, Critical Thinking, and Truth: Living the Tensions,” May 18–19, 2009, Messiah College (Grantham, PA). More information is available at <http://www.messiah.edu/livingthetensions/>.

Classroom Resources

Do your students need help learning to do research? A focus group study in 2008 (http://projectinfolit.org/pdfs/PIL_ProgressReport_2_2009.pdf) concluded that students find all aspects of formal college-level research intimidating and difficult. Having experienced years of success researching primarily “everyday life” topics, they apparently assume college-level research is similar and consequently are overwhelmed by the number of electronic research tools, the flood of Web information, and the process of finding electronic and physical sources that are part of college research. Library liaisons have been appointed for each department (<http://library.calvin.edu/services/faculty/liaison>) and are available to provide research instruction for your classes.

This Week on Campus

Monday, February 16

- Religion Department lecture: Leo G. Purdue, “Contending with Leviathan: The Divine Speeches in the Book of Job.” 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Wednesday, February 18

- Black History Month lecture: Black Alumni Panel Discussion. 3:00 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall

Thursday, February 19

- Office of the Provost and the Teaching Fellows lecture: Tim Clydesdale, “Teaching, Faith, and the New Epistemology.” 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall

Friday, February 20

- Festival of Faith and Writing used book sale. 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., FAC east lobby
 - Continues on Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.