

The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College
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Welcome to New Faculty

Herb Fynewever joins the Chemistry Department this fall for a three-year tenure-track appointment. An alumnus of Calvin College (1994), Herb received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin and did postdoctoral work at the University of Sydney. He is currently an assistant professor in the Chemistry Department and Mallinson Institute for Science Education at Western Michigan University, whose research focuses on chemical education and, in particular, the use of formative assessment throughout the curriculum. You can send a note of welcome to Herb at herb.fynewever@wmich.edu.

Conferences

Drum Majors for Love, Truth, and Justice. In Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's last speech, "Unfulfilled Dreams," which he delivered the night before his assassination, King talked about how he wanted to be remembered after his death—as a "drum major for justice." Dr. John Perkins and Dr. Paul Metzger have taken up that banner and are bringing it to Calvin this Sunday through Tuesday (March 1-3). Sponsored by the Student Activities Office, the conference includes a faculty discussion time on Tuesday, March 3: **12:00 noon faculty lunch discussion, Alumni Board Room (BYOLunch)**. For the complete conference schedule see: <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/sao/calendar/08-09/mar/>.

For more information on the Perkins/Metzger project, see

<http://consumingjesus.org/2008/02/22/drum-majors-for-love-truth-and-justice/>

The 2010 International Forum on Christian Higher Education invites proposals for presentations that reflect the Forum's theme of "Critical Breakthroughs." The document at http://www.cccu.org/filefolder/CCCU_Forum2010_RFP.pdf provides information on themes and how to submit proposals (deadline: April 15, 2009). For more information on the International Forum, visit the Forum Web site, <http://www.cccu.org/forum2010>.

"A Grand Dialogue in Science and Religion," March 14, 2009, Grand Valley State University (Loosemore Auditorium, Grand Rapids campus). Breakout sessions will be led by Kelly Clark ("Explaining God Away? The Challenge of Evolutionary Psychology") and Loren Haarsma ("Creation, Design, Evolution, and Human Origins"); Clark will also give a response to the keynote lecture, by Brian Malley (University of Michigan). For more information, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/granddialogue/>.

Prelude

The Prelude Program is currently looking for interested faculty to teach a section of Prelude for the fall of 2009. There are two class formats available. The first option involves teaching a section consisting of students from the same residence hall; this option includes the potential of becoming more involved in the community of that particular residence hall and was piloted last year with great success. The second option involves teaching a section consisting of students from every residence hall and commuters, similar to how classes have been configured in previous years. If you are interested in teaching Prelude this fall or would like more information, contact Hennie Schoon (hschoon@calvin.edu, 6-8823).

Next Week on Campus

Monday, March 2

- Calvin Asian Studies Korean lectureship: Rebecca Kim, "God's New Whiz Kids? Korean American Evangelicals on Campus." 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center
- Philosophy Department and Gender Studies Program lecture: Joan Callahan, "The Morality of Elective Abortion." 3:30 p.m., Alumni Board Room
- Faculty Senate meeting, 7:00 p.m., Prince Conference Center
- Paul B. Henry Institute lecture: Cal Thomas, "Political, Cultural, and Spiritual State of the Union." 7:30 p.m., Prince Conference Center

Tuesday, March 3

- Philosophy Department and Gender Studies Program presentation: Joan Callahan, Feminist Philosophers Film Archive. 12:00 noon, Bytwerk Theater
- Drum Majors for Justice Faculty Conversation. 12:00 noon, Alumni Board Room

Wednesday, March 4

- Library lunch break: Steven Putt, "Meet the Kindle." 12:05 p.m., Hekman Library 305

Thursday, March 5

- Film Arts Committee lecture: Patricia Rozema, "Feature Filmmaking: One Woman's Perspective." 7:30 p.m., Bytwerk Video Theater (DeVos Communication Center)

Friday, March 6

- Fridays at Calvin