

# The Academic Bulletin

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## *Fellowships and Funding*

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NEH Teaching Development Fellowships support college and university teachers pursuing research aimed specifically at deepening their core knowledge in the humanities to improve their undergraduate teaching. Projects must improve an existing undergraduate course that has been taught in at least three different terms and will continue to be taught. Fellowships are three to five months with stipends of \$4,200 per month. Recipients may teach no more than one course per term during the fellowship period. New guidelines for the next deadline will be available at <http://www.neh.gov/>. For more information, view last year's guidelines at [http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/TD\\_Fellowships.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/TD_Fellowships.html).

The Kuyers International Programs Endowment is still accepting proposals for funding for projects that help Calvin to enhance existing international programs and launch new and creative programs and initiatives. Learn more about this fund at <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/kuyers/>. Proposals should be sent to [ocpdirector@calvin.edu](mailto:ocpdirector@calvin.edu) by the end of March.

## *Call for Proposals*

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The West Michigan College and University Presidents' Compact Committee (WMPCC) invites 250-word proposals for papers, panels, and workshops that either address issues surrounding the inclusion of diversity topics across the curriculum or present scholarship on diversity related subjects (race, ethnicity, gender, class, age, disability) for a two-day conference at Calvin College and Davenport University, September 24–25, 2009. The committee is particularly interested in scholarship that either describes techniques and tools to equip and empower faculty to include diversity into their curriculum, or showcases the diversity-related research of West Michigan regional colleagues. Paper presentations should be planned for twenty minutes, and panel presentations should be planned for one hour and twenty minutes. All proposals should include AV requests. For more information, visit <http://www.westmichiganpcc.org>. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2009.

## *Spring Break (March 23–27): Fire Alarms*

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The City of Grand Rapids fire marshall requires an annual physical test of the fire alarm systems. These tests are physical/visual/audible. After confirmation that the horns work, the audible component will be disabled while the pull stations are tested and strobes are checked. Occupants will *NOT* be required to evacuate buildings for these tests. Physical Plant and SecurAlarm Systems will test all devices in every campus building.

## ***On-Campus Job Fair***

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The On-Campus Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hekman Library Lobby. If your department will be hiring students either for the summer or fall of 2009, please consider collecting applications at the Job Fair. Contact Karen Hollebeek to reserve a table for this event: hollek@calvin.edu.

## ***Seminar Opportunity***

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Transylvania University (Lexington, KY) will hold its annual seminar, titled “Twenty-First Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept,” on July 23–26, 2009. Fifteen applicants from liberal arts colleges across the nation will be accepted to attend free of charge and receive a \$500 stipend for travel and incidental costs. Applications must be submitted by April 20 and are available at [http://www.transy.edu/le\\_seminar/](http://www.transy.edu/le_seminar/).

## ***Save the Date***

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The Homosexuality and Community Life Task Force has scheduled two listening sessions:

- Wednesday, April 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Meeter Center Lecture Hall
- Friday, April 17, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Association Board Room (Commons Annex)

Look for details in a letter to faculty to be distributed next week.

## ***Coming Up***

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### Tuesday, March 31

- Nagel Fellowship Presentations. 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
  - Dianne Slager, “African Independent Church Leaders’ Knowledge and Attitudes about HIV”
  - Mariano Avila, “Preliminary Approaches to Spiritual Warfare in Worship Practices in Latin America.”

### Wed, April 1

- Teaching with Technology Showcase. 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Commons Annex Alumni Association Board Room