

# The Academic Bulletin

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

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This fall, Jonathan Hill will join the Sociology Department as assistant professor in a tenure-track appointment; he will teach courses in statistics, methods, and—his specific interest—sociology of religion. Hill received a double BA in sociology and in Christian thought from Grove City College and received his PhD from the University of Notre Dame, where he is currently a post-doctoral fellow for the National Study of Youth and Religion. Notes of welcome may be sent to [Jhill3@nd.edu](mailto:Jhill3@nd.edu).

Eric Washington will switch from a term to a tenure-track appointment in the History Department, where he has taught African-American and African history as assistant professor since 2007. He earned his BA in sociology from Loyola University-New Orleans and is a PhD candidate at Michigan State University. Please feel free to congratulate Eric at [emw23@calvin.edu](mailto:emw23@calvin.edu).

## *From Human Resources*

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The 2009–2010 Christian School Tuition Grant Form was mailed via ICM to all faculty and staff currently receiving the benefit for their K–12 dependents. Please complete the form and return it, with any required documentation, to the Human Resources Office **by April 24** if your children attend a GRCS school or **by June 5** if they attend a non-GRCS school; the HR Office will submit the forms directly to GRCS for processing. Contact Dorothy Britton for more information.

A TIAA-CREF representative will be on campus on April 22, 23; May 6, 28; and June 2, 24 to provide individual consultations on retirement and financial planning. Limited appointments are available for those interested in speaking with the consultant. There are two ways to register: call (866) 842-2825 x3663 or register online at [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc/](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc/) (choose Michigan > Calvin College, and then select an available time). Please contact Dorothy Britton with any questions.

## *Faculty Development Opportunities*

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“Grants Roundtable,” April 28, 2009. All faculty are invited to this luncheon, which will feature six concurrent discussions (one at each of six topical tables, see [www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/events/upcoming.html](http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/events/upcoming.html)) hosted/moderated by faculty who have experience with a particular grant-making program or institution. To reserve a space and lunch ticket, RSVP with Paul Sytsema ([psytsema@calvin.edu](mailto:psytsema@calvin.edu)) by April 24, 2009. In your message, please indicate which table you wish to join.

## ***Honors Convocation***

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Honors Convocation will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The *entire* Calvin community is invited to join proud families and friends in recognizing the achievements of students who have excelled academically. This is a vital academic event, similar to Opening Convocation and Commencement; full faculty attendance is expected. Instructions regarding academic garb and line-up will be forthcoming.

## ***Next Week on Campus***

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### Tuesday, April 21

- Dutch Heritage Month lecture: Henk Aay, “The Pieter van den Keere 1611 World Map.” 3:30 p.m., NH078
- Ken Hekman (Health Development International), “Sustainable Health Care in Corrupt Countries.” 7:00 p.m., SB110

### Wednesday, April 22

- Philosophy Department lecture: Elena Valussi (Columbia College), “Daoism and Women’s Healing Arts.” 4:00 p.m., Chapel Undercroft

### Thursday, April 23

- Sociology Department lecture: Mark Mulder (Calvin College) and Kevin Dougherty (Baylor University), “Responding to Neighborhood Change: CRC Congregations in Southeast Grand Rapids, 1970–2000.” 7:00 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall

## ***Multicultural Climate Survey***

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Please remember to complete the multicultural climate survey that was sent via email to all Calvin College faculty, staff, and students yesterday (April 16). For details about the survey and its intended purposes, see <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/multicultural/survey.html> .