

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College  
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## *Returning Faculty*

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The Economics Department welcomes back **Rick DeVries**, who returns this fall on a two-year term appointment as assistant professor. Rick received his PhD from the University of Notre Dame, was a member of the Calvin economics faculty from 1995 until 2005, and has spent the last four years teaching sixth-grade science, math, and Bible at Grand Rapids Christian Middle School. Rick can be welcomed at fishdevries@gmail.com.

## *Information for Advising*

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The HPERDS core organization was recently changed, but not the 3-credit PER Core requirement. Students in catalog years prior to 2009 must complete one PER Fitness course (PER 100–119) and two non-Fitness courses (preferably one each from PER 120–159 and 160–189, but any two from this range is acceptable; new students *must* take one from each group). Please refer questions to Jodie or Natalie in the HPERDS office, or to Julie Walton.

Andras Visky, recent recipient of Hungary's highest literary award, will be coming to Calvin next academic year as the Spoelhof Teacher-Scholar in Residence. He will be teaching courses for the CAS Department, including a two-semester course on adapting non-dramatic texts for the stage, a fall course on Hungarian and Romanian theatre, and an interim course titled "The Gospel of John as a Greek Tragedy." To learn more about Visky or these courses, please contact Michael Page.

Dr. George Marsden (University of Notre Dame) will be teaching HIST 354, "Faith and Learning in the United States," this fall, to be offered TTh 2:30–3:45. Faculty are welcome to audit this course.

## *Faculty Development Opportunity*

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June 1–2, 2009, "Developing Your 5-Year Plan of Scholarship"

Leaders: Janel Curry (Geography) and Helen Sterk (CAS)

Location: DeVos Center 150

These two days will be spent developing a working five-year plan of scholarship. Activities will include

- developing purpose statements that define the importance of faculty members' research in their disciplines;

- forming a timeline and sequence of research that meshes with teaching responsibilities, Research Fellowship applications, plans for sabbatical leave, and outside grant opportunities; and
- developing action plans.

More information is available at [www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/scholars/scholarship/five\\_year\\_plan.htm](http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/scholars/scholarship/five_year_plan.htm).

### ***Help Needed: Commencement and Passport***

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If you want more than 10 inches of leg room, or if you want a bit more lateral room, or if you just want to get away from the hubbub of it all, consider volunteering to sit in the FAC during commencement, to provide a “presence” for the overflow crowd. Contact Pete Tigchelaar (Biology) if you are interested.

Calvin faculty are needed to participate in this summer’s PASSPORT orientation programs. For a description of the opportunities and their corresponding dates and times, visit [www.calvin.edu/admin/sdo/orient/faculty-staff/participate.html](http://www.calvin.edu/admin/sdo/orient/faculty-staff/participate.html). Fill out the form **before April 29** and check all of the opportunities that you are willing and able to help out with. You will be contacted to confirm your contribution for this summer.

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

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#### Tuesday, April 28

- Academic advising recess

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- Youth Writing Festival: High School Writers Workshop ([www.calvin.edu/academic/eng/ywf/highschool/](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/eng/ywf/highschool/))

#### Thursday, April 30

- Koninginnedag celebration. 3:00p.m., Spoelhof Center outdoor patio (by flagpole) and Manor House lawn
- Philosophy, Nagel Institute, and Asian Studies–cosponsored lecture: Kwan Kai Man, “Why Believe in the Self?” 3:30 pm, North Hall 078.

#### Friday, May 1

- Animals and the Kingdom of God lecture series: Jay McDaniel, “Why Christians Need Animals . . . And God Does, Too!” 7:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall