

The Academic Bulletin

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Reception for Departing Deans

Dean Ward and **Janel Curry** are completing their terms of service as academic dean and dean for research and scholarship (respectively). The college community is invited to a reception to thank them for their outstanding service and to wish them well in their future endeavors:

Thursday, May 21, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Chapel Undercroft

Ascension and Pentecost Services

There will be an **Ascension Day** service, with the Rev. Scott Hoezee preaching, on **Thursday, May 21**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Calvin College Chapel. Every effort is being made to conclude the Tribute Dinner in time for faculty and board members to attend the service, if they wish.

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 31**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Calvin College Chapel, a worship service from Geneva, Switzerland, will be shared via video feed. The World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Federation of Swiss Reformed Churches are hosting the Geneva service on the occasion of John Calvin's 500th anniversary. The local celebration involves singing, liturgy, communion, and an offering to sponsor international guests for the Uniting General Council Conference at Calvin in June 2010. Nursery care for young children and infants is provided.

Congregational Studies Working Group

The emerging department of congregational and ministry studies is establishing a working group of faculty and staff with teaching and research interests related to congregational life (with possible links with many disciplines). The main purposes of this group are to create a forum for learning about and deepening each other's work, to imagine generative possibilities for engaging students with this work, and to consider ways to share this work with various off-campus audiences. If you would be interested in participating, contact John Witvliet.

Calvin Guide to Speakers and Programs

The Calvin College Resource Guide to Speakers and Programs, which lists Calvin faculty, staff, or emeriti who are available and willing to make presentations for church, school, and community groups, is available online at www.calvin.edu/admin/community/guide/. It's time to make additions and corrections, and all those currently listed are asked to confirm or update their information; others are invited to throw their hats into the ring. If you would like to promote your presentation(s) on topics of interest or importance to our constituents, e-mail partnerships@calvin.edu or call Carol Rienstra.

Sustainability Summit 2009

Calvin's second sustainability summit will be held on **Friday, May 29**, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the Commons Lecture Hall. Working sessions will be held in the morning, lunch will be provided, and the final reporting session will take place at 2:00 p.m., when the action plans developed by each unit will be shared with the full group. These action plans will be tied to the Calvin Sustainability Scorecard and will help Calvin build on and deepen components of the Calvin Strategic Plan (2008–2013). To facilitate planning for space and food RSVP to Dawn Crook at www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/engagement/ssummit2009.htm. Find results from last year's summit at www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/ceap/events/2008/summit/sssr.htm.

Celebration of Faculty Scholarship

The various centers and institutes at Calvin College are planning to host the third annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship to recognize those who have achieved some significant scholarly accomplishment (e.g., the publication of a book, the publication of an article in a peer-reviewed journal, the awarding of a major grant, or something else that may reflect an important scholarly accomplishment within a particular discipline) during the past year (June 2008–May 2009). This year's Celebration of Faculty Scholarship will take place on **Friday, May 22**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the new Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex. Refreshments will be available throughout.

Next Week on Campus

Thursday, May 21

- Reception for Janel Curry and Dean Ward. 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Chapel Undercroft

Friday, May 22

- Celebration of Faculty Scholarship. Spoelhof Fieldhouse, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 23

- Commencement. 2:00 p.m., Van Noord Arena
- Commencement reception. 3:30 p.m., Commons Lawn