

The Academic Bulletin

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Dean for Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Call for Nominations

The search committee for the position of Dean for the Natural Sciences and Mathematics invites nominations and applications for this position. The search's Web site (www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/dean-search/nsm.html) provides details concerning the position and the application process. Nominations, expressions of interest, and other inquiries may be directed to the chair of the committee (Mike Stob, stob@calvin.edu) or any other committee member. Applications received by October 15, 2009, will receive first priority; applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Introducing the new department of Congregational and Ministry Studies

This fall, Calvin College has launched a new academic department: Congregational and Ministry Studies. The department offers a brand new minor—Church, Society, and Ministry—and includes the existing Youth Ministry minor. The spring semester course Church and Society fulfills the core requirement in the Societal Structures in North America category. For more information, faculty names, and office locations, visit www.calvin.edu/academic/congregational-studies/ and the department office (HL315, next to the Library Lobby fireplace).

Faculty Development Workshop: Curriculum Diversification

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is offering a free faculty development workshop Thursday, September 24, 3:30-5 pm. Dr. Christine Clark, vice president for diversity and inclusion at the University of Nevada, will be facilitating a workshop on diversifying the curriculum for Calvin faculty. Workshop participants will learn tools for multicultural curriculum transformation. To sign up, contact Ebonie Atkins (era4@calvin.edu, 526-7598).

Belhar Confession Discussion Group

Recently, the Belhar Confession has been a hot topic for the Christian Reformed Church. Arising from a context of acute racial tension in South Africa, the document was created in 1986 and is currently under review for adoption by the CRC. The Office of Multicultural Affairs is sponsoring a series of discussions about the document and its implications. The group will meet five Mondays over lunch for discussion. For more information, visit www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/multicultural/belhar.html. To sign up, contact Ebonie Atkins (era4@calvin.edu, 526-7598).

Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults – Lecture and Lunch with Christian Smith

Christian Smith will speak at Calvin College on Thursday evening, October 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gezon Auditorium on the topic of the religious and spiritual lives of emerging adults in the United States. Earlier in the day—for lunch—Smith will be available to talk informally with faculty interested in or already doing research in this area. If you would like to join this group, please RSVP to Tess Lindholm (526-6229) in the Sociology and Social Work department. Seating is limited. Dr. Smith is the William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame, director of the Center for the Sociology of Religion, and principal investigator of the National Study of Youth and Religion. He is the author, coauthor, or editor of a number of books, including the newly released *Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults*.

Spoelhof Chair Inaugural Events

CAS welcomes Hungarian playwright Andras Visky as this year's Spoelhof Teacher-Scholar in Residence. Two events are planned to introduce Visky to the campus community:

- Lecture/interview: with Michael Page, Thursday, September 24, 3:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
- Play performance: *Juliet: A Dialogue about Love*, September 24 and 25, 7:00 p.m., Gezon Auditorium. **Admission is FREE, but tickets are required** (from the campus box office).

Juliet is the true story of Visky's parents. In 1939, his father fled from Romania to Hungary, where he met his wife, Juliet. After World War II they returned to Romania, where his father was sentenced to twenty-two years in prison; his mother remained alone with seven children. Mother and children, including young Andras, were deported to a Romanian Gulag. Performed by just one actress, Melissa Hawkins, *Juliet* brings alive a multitude of stories as Juliet strives to keep her love strong and regain her freedom. Visky describes the play as a love triangle between his mother, his father, and God. *Juliet* has played to full houses at the Thalia Theatre in Budapest for 3 years, and Visky is now working on a screenplay for the company Eurofilm.

Next Week on Campus

Monday, September 21

- Meeter Center Visiting Scholar lecture: Sebastian Heck (Theologische Universiteit Apeldoorn), "Elements of Innatism in the Thought of John Calvin." 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center

Tuesday, September 22

- Service Learning Center blood drive. 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Fieldhouse Complex
- Pre-law program lecture: Vincent A. Thomas (University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis), "Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility." 3:30 p.m., DeVos Forum
- Opening celebration service, Hoogenboom Health and Recreation Center. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

- Service Learning Center blood drive. 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Fieldhouse Complex
- Byker Chair panel on academic freedom: Anthony Diekema, George Marsden, Nicholas Wolterstorff. 3:30 p.m., Chapel Undercroft
- Community Conversations for the Michigan Defining Moment Public Engagement Campaign report. 7:00 p.m., DeVos Forum

Thursday, September 24

- Service Learning Center blood drive. 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Fieldhouse Complex
- Philosophy Department lecture: Mark Murphy (Georgetown), "Theistic Explanation of Natural Law." 3:30 p.m., Alumni Board Room
- Spoelhof Chair Inaugural Lecture: Michael Page and Andras Visky. 3:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
- Play performance: *Juliet: A Dialogue about Love* (Andras Visky). 7:00 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
- French Film Festival: *La Graine et le mulet [The Secret of the Grain]* (Abdellatif Kechiche, 2007). 7:30 p.m., Bytwerk Theater

Friday, September 25

- Play performance: *Juliet: A Dialogue about Love* (Andras Visky, playwright). 7:00 p.m., Gezon Auditorium
- French Film Festival: *Il y a longtemps que je t'aime [I've Loved You So Long]* (Philippe Claudel, 2008). 7:30 p.m., Bytwerk Theater