

The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College
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Welcome to New Vice President for Enrollment Management

The Professional Status Committee has confirmed 1975 Calvin graduate Russ Bloem to be Calvin's new vice president for enrollment management. Russ was a chemistry major at Calvin and then went on to earn both a master's degree in chemistry and an MBA at the University of Michigan. For a quarter of a century afterwards he worked for Bristol-Myers Squibb, earning numerous senior leadership positions in the company throughout many Asian countries. Russ and his wife Jackie have three sons who have graduated from Calvin and also a daughter who is a junior at Grand Rapids Christian High School. He has served on numerous boards over the years. Notes of welcome can be sent to Russ at rjb42@calvin.edu.

Housing Challenge for Off-Campus Students

You may want to know about an issue that is currently affecting many of our upper class students. The Grand Rapids Police Department, in response to years of neighborhood complaints, has begun enforcing a city housing ordinance that prohibits more than four unrelated adults from living in the same home or apartment. This enforcement did NOT come at Calvin's request, and no Calvin information is being used in enforcement. But this police action is affecting many students who live off campus in groups of five, six, and more. Every year when students find off campus housing they are told that living with more than four in an apartment is illegal, but sporadic enforcement and prior student behavior has led to a false sense of security that the law would not be enforced. Now students must make difficult decisions which involve higher living costs, breaking up living groups, etc. The positive side is, of course, that students now will be living in conformity with an important city ordinance and the wisdom passed down from student to student will no longer include an easy disregard for the law. This situation is a great opportunity for conversations about the ethics of obeying civic statutes, and the meaning of being a good neighbor.

Class Visitors, Friday, October 23

Friday classes during Family Weekend (October 23–24) will be open to visiting family members. If you *do not* want visitors in your classroom or lab, please e-mail Sue Kuyvenhoven (sak23@calvin.edu) by Monday, October 5. Include the class name and time.

January Series 2010

The January Series 2010 lineup is now complete and we are excited about the great list of presenters and variety of subjects confirmed for this year! James K. A. Smith will present his recently released book, *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation*. The list also includes Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, Egyptian Parliament member Syada Greiss, NPR news correspondent T. R. Reid, and Archbishop Elias Chacour of the Melkite Catholic Church in Haifa, Israel—as well as many others. Visit www.calvin.edu/january for the complete lineup and details.

Choral Retreat

Join the Calvin College Alumni Choir and director Pearl Shangkuan at the alumni choir's third annual choral retreat at the Calvin College Chapel, Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9:30 until noon; \$10.00 covers music scores and refreshments. To register, contact Vicki VanWingerden (526-6360) or visit www.calvin.edu/go/alumnichoir.

CCCS Funding Opportunity

The Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship (CCCS) invites Calvin College faculty to apply for CCCS major grants for the 2010–2011 academic year. The purpose of these grants is to promote high-quality, intentionally Christian scholarship that brings the resources of the Christian faith to bear upon a subject, whether by scrutinizing the fundamental premises of a theory or a field; by elaborating the ethical consequences of social structures, research methods, or ways of thought; by creating imaginative or artistic works; or by helping Christians understand their world better through the critical appropriation of new work being done in the academy. For information, visit www.calvin.edu/admin/cccs/apply/majorgrant.html. Application deadline is October 15.

Next Week on Campus

Monday, September 28

- Faculty Senate. 7:00 p.m., Great Hall (Prince Conference Center)

Tuesday, September 29

- Recital hour with the Philippine Madrigal Singers. 1:30 p.m., Calvin Chapel

Wednesday, September 30

- Gender Studies Program lecture: Sheila Bluhm (Sociology, Calvin), "The Age of Women: Gender, Age, and Health." 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
- Lecture: Tamrat Layne (former prime minister of Ethiopia), "Transformation in Jesus." 7:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium

Thursday, October 1

- Interview with Tamrat Layne (former prime minister of Ethiopia). 3:30 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall
- Sexuality Series lecture: Michael Leahy, "What College Students Are Really Saying about Sex on Campus." 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Friday, October 2

- Artist Series performance: Sietze de Vries (organ) with the Calvin Alumni Choir. 8:00 p.m., Chapel

Also don't miss...

ArtPrize: Go downtown and see the contributions of Calvin faculty and alumni and the activity at Calvin's 106 S. Division Gallery. <http://www.calvin.edu/news/2009-10/artprize>

Charis: This is the penultimate week of the traveling art exhibition. Don't miss this moving work! <http://www.calvin.edu/nagel/projects/charis/>