

The Academic Bulletin

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From the Archives

I have come to think that our development and application of the [Reformed] tradition must always be energized and guided by empathy with humanity's pain—empathy with the bewilderment and confusion and bafflement and perversity and oppression and injustice which is our human condition. Ultimately we here engage in scholarship because we believe with all our hearts that scholarship is an instrument of flourishing and healing. But then we must feel in our guts the ills which scholarship can heal and the emptiness which learning can fill. One of the reasons that we are so often blasé about our project of engaging in learning in Christian perspective is that we are so unaware of, or indifferent to, humanity's pain. Where there are no tears, there is no urgency.

Nicholas Wolterstorff

“On Being Reformed: Is There an Identity Crisis at Calvin College?”

Fall Conference, September 1989

Optional Midcourse Evaluations for Course Development

Faculty members may use the online course evaluation system for midcourse evaluations for the purpose of course development. The results of such a midcourse evaluation would be available only to the respective faculty member (not to chairs or deans). We anticipate opening the evaluation window to students from 23-30 October, and the results would be available to the faculty member immediately thereafter. If you would like any of your classes evaluated in this way, email Caroline Chadderdon (cchad@calvin.edu) to that effect by next Friday, October 9. Any questions about this program may be directed to Mike Stob (stob@calvin.edu).

Go Green, Go Dutch, Go Bike

Calvin College will host a “Go Green, Go Dutch, Go Bike” event during the afternoon of October 9. A talk at Calvin about bicycle use in the Netherlands in the Commons Lecture Hall at 1:00 will kick off a ride from campus at 2:00 to downtown's Rosa Parks Circle. The mayor of Grand Rapids, George Heartwell, plans to ride with us and greet us. This event is also a fund raiser for the local chapter of the Motion Initiative: An Urban Cooperative Youth Bicycling Ministry, which makes bikes available for children from poor families. This is an event for everyone who wants to lobby for more bicycle transportation in urban areas and appreciates the role of the bike in Dutch society. Signature orange “Go Green, Go Dutch, Go Bike” t-shirts are now available for \$7 (students), \$12 (adults) in the GEO Department, North Hall 083.

Web Seminar on NIH Research Programs

Faculty are invited to participate in a Web-based seminar on research programs of the National Institutes of Health. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room (Spoelhof 382). Jean Chin (Program Director, NIH-NIGMS-Division of Cell Biology and Biophysics (CBB)-National Institutes of Health) will be talking about AREA and other NIH opportunities for faculty at predominantly undergraduate institutions. The event is

sponsored by the Independent Colleges Office in Washington, DC. Anyone interested in applying for NIH funding, should consider participating in this seminar. To sign up and to get further details, contact Dawn Crook by Oct. 15, 2009.

Toastmasters Club Forming

A Toastmasters Club will begin meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, at Seoul Garden Restaurant from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The club will meet every other Monday (Oct. 5, 19; Nov. 2, 16, 30; Dec. 14) at this same time. Toastmasters is an organization dedicated to improving speaking ability. It is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Preaching and will be open to people from outside the seminary and college. The first meeting will be a demonstration meeting, and lunch will be provided. RSVP to Barbara Blackmore (bab23@calvinseminary.edu) if you intend to participate. For more information, contact Randy Bytwerk (CAS) or visit www.toastmasters.org.

Next Week on Campus

UNLEARN Week: <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/msdo/anti-racism-programming/unlearn.html>

Tuesday, October 6

- Festival of Faith and Writing 2010 preview. Noon, Student Senate Meeting Room
- Hubers Asian Studies Korean Lectureship: Sang Lee (Systematic Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary), “The End for Which God Created the World: The Basic Framework of Jonathan Edwards’ Theology.” 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
- Geology Seminar lecture: Jeffrey Alt (Consortium for Ocean Leadership Distinguished Lecturer, University of Michigan), “Magma chambers and hydrothermal systems from deep ocean drilling.” 3:30 p.m., North Hall 078

Wednesday, October 7

- Hubers Asian Studies Korean Lectureship: Sang Lee, “The Christian Vocation of Asian Americans and the Christian Vocation of All Christians.” 3:30 p.m., Seminary Chapel
- Paul Henry Institute lecture: Corwin Smidt (Political Science), “The Disappearing God Gap? Religion and the 2008 Presidential Election.” 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Thursday, October 8

- CALL Noontime Series lecture: Ed Dobson, “The Year of Living like Jesus.” Noon, Chapel
- Library lunch break: “Using Zotero for Research and Teaching.” (Zotero is a free, easy-to-use Firefox extension to help collect, manage, and cite research sources.) 12:10 p.m., Hekman Library 305
- Sexuality Series lecture: Christopher Kaczor (philosophy, Loyola Marymount University) “A Theology of the Body: Love, Happiness, and Sex.” 7:00 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall
- Donald Bouma lecture series: Christian Smith (sociology, Notre Dame), “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults in the U.S.” 7:30 p.m., Gezon Auditorium

Friday, October 9

- Fridays at Calvin visiting day
- “Go Green, Go Dutch, Go Bike” event lecture: bicycle use in the Netherlands. 1:00 p.m., Commons Lecture Hall