

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College  
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## ***Attendance Checks***

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With the start of a new semester, the Academic Services Office would like to remind faculty and staff of a few resources. Please make sure you contact with us if you have any student concerns regarding classroom attendance or retention. We have created a couple of e-mail addresses for your convenience.

- When you notice attendance problems with a student, make an initial attempt to address the problem by contacting the student directly. If attendance issues persist, please contact [attendance@calvin.edu](mailto:attendance@calvin.edu).
- If you hear from students who are struggling with the decision to return to Calvin for various reasons, please connect them to the people and resources who can help. Contact [retention@calvin.edu](mailto:retention@calvin.edu).

Questions? Check out the FAQ page for faculty at [www.calvin.edu/academic/services/faq/faculty.html](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/services/faq/faculty.html) (you may want to bookmark this link), or contact [Dana Hebreard](#), associate director of academic advising, at (616) 526-6040.

## ***Black History Month***

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Check out events going on this month to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and important milestones in US history:

- Thursday, Feb. 16: Lecture by Eric Washington (History), "I Am an African: Lott Cary and the 1st American Mission to Africa." 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall.  
*An American-born slave during the early 19th century, Lott Cary purchased his freedom and went on to become a Baptist pastor in a new colony for freed slaves in Liberia. Learn more about his story as a missionary, physician, and educator.*
- Thursday, Feb. 23: *Red Tails* movie night. Celebration Cinema North. To attend, contact [Ebonie Atkins](#).  
*Red Tails is an account of the Tuskegee Airmen, an all-black WWII fighter pilot squadron, and their battle against segregation in the armed forces.*
- Wednesday, Feb. 29: Celebration of Soul. 4:00 p.m., Johnny's Fish House.  
*An African American cultural celebration with free soul food samples.*

## ***Kuyers International Program Fund***

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The Off-Campus Programs Office invites proposals from faculty and staff for the Kuyers International Program Fund. This fund facilitates the development of international programs at Calvin College. Proposals are due on February 20, 2012, to the Off-Campus Programs Office. For application materials and examples of funded programs, see [www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/kuyers/](http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/kuyers/). Contact [Don De Graaf](#) if you have questions.

## ***Managing Student Mental Health Crises***

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Calvin College and Pine Rest Christian Hospital recently formalized an agreement to collaborate on student mental health crises. The Contact Center at Pine Rest will assist us in the triage and assessment of mental health emergencies including suicidal thoughts and behaviors, threats of violence, and psychosis. During the January interim a combined training was held with Residence Life, Campus Safety, the Broene Counseling Center, Student Development, Campus Ministries, and the Contact Center at Pine Rest.

If you become involved after hours with a Calvin student who is having a mental health emergency, please contact Campus Safety (526-3333), and they will initiate the mental health crisis protocol. During working hours, continue to contact the Broene Counseling Center (526-6123) for assistance.

## ***From the Faculty Activities Reports*** ([www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/far/recent\\_activities.html](http://www.calvin.edu/admin/provost/far/recent_activities.html))

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- Jim Jadrich (Physics & Astronomy), travel to Liberia to develop connections between Calvin College and Monrovia Bible College to help develop certified K–12 teachers in Liberia.
- Michelle Loyd-Page (Multicultural Affairs), cofacilitation of antiracism training, based on “Race: The Power of an Illusion,” for admissions counselors.
- David Leugs (CAS), “Faithful to the (Curtain) Call,” *Perspectives* 26, no. 9 (November 2011).

## ***Coming Up on Campus***

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### Monday, February 13

- Chapel: Laura Smit (Religion). 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- President’s Town Hall re: Board of Trustees Meeting: 4:00 p.m., Spoelhof College Center 202

### Tuesday, February 14

- Chapel: Heather Strooboscher, CRC prayer specialist intern. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- CALL health care delivery panel, “Health Is a Worldwide Issue: Health Care Delivery Systems in Other Countries.” 3:00–5:00 p.m., CFAC recital hall

### Wednesday, February 15

- Chapel: Semester in Honduras Program participants. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

### Thursday, February 16

- Chapel: *Lectio divina*. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Chemistry seminar: Lauren Manck and Ian Robertson, senior research presentations. 11:30 a.m., Science Building 110
- CALL lecture: Janet Sheers, “Dutch Immigrant Women and Their Work in Grand Rapids, 1880–1900.” 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Black History Month lecture: Eric Washington (History), “I Am an African: Lott Cary and the 1st American Mission to Africa.” 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall.

### Friday, February 17

- Chapel: *Sing!* with alumni Meredith and Micah VanderHill. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Biology seminar: Ryan Bebej (Olivet Nazarene U.), “Vertebral Function and the Evolution of Aquatic Locomotion in the Earliest Whales.” 1:30 p.m., Science Building 010
- Book reception: Jim Bratt and Ron Wells, *The Best of The Reformed Journal* (Eerdmans, 2011). 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall