

Meeter Center Newsletter

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From the Director

The Meeter Center is pleased to announce that computerization of the Calvin Article Files reached another level this summer. A student worker applied to the articles in our files the headings from the annual "Calvin Bibliography" found in the November issues of the *Calvin Theological Journal*.

By searching under the Special Collections Index of the Hekman Library's computer system and typing the headings from the Calvin bibliography under the

"Exact Subject Search," articles on any subject may be found.

People who are not on Calvin's campus may search our collection via the World Wide Web or Telnet. The Web addresses are:

<http://www.calvin.edu>

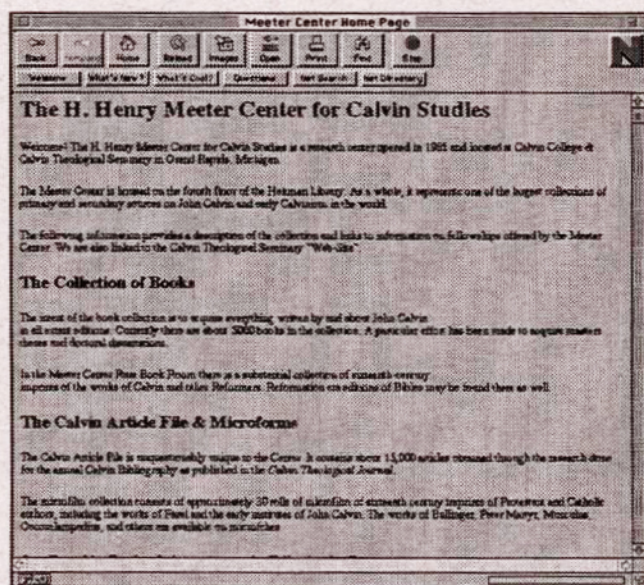
http://www.calvin.edu/Lib_Resources

The Telnet address is: augustine.calvin.edu

Richard C. Gamble

WORLD WIDE WEB

The Meeter Center is on the World Wide Web! On Wednesday, July 12, 1995, the official Meeter Center home page was created. It was the first venture of the Meeter Center staff into cyberspace, consisting of an informative overview of the Meeter Center and its resources. The page included an e-mail link to the Meeter Center.



This home page is intended to become a full-fledged research source. Currently we have established links to Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary increasing the likelihood that the Meeter Center will be found in various Calvin net searches. In addition, we are working on developing an on-line fellowship application form as well as an on-line version of the *Meeter Center Newsletter*.

The url (www address) for the Meeter Center home page is <http://www.calvin.edu/~dslach06/meeter.html>



Hugh and Eve Meeter Calvinism Awards to High School Seniors

The Meeter Center is pleased to announce the third annual high school scholarship essay contest. The topic for this year is **John Calvin and Discipline: In Society, Home, and Church.**

The first-place award is \$2,500, and the second-place award is \$1,250. These awards are good for tuition at any of the six colleges approved for offerings by the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church. Contact the Meeter Center for copies of the informational brochure.

Announcements

Correction Notice. In the last issue of the *Meeter Center Newsletter*, the title of Professor Elsie McKee's paper given at the Calvin Studies Colloquium in May 1995 was listed as "Calvin and Prayer: The Role and Development of 1 Timothy 2:1 and 8." The correct title was "Contexts, Contours, Content: Towards a Description of the Reformed Teaching on Worship."

Congratulations to Dr. Raymond Mentzer of Montana State University for being awarded the National Huguenot Society's 1995 book prize for his work *Blood and Belief* (Purdue University Press, 1994). This biennial award is given to the best scholarly work published during the past two years that deals with any aspect of the Huguenot movement.

Scholars of the French Reformation might note the recent establishment of the *Société Montalbanaise d'Etude et de Recherche sur le Protestantisme*. Located at Montauban and dedicated to the study of the Protestant movement in France, the Society has undertaken to assemble a wide range of primary and secondary works. The collection is open for public consultation. The Society welcomes scholars, particularly those whose research interests touch upon Protestantism in the southern French context.

The Society also sponsors a variety of conferences and seminars on the Reformed tradition. For the past two years, it has been the principal support for a four-day choral workshop in mid-July. Focusing on the psalms of Clément Marot, activities have included choral singing, lectures on the Psalms in the Calvinist world, and several public concerts.

Persons interested in consulting the Society's research collection or participating in next summer's music workshop should write to:

Société Montalbanaise d'Etude et de
Recherches sur le Protestantisme
Maison de la Culture
Rue des Soubirous-Bas
82000 Montauban France

Calvin Theological Seminary offers a Doctor of Philosophy program to qualified students for advanced training in independent inquiry, academic research, critical analysis, and scholarly writing. It is aimed at equipping scholars for teaching and research in colleges, theological seminaries, and universities and for general ecclesiastical leadership.

Degrees are offered in systematic theology and historical theology, with concentrations in Reformation studies, post-

Reformation Protestant theology, and modern and contemporary theology. Admission deadline is February 10, 1996. For more information, please call 1-800-388-6034.

New Publications

Articles

Lestringant, Frank. (Trans. by Ann Blair). "Geneva and America in the Renaissance: The Dream of the Huguenot Refugee 1555-1600." *Sixteenth Century Studies Journal*. Vol. XXVI, No. 2 Summer 1995. pp. 285-295

Mentzer, Raymond. "L'èpine suit la rose: mariage, enfants et amours à Castres au XVIIe siècle." *Revue du Tarn*. No. 157 Printemps 1995. pp. 109-119.

Sunshine, Glenn. "Geneva Meets Rome: The Development of the French Reformed Diaconate." *Sixteenth Century Studies Journal*. Vol. XXVI, No. 2 Summer 1995. pp. 329-346.

Book Reviews

Schreiner, Susan E. *Where Shall Wisdom Be Found? Calvin's Exegesis of Job from Medieval and Modern Perspectives* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994), reviewed by **W. Fred Graham** in the *Sixteenth Century Studies Journal*. Vol. XXVI, No. 2 Summer, 1995 pp. 430-431.

Zachman, Randall. *The Assurance of Faith: Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and John Calvin* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993) reviewed by **I. John Hesselink** in the *Journal of Religion*, July 1996.

Neuser, Wilhelm H. *Calvinus Sacrae Scripturae Professor: Calvin as Confessor of Holy Scripture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994) reviewed by **Richard A. Muller** in *Sixteenth Century Studies Journal*. Vol. XXVI, No. 2 Summer, 1995. pp. 478-480.

Forthcoming Works

Hesselink, I. John. *Calvin's First Catechism: A Translation and Commentary*. This will be part of the Columbia Series in Reformed Theology published by Westminster/John Knox. Spring, 1996.

COLLOQUIA AND CONFERENCES

Meeter Center Colloquium Series

The 1995-96 Meeter Center Colloquium Series was kicked off by a lecture from Professor Dewey Hoitenga. Dr. Hoitenga is a philosophy professor at Grand Valley State University. His lecture was entitled "Does Calvin Have a Consistent View of the Will?" Stan Sturing, a Calvin Theological Seminary student, is presenting "Here I Stand," a dramatic reenactment of Martin Luther's trial at the Diet of Worms. Professor Philip Holtrop from Calvin College's Department of Religion and Theology is presenting a lecture entitled "Are There Tensions in Calvin's Theology: The Bolsec Controversy as a Case Study." Student Colloquium features students from Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary presenting original papers on Calvin.

Complete 1995-96 Schedule

September 30, 1995	Professor Dewey Hoitenga
November 1, 1995	Stan Sturing
February 15, 1996	Professor Philip Holtrop
April 17, 1996	Student Colloquium

Meeter Center Lecture Series

In October, 1996 Dr. David Steinmetz, Professor of Historical Theology at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, will be presenting two lectures on the campus of Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. Dr. Steinmetz is the author of many articles and books including *Luther in Context*, *Misericordia Dei: The Theology of Johannes von Staupitz in its Late Medieval Setting*, and *Reformers in the Wings*.

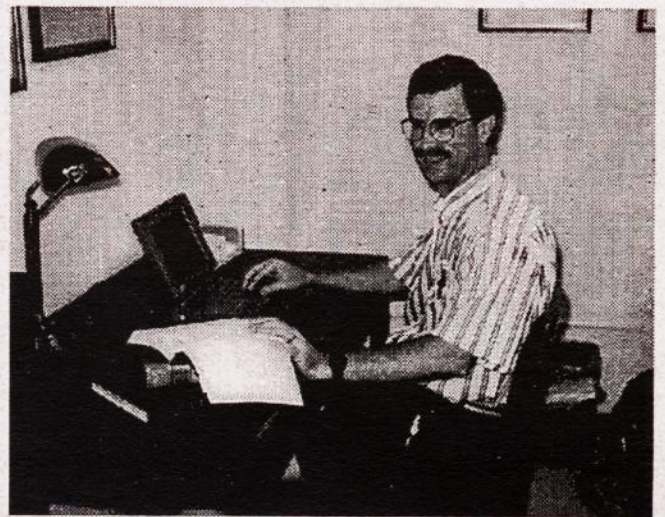
Please contact the Meeter Center for further information.

Calvin Et Ses Contemporains

This conference on Calvin and his contemporaries was held at the Sorbonne in Paris on October 13-15th. Professor Dr. Heiko A. Oberman presented a paper entitled "Calvin et Farel." Dr. Jeannine E. Olson presented a paper entitled "Le groupe des amis proches [de Jean Calvin]" at the same conference.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Meeter Center is currently accepting applications for the 1996 fellowship awards. The following three fellowships are available: The **Faculty Research Fellowship**, the **Student Research Fellowship**, and the **Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship**. Completed applications should be submitted to the Director of the Meeter Center by January 1, 1996.



Dr. Stephen Spenser of Dallas Theological Seminary

Recent scholars in residence have included Dallas Theological Seminary Professor Stephen Spenser and Princeton Seminary Ph.D candidate, Bonnie Pattison. Dr. Spenser did research in the area of Calvin's covenantal theology, and Ms. Pattison is working on the concept of spiritual poverty and the Genevan church.

1997 Faculty Research Fellowship Award. Starting with the 1997 Faculty Fellowship award, there will be a substantial change in this fellowship. Currently, the fellowship lasts for six weeks. The new Faculty Fellowship will be expanded to 14 weeks. The Meeter Center is adding a \$300 travel reimbursement and a \$1,700 conference grant if the fellow-in-residence presents at one of the following conferences an original paper written from research done while visiting the Meeter Center. These conferences are the *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference*, the *Calvin Studies Society Colloquia*, and the *Medieval Studies Conference* at Western Michigan University. Applications for the 1997 fellowship are currently available, and completed applications are due **September 1, 1996**.