

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College

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## Diversity and Inclusion Includes You

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In 2003–04 Calvin adopted *From Every Nation* as the college’s statement and plan for racial justice and cross-cultural engagement. The 2014-2019 strategic plan follows up on these important *FEN* goals, emphasizing that we as “a Christian academic community... seek to model multicultural citizenship, anti-racism and accountability, and reconciliation and restoration.” More specific goals include (1) understanding, advancing, and supporting “inclusive excellence, cultural competency, and global awareness on campus,” and (2) increasing, retaining, and advancing AHANA and international faculty, staff, and students.

These goals and the vision behind them are both structural and interpersonal, critical both for Calvin as an institution and for the persons who learn, work, and engage in our community. So we are called to address institutional and communal forms of exclusion, discrimination, and injustice related to race, gender, disability, and other sociocultural categories. Likewise, we are called as individuals to grow in our understanding of our cultural selves, the cultural other, and how we can better welcome, engage, teach, and learn across all kinds of cultural lines. In other words, we seek change and growth at both the institutional and the individual level; each is incomplete without the other.

A practical piece in meeting these diversity and inclusion goals among faculty, staff, administrators, and the BOT is the annual requirement to build our cultural competency through participation in a diversity, anti-racism, or intercultural competency workshop or in another approved learning event.

If you have participated in one of the many events this year, please [report your activity](#). If you have not done so, you can find upcoming events on the [provost website](#) or the [Reconciliation and Restoration Reading Group page](#). For general information on this requirement, go to [Human Resources Employee Training page](#). Finally, if you would like to organize an event for your department, please contact Michelle Loyd-Paige, Pennylyn Dykstra-Pruim, or Will Katerberg.

*Pennylyn Dykstra-Pruim, associate dean for diversity and inclusion*

*Will Katerberg, associate dean for programs and partnerships*

## From the Faculty Activity Reports

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- Cynthia Slagter (Spanish), “Forming Blisters and Forming Character: The Camino de Santiago with Students” (Christian Association of World Languages, Sioux Center, IA, April 7, 2017).
- Chad Tatko (Chemistry), “Zinc Binding with L-dopa Peptides,” *Inorganica Chimica Acta* 461, no. 1 (May 1, 2017): 120–126.
- Frans van Liere (History), “The Medieval Bible in the Polarized World of American Religion” (lecture, Duke Divinity School and the Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography at Rare Book School, Durham, NC, April 20, 2017).

Be sure to [fill out](#) your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the [FAQ page](#).

## Welcome to New Staff

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**Phoebe Landrum** moved to the area from Detroit. She studied public and nonprofit administration and business at Grand Valley State University. She went on to pursue various career opportunities in both the public and private sector. She currently resides in Grand Rapids with her husband and two amazing children. She is very involved in her church community, where she serves on two ministries. Her favorite pastimes include researching ways to become a better wife and mother, spending time with those she loves, and listening to music. Phoebe joins Calvin as the departmental assistant for the Society of Christian Philosophers.

## Coming Up on Campus (Check the [campus calendar](#) for a full list of events)

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### Monday, May 1

- Chapel. Jul Medenblik (Calvin Seminary). 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Q&A with the director of retention. 12:30 p.m., SC 382
- Just Citizenship series. Robert Bullard, “Climate Change and Human Rights: Making the Connection through an Equity and Social Justice Lens.” 3:30 p.m., Chapel
- Nursing seminar. Junior and senior honors-student presentations. 5:00 p.m., SB 110

### Tuesday, May 2

- Chapel. Storytelling: *Jesus Cleanses Your Guilty Conscience*. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

### Wednesday, May 3

- Chapel. Sounds of Korean worship. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- History honors-student colloquium. 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall

### Thursday, May 4

- Board of Trustees meets on campus
- Chapel. Hymn sing. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

### Friday, May 5

- Board of Trustees meets on campus
- Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Biology seminar. Cara Wall-Scheffler (Seattle Pacific U), “Evolutionary Consequences of the Reproduction-Locomotion Nexus on Human Sexual Dimorphism.” 1:30 p.m., SB 010
- {Inter}faith and Suffering Panel. 2:30 p.m., Chapel Undercroft
- Christian Perspectives in Science. Cara Wall-Scheffler (Seattle Pacific U), “Thinking about Human Creation through the Complementary Lenses of Faith and Science.” 3:30 p.m., SB 110
- GEO seminar. Mike Workman, “Being Stewards of the (Built) Environment.” 3:30 p.m., NH 078
- Tributes and Awards Dinner. 5:30 p.m. punch, 6:00 p.m. dinner, Prince Conference Center.  
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