

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College

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## Effective Academic Advising is at the Core of Student Success

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Last week, the National Association of Academic Advising's annual conference occurred in St. Louis, MO. This global organization engages members in innovative theory, research, and practice of academic advising in higher education. The conference keynote speaker was Lori S. White, vice chancellor for students at Washington University in St. Louis, who spoke about academic advising in uncertain times. Peter Hagan, director of the Center for Academic Advising at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, said, "Really good advisors try to imagine what it's like to *be* that student."

Students' needs and experiences have dictated that advisors must now demonstrate a wide range of skills and knowledge to advise successfully. The Center for Student Success stands ready to answer your advising questions – call 6-6155, prompt 0. Thank you in advance for taking the time to meet with students for academic advising.

Here are a few reminders and details regarding advising and registration:

- Academic Advising days are Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24 and 25.
- Please sign off on your advisees after you have advised them so they won't be blocked from registering.
- Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.: for seniors on Wednesday, October 25; for juniors on Thursday, October 26; and for sophomores on Friday, October 27.
- We set aside three days to register freshmen: Tuesday–Thursday, October 31–November 2.
- All registrations times start at or after 3:00 p.m. so that most students avoid missing classes to register.
- As you hear from students who run into closed classes, remind them to fill out the online petition form right away. Department chairs rely on a complete as possible set of petitions to make decisions about how many students to allow into closed courses. There could be justification to add a new section of some courses if demand is high.
- Please do not write notes or send emails to ask to allow students into full classes. You may not be getting the full story from a student who asks, and you probably won't know how many others have already filled out petitions. We want to avoid a process where students who know faculty members get special privileges. It's not our office policy to send students to you to ask permission.
- If you hear of students who are struggling with registration, please send them to the Registrar's Office.

Contact Dana Hebreard or Raymond Gant if you have questions related to advising or registration, respectively.

*Dana Hebreard, Academic Advising, and Tom Steenwyk, registrar*

## Diversity and Inclusion Announcements

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The new [Diversity and Inclusion Resource SharePoint site](#) is now available for faculty and staff. This site contains a calendar of Cultural Competency Professional Development events, campus diversity and inclusion news, and documents that explain Calvin's approach to diversity and inclusion. For questions, please [contact us](#).

The Campus Climate Survey on Diversity and Inclusion will launch on October 23. All full-time faculty, staff, and students will receive an e-mailed invitation to participate (the survey is intended to be anonymous). The survey is designed to document experiences and opinions related to diversity and inclusion. Its primary goal is to gather information regarding the campus climate; a secondary goal is to compare the current climate to that of prior years. The survey is sponsored by the President's Advisory Team for Diversity and Inclusion and is being administered by the Center for Social Research.

## Christian Scholar's Review

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The new issue of *Christian Scholar's Review* will be in your boxes soon. The interdisciplinary journal, published by Calvin and 47 sister institutions, gives top billing for Calvin faculty, past and present. First up are Calvin's "Fab Four"

(Marsden, Mouw, Wolterstorff, and Plantinga) assessing the resurgence in Christian scholarship in brief talks from the January Series 2016. David Smith contributes an extended book review essay, and in another review essay Mark Mulder's study of evangelical "white flight" is cited. Please consider contributing to *CSR* in whatever way you can: submitting an article, volunteering as a referee or reviewer, or getting involved with governance and editorial work. There is a current opening for a Calvin representative to the board and a future opening for science editor. For information, consult [the website](#) or direct your questions to either [Peter Snyder](#), business and professions editor, or to [David Hoekema](#), publisher.

## From the Faculty Activity Reports

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- Jesse Holcomb (English), "Toward Construction of a Digital News Adaptation Index" (lecture, Conference for Tow Center fellows, New York, NY, September 22, 2017).
- Larry Molnar (Physics and Astronomy), "New Measurements of the Red Nova Precursor System KIC 9832227" (lecture, the Dynamic Infrared Sky, Pasadena, CA, September 18, 2017).
- Becky Haney (Economics), "Resource Criticality in Modern Economies: Agent-Based Model Demonstrates Vulnerabilities from Technological Interdependence," [BioPhysical Economics and Resource Quality](#), 2:9 (September 2017).

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

**Note:** *FEN* activities are called Intercultural Competency Professional Development Activities and are reported via [this link](#). Contact [diversity@calvin.edu](mailto:diversity@calvin.edu) if you have questions.

## Coming Up on Campus

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### Monday, October 23

- Chapel. Joella Ranaivoson. "Old Testament Characters: Hannah." 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Full faculty assembly. 7:00 p.m., Prince Conference Center (Great Hall)

### Tuesday, October 24

- Academic Advising
- No chapel, due to academic advising

### Wednesday, October 25

- Academic Advising
- Board of Trustees. 8:00 a.m.
- No chapel, due to academic advising
- Meeter Center Reformation Reflections series. Faculty panel #1. 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center (fourth floor, Hekman Library)

### Thursday, October 26

- Board of Trustees. 8:00 a.m.
- Chapel. Sounds of American folk worship. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- CALL Noontime Lecture series. Matthew Daley, "Origin of Detroit's Urban Crisis." 12:00 noon, Chapel
- Education program forum. Jo Kuyvenhoven, "Review, Reflect, Resolve: Education and International Development Work." 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall

### Friday, October 27

- Board of Trustees. 8:00 a.m.
- Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Biology seminar. Priscilla Nyamai (GVSU), Habitat Restoration for the Karner Blue Butterfly (*Lycaeides Melissa Samuelis*). 1:30 p.m., SB 010
- Christian Perspectives in Science seminar. Wayne Bornholdt, "Science and Faith: A Global Conversation." 3:30 p.m., SB 110