

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin College

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## Christian Faith AND Science Teaching

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The October 2017 issue of the *Christian Educators Journal* is dedicated to the topic of the Christian faith and science teaching in 21st-century classrooms. The issue features a description of the “Faith and Science Teaching” (FAST) project, a curricular initiative developed by the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning at Calvin College and the Colossian Forum. The project focuses on the intersection of faith and science, and those who visit the website ([teachFASTly.com](http://teachFASTly.com)) will have free access to a collection of teaching activities, training materials, book reviews, and other resources useful for teachers of science, Bible, and other classes.

David Smith, director of the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, describes the origins of the project as a short conversation with high school teachers at a professional development day. One science teacher noted that many resources to help with faith-and-science integration focus on a few controversial issues, but most classroom days are spent teaching noncontroversial science topics. It was apparent that there was a need for resources to help teachers develop a pedagogy that acknowledges a richer and more complex intersection between faith and science. FAST can encourage love and appreciation for God, creation, wonder, and beauty. It can examine virtues, motivations, and ethics. The original short conversation sparked a four-year, \$500,000 FAST project supported by the John Templeton Foundation.

I’m highlighting this project to raise awareness of this excellent resource and to express gratitude for the good work of the centers and institutes at Calvin College in advancing the mission of the college.

*Arlene Hoogewerf, academic dean*

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## CIC Opportunities of Interest

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The [CIC website](#) lists upcoming seminars and workshops for 2018. Here are just a few:

- Diversity, Civility, and the Liberal Arts Institute: June 3–6, Atlanta, GA
- American History Seminar: June 10–14, New Haven, CT
- Workshop for Department and Division Chairs: May 22–24, Minneapolis, MN

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## Off-Campus Proposals, Interim 2019

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Proposals for interim 2019 are due to the Interim Term Committee by this Friday, February 16. Submissions should be sent to <mailto:interim@calvin.edu>. For more information, see [the Interim Term Committee’s website](#).

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## From the Faculty Activity Reports

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- Susan Felch (English), “Christian Higher Education as a Craft” (lecture, Lumina College Research Institute International Conference, Hong Kong, January 25, 2018).
- Douglas Howard (History), “Why Timars? Why Now? Ottoman Timars in the Light of Recent Historiography,” *Turkish Historical Review* 8 (2017): 119–144.

- Ralph Stearley (GEO), “Abundant Fossil Evidence Exists for a Protracted Succession of Life Forms on Earth” (lecture, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 16, 2017).

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

## **Record Your Cultural Competency Professional Development**

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To date, 17% of faculty and 18% of staff have recorded participation in a Cultural Competence Professional Development activity. Participation in at least one of these activities per year is a requirement for all faculty and staff. If you have not recorded your activity from the fall semester, please do so [here](#) by selecting “Add New Activity.” For up-to-date information about opportunities, see the [SharePoint Diversity and Inclusion Resource](#) page.

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

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### Monday, February 12

- Chapel. Scott Hoezee (Calvin Seminary). 10:00 a.m., Chapel

### Tuesday, February 13

- Chapel. Morning prayer with Kurt Schaefer. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Vision 2030 forum. 12:00 noon–1:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall
- Cultural Competence Professional Development Activity Session. Managing Diversity Flashpoints in the Classroom (ICQ). Record your participation [here](#). 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall

### Wednesday, February 14

- Chapel. Ash Wednesday with Kathy Smith. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

### Thursday, February 15

- Chapel. Sounds of Latino worship with Rodrigo Cano. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- President’s Coffee. 12:30 p.m. (12:00 noon refreshments), Chapel
- Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium. Jeff Boersema (Seattle U). 3:40 p.m., North Hall 276

### Friday, February 16

- Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Deadline for applications for [Dean for Academic Administration](#) and [Dean for Faculty Development](#)