AAC&U Support for Curricular Initiatives

This summer, Arlene Hoogewerf and I attended the National Conference of Academic Deans. In several different sessions we saw how other institutions have been working with resources supplied by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), and we were impressed by the usefulness of those resources. We were especially impressed by the ways that academic programs are using AAC&U’s eleven High-Impact Practices (HIPs) to shape curriculum and instruction (you can find resources related to HIPs here).

Calvin is a member of the AAC&U, and faculty who are thinking about refreshing a course and departments that are revising curricula may find that AAC&U resources provide some helpful support for their work. We encourage you to explore what they have to offer.

Elizabeth Vander Lei, academic dean

Wanted: Directors of Off-Campus Programs

The Off-Campus Programs office is currently accepting applications for directors of the following programs: Hungary (FA 2021), Ghana (SP 2021), Britain (SP 2021), and Washington DC (SP 2020 and SP 2021). The application and related information can be found here. If you have questions or want to discuss this opportunity more, please contact Don DeGraaf, director of Off-Campus Programs (526-6225, ddegraaf@calvin.edu). The application deadline is October 1, 2018.

From the Faculty Activity Reports


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

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

Monday, September 17
- Chapel. Laura de Jong, “I AM: the Living Bread (John 6:51).” 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Tuesday, September 18
- Chapel. Peter Tigchelaar. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Wednesday, September 19
- Chapel. Faith Story with Pastor Mary and Kevin Vande Streek (Kinesiology). 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- History colloquium. Will Katerberg, “‘We Want Something Heroic’: The Alt-Right in Historical Context.” 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
- The 4:04 gathering. Chad Tatko. 4:04 p.m., 3rd floor Hekman Library

Thursday, September 20
- Chapel. Sounds of Latino worship with Rodrigo Cano. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
• Lecture. Niala Boodhoo, “Telling the Truth (and Hearing It, Too) in the Public Square,” 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
• Society Series event honoring Dr. Alvin Plantinga. Mary Hulst, host. Register here. 7:00 p.m., CFAC Recital Hall.

Friday, September 21
• Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
• Christian Perspectives in Science seminar. Bruno Guiderdoni, “Science, Faith and the Dialog of Cultures: Islamic Perspectives.” 2:00 p.m., NH 078

Welcome to New Faculty and Staff

Please welcome the following faculty and staff who have joined Calvin throughout the summer:

FACULTY

Lindsay Brainard, Assistant Professor, Philosophy
Lindsay was a postdoctoral fellow last year at Washington University in St. Louis before joining us this fall as an assistant professor in the Philosophy Department. She earned her BA from the College of Wooster, a master’s from Cambridge University, and a second master’s and a PhD from the University of North Carolina. Her research has focused on the philosophy of science, especially concerning scientific understanding, the role of simulation in the sciences, and the role of creativity in scientific discovery.

Aliel Cunningham, Affiliated Faculty, English
Aliel is originally from West Virginia, but she has traveled extensively and most recently worked at LCC International University in Lithuania. She received her doctorate at Purdue University in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and linguistics.

Kimberly Harui, Postdoctoral Visiting Faculty, Asian Studies Program
Kimberly is originally from the San Francisco area, where she completed her undergraduate studies at UC Berkley in Japanese and Chinese. She received her doctorate in East Asian languages and civilizations from Arizona State University. Kimberly will be teaching courses and working on a medieval Sino-Japanese relations project during her two-year appointment.

David Klanderman, Professor, Mathematics and Statistics
David joins our Mathematics and Statistics Department after having taught at Trinity Christian College for 28 years. David graduated from Calvin and has been married to Barb (also a Calvin alum) for 30 years. He received a master’s degree from Syracuse University as well as a master’s and PhD in math education from Northern Illinois University. David has two children, a son and daughter.

Maria (Lai Ling) Lam, Professor, Business
Maria was born in Hong Kong and has more than 25 years of experience in higher education and consulting. She has taught at two Christian Universities in the United States and at several universities in Hong Kong and China. She holds a PhD in marketing and organization behavior from George Washington University, a master’s degree in religion studies, and an MBA and BBA from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She has published one book and more than 70 articles and book chapters. Her research interest is about future management education, leadership development, and corporate social responsibility.

Sung Soo Lim, Associate Professor, Economics
Sung Soo is originally from South Korea. He received his degrees in the United States: a bachelor’s from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, a master’s from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a PhD from the University of Minnesota at Twin Cities. Prior to joining Calvin, he taught at the American University in Dubai. His primary research area is international economic development.
Peter Meindl, Assistant Professor, Psychology
Pete is in the Psychology Department and most recently comes from the University of Pennsylvania.

Katherine Miller, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Katie joins the Nursing Department after earning her bachelor's and PhD from the University of Michigan. There, she developed a passion to serve unseen and under-resourced populations, which led her to Uganda to explore the cognitive impact of malaria on children. She has now moved to Grand Rapids with her husband, Patrick, and their two-year-old black lab.

William Miller, Assistant Professor, Biology
William is originally from Gettysburg. He just finished his PhD in ecology at Penn State University, where he worked in the US Geological Survey Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Most recently he studied chronic wasting disease in white-tailed deer populations.

Karie Riddle, Assistant Professor, Political Science
Karie joins the Political Science Department this year. Karie comes most recently from South Bend, IN, where she studied political science and peace studies at the University of Notre Dame. She grew up in Tennessee.

Tami Rigterink, Affiliated Faculty, Psychology
Tami earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, followed by a master's degree in education from Harvard, along with a doctorate in developmental psychology from the University of Washington. She has been teaching for the Psychology Department part-time since January 2016, and now joins Calvin as affiliated faculty.

Darrell Rohl, Assistant Professor, History
Darrell joins the History department after having lived in England for the past ten years. He is originally from Niles, MI, but completed his graduate studies in England at Durham University. As an archaeologist, he has active research/fieldwork projects in both Britain and Jordan, focusing on sites associated with the frontiers of the Roman Empire. Darrell has two sons who are Calvin freshmen.

Scott Rush, Affiliated Faculty, Business
Scott taught on an adjunct basis last year, and now he joins the Business Department as an affiliated faculty member. He previously worked for 16 years at Perrigo, running their tax department. Scott and his wife, Anne, have a daughter who graduated from Calvin and a son who is a senior here.

Carolyn Samuel, Affiliated Faculty, Nursing
Carolyn joins the Nursing Department after having graduated from Calvin in 2009 with her BSN. She has been working as a nurse since then, first as an RN and most recently as a pediatric nurse practitioner for Spectrum Health. She lives in Grand Rapids with her husband, Bennett, and their 15-month-old son.

Laura Schipper, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Laura is originally from Grand Rapids and attended Calvin twice, to earn a degree in music and then a degree in nursing. She began working at Spectrum Health in the Meijer Heart Center and later moved to the University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor. She received her nurse practitioner graduate degree in adult-gerontology primary care from the University of Michigan, and for her doctoral project she focused on diabetes in the homeless population.

Laura Westrate, Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Laura grew up in Holland, MI, but has been most recently living in Boulder, CO, where she was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Colorado. Laura is excited to be back in west Michigan, close to family, to teach and do research in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department.
STAFF

Nick Boersma, Major Instrumentation Supervisor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Biology
Nick received his BS degree in chemistry from Hope College and then went to Michigan State for his master’s. He researched inorganic catalysis and organic synthesis and then spent a year doing process and scale-up chemistry in industry before coming to Calvin.

Krista Carter, Written Rhetoric Instructor, Center for Student Success
Krista has been an adjunct instructor at Calvin for the past three years but now has an expanded role that includes assisting with English placement self-assessment work, serving as an academic counselor, and seeking to expand Calvin’s alumni tutoring program. She has her bachelor’s from Hope College and a master’s from Xavier University.

Jennifer DenOuden, MAcc Program Coordinator, Business
Jennifer graduated from Calvin with a degree in business communications and has worked in the areas of marketing, public relations, and event management in a variety of industries before joining Calvin as the MAcc program coordinator.

Amanda Matthysse, Student Learning Librarian, Hekman Library
Amanda earned her Master of Science of Information at the University of Michigan, and worked in the library at Western Theological Seminary in Holland for a few years before coming to Calvin in June as a student-learning librarian.

Adriene Pendery, Research Associate, Center for Social Research
Adriene is from Spring Lake, MI, and graduated this past May from Calvin with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She worked at the Center for Student Research for the past two years as a research assistant as a student before joining them full-time.

Stacey Pyper, Engineering Internship Coordinator, Engineering
Stacey received both a BS and MS in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University. She was employed at both Ford and Steelcase as an engineer prior to staying home to raise her twins. She recently completed the Graduate Teacher Certification Program at GVSU and has provided math instruction at local school districts.

Rachel Rayburn, Library Assistant in Collection Management, Hekman Library
Rachel graduated from Calvin and spent three years teaching English in China prior to spending over a decade as a librarian with Kent District Library. She now joins Calvin’s library staff as an assistant in collection management.

Kevin VanDuyn, Head Baseball Coach, Kinesiology
Kevin is a 1987 graduate of Calvin where he was a physical education major and played basketball and baseball all four years. He has been involved in secondary education for the past 30 years, most recently at Jenison High School as the district athletic director. He has been married to Kim for 31 years, also a Calvin alum, and has five children.

John Williamson, Academic Counselor, Center for Student Success
John has worked at Calvin in various roles since 2013 and is happy to more formally continue his work in student success. He has his own storytelling podcast called “Based on a True Story.” Some of you already may know him by his nickname, Moose.