Calvin Education Program Partnerships

A couple of nights ago, a number of principals from local schools came to campus to help us evaluate and make changes to the internship for MEd students in the leadership program. This is one of many meetings every year where various administrators from local schools accept invitations from the education program. They come for partnership meetings, for practice interviews for our student teachers, to provide advice to our students in their first internship, and for many other reasons. Our teacher candidates find these meetings incredibly helpful, as do we as faculty in the program. The administrators have a lot to share and make many valuable suggestions for both the students and the program, and the advice is always couched in an overwhelmingly positive message about the high quality and strong Christian perspective they perceive in our program and our candidates.

In addition to these local partnerships, the graduate studies in education program has international partnerships. This summer will mark the beginning of courses being offered through the new partnership between Calvin’s MEd program and Lumina College, in which students in Hong Kong will begin their studies in a leadership degree. As well this summer, we will welcome the sixth cohort of students from our partnership with the Christian schools in Indonesia. These four experienced Indonesian teachers will be traveling to Grand Rapids to spend the next 15 months pursuing master’s degrees: two will study in the Inclusion concentration, and two will be studying in Curriculum and Instruction. These teachers, and all of our partnerships, continue to enrich our program and provide us with valuable insights and feedback on the work we do. We are profoundly grateful for all of these partnerships.

Jim Rooks, dean for education

An Exciting Opportunity

Please consider joining with colleagues across Christian colleges and universities in exploring how we can create culturally responsive, critical practices for teaching diverse students in a complex world. The Sacred Space Pedagogy Summit offers several sessions through a hybrid (both online and on-campus face-to-face) environment for engaged conversations with scholar participants. Support from the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship and the Council for Christian Colleges allows affordable pricing for this unique experience. Participation in the summit fulfills Calvin’s Cultural Competency Professional Development requirement for either the 2018–2019 or 2019–2020 academic year.

From the Faculty Activity Reports

- **Renee Sparks** (Geology, Geography, and Environmental Studies), “Along the Geology Road: Undergraduate Research Transitioning to Geology as a Vocation” (lecture, Earth and Space Science Seminar, Bourbonnais, IL, April 8, 2019).

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, April 29**
- Chapel. Hymn-sing. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Blood drive. 12:00 p.m., Chapel Undercroft

**Tuesday, April 30**
- Chapel. Mika Edmondson, “God’s Mercy.” 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Blood drive. 12:00 p.m., Chapel Undercroft
- The 4:04 Gathering. Rachael Baker. 4:04 p.m., Hekman Library, third floor

**Wednesday, May 1**
- Chapel. Sounds of American folk worship with Luke Enders. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Blood drive. 12:00 p.m., Chapel Undercroft
- History colloquium. Honors student presentations. 3:30 p.m., Meeter Center lecture hall

**Thursday, May 2**
- Chapel. Breathe, Be Still, Create with Shayne McNichols. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Nursing seminar. Honors student presentations. 5:00 p.m., SB 110

**Friday, May 3**
- Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Biology seminar. Clay Cressler (U. of Nebraska, Lincoln), “Parasite Burden and Infection Duration Variation among Individuals: Ubiquitous Patterns with a Common Cause?” 1:30 p.m., SB 010
- Geology seminar. Justin Tse (Northwestern U.), “Global Cities of God: Chinese American Mega-churches in the Silicon Valley.” 3:30 p.m., NH 078