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The and of Faculty Development

There are currently 12 faculty in their second year at Calvin who represent the inaugural cohort of Faith and Learning Fellowships. These fellowships provide a course release for new faculty, where they work alongside companion scholars (drawn from senior Calvin faculty) to further develop as Christian teachers and scholars. David Smith in his role as the coordinator for the Kuyper Institute for Global Faculty Development (KIGFD) describes the goals of the fellowships as follows:

The original proposal for this initiative included the following summary vision for faculty work:

In our teaching, scholarship, worship, and living, we honor God's sovereignty over all things, and we do our work in and under the broad, covenantal reach of scripture. We affirm the importance of foundational theological commitments, practice an active piety, and engage a transformational vision of the world.

These affirmations, rooted in the Kuyperian stream of Reformed faith, are intended to bear fruit "in the classroom, in faculty scholarship, in chapel worship, and in the multiple partnerships Calvin has with institutions and agencies from around the world." There is an intentional combination of emphases in these vision statements that resists either/or thinking. They envisage a focus on elaborating a Christian intellectual voice and engaging in practices that inform an active, lived piety. They include a focus on strengthening our grasp of Reformed theology and of how it can inform our transformational work in the world as scholars and educators. They point to the authority of scripture and to all things in the world that we study having their own importance under God. In sum, the vision is for faculty learning that engages with scripture, with theology, with faith practices, and with wider scholarship and the world in its fullness. We aim to grow together in our capacity to weave all of these together in healthy and fruitful ways.

Currently being developed for the summer of 2020 are elective offerings focused on 1) Modes of Faith Integration (i.e., a "landscapes" course that unpacks various approaches and frameworks), and 2) Hermeneutics (i.e., engaging scripture with a Reformed Christian lens). The format and structure of these electives are being developed—they are intended for new faculty but will also be available to other faculty (at Calvin and across the globe).

Within a season of clear change at Calvin, these efforts represent a galvanization of shared purpose and a substantial investment toward invigorated kingdom work. As we invest in our students’ learning, this initiative is one fresh token of our ongoing need to invest in our own.

David Wunder, dean for faculty development

Calvin Campus Climate Survey

On October 15th members of the Calvin community—students, staff, and faculty—will receive an email with the subject line “Calvin Campus Climate Survey.” The email will contain a Campus Climate Survey invitation and survey link. This survey is an every-other year occurrence facilitated by the Center for Social Research and the President’s Advisory Team for Diversity and Inclusion. The Campus Climate Survey covers a number of diversity identities. All are encouraged to participate. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. Those who complete the survey will be entered into drawings for gift cards. Responses will be used to better understand the experiences of people from multiple perspectives, discern the nature of the current diversity climate, and plan for future diversity programing. If you have questions, please contact diversity@calvin.edu.
**All-Campus Celebration**

WE PASSED! Please join us for cider and donuts to celebrate a clean bill of health in Calvin's 2019 accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission. In June we submitted a four-year assurance report, and we have just learned that the HLC reviewers deemed that all 21 of the core components were met.

We will gather in the Spoelhof Center Atrium on Tuesday, October 22, 10:00-11:00am. All are invited—we are grateful to all for your dedication and hard work not only in helping provide evidence for this review but also each day in your work at Calvin.

**Calvin University Speakers Database**

Calvin University is producing a resource guide featuring Calvin University faculty and staff who are available to speak on topics from their area of expertise to interested groups within the Calvin network, the greater Grand Rapids community, and beyond. Churches, schools, community groups, and businesses regularly contact the university requesting speakers on various topics. If you are interested in being included in the speaker database, please send a note to Cindy Wolffis. She will send you a short questionnaire asking for your educational credentials, your role at Calvin, a brief biography, and topics for presentation.

**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, October 14**
- Chapel. Sounds of African worship with Nii Adoteye-Anum. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- **Let’s do Lunch.** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Commons Knollcrest Room (CM 302)
- Classics department lecture. David Kutzko (Western Michigan U.), “Not Seeing the Pack on his Back: Catullus and his Persona.” 4:00 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
- Faculty Assembly. 6:00 p.m. (RSVP due last week), 6:45 meeting, Prince Conference Center, Great Hall

**Tuesday, October 15**
- Chapel. Worship in Korean. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- Special Event CALL lecture. Thomas Ackerman (U. of Washington), “Understanding Climate, Climate Change, and Global Warming: An Introduction to the Climate System.” 3:15 p.m., Chapel

**Wednesday, October 16**
- Chapel. Hymn Sing. 10:00 a.m., Chapel

**Thursday, October 17**
- Chapel. Jesus Questions with Tanner Smith. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
- **Let’s do Lunch.** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Commons Knollcrest Room (CM 302)
• Nursing department seminar. Kate DeVinney, “Improving Patient Handover from the Pediatric Emergency Department to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.” 2:00 p.m., SB 110
• Special Event CALL lecture. Thomas Ackerman (U. of Washington), “Understanding Climate, Climate Change, and Global Warming: Earth’s Climate System.” 3:15 p.m., Chapel
• Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium. Gerard Venema, “Angels and Devils.” 3:40 p.m., NH 276

Friday, October 18
• Chapel. Student worship team. 10:00 a.m., Chapel
• Henry Institute lecture. Crissa Blankenburg (Offender Success, MI Dept. of Corrections), “My Professional Journey.” 10:30 a.m., DeVos 170
• Science Division Summer Research Poster Fair. 12:30 p.m., Devries Hall Atrium
• Christian Perspectives in Science seminar. Ralph Stearley, “2019 Update on Sea-Level Rise and Loss of Arctic Sea Ice.” 3:30 p.m., SB 110