



## Friday at the Center: April 1, 2005

### Welcome to Spring Quarter!

Perceptive readers will note that this issue of *Fridays @ the Center* is arriving a tad late. Although I am tempted to insist that I didn't want to sully the serious tone of this missive by issuing it on April 1, the truth of the matter is that I was overwhelmed by the first week of class. Does this sound familiar? So welcome back, all similarly weary.

### The Weter Lecture

Seattle Pacific University's most distinguished faculty presentation each year is the annual Winifred E. Weter Faculty Award Lecture, delivered by a faculty member selected by the Faculty Affairs Committee. This year's Weter Lecture features Bill Woodward, Professor of History, who will speak on "The People of Promise and the People of Hope: A Response to the American Dream," on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 in Upper Gwinn. Richard T. Hughes, Pepperdine University Professor of Religion, will give the formal response. The Weter Lecture provides the SPU learning community with the opportunity both to honor the scholarly work of a colleague and to celebrate our common pursuit of scholarly work, so please join us.

### The Vocation of the Teacher-Scholar: Faculty Lunch

We will have the opportunity to hear more from Professor Hughes on Friday, April 15, at a faculty luncheon sponsored by the Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development. Professor Hughes, the author of *How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind* and several other books, will speak on the topic of "The Vocation of the Christian Teacher-Scholar." Please join us at 12:15 for a soup and salad bar buffet, followed by Professor Hughes' address at 12:50. Faculty concluding class at 12:20 are welcome to come when they are able, as the buffet will be set up right outside the Library Seminar Room. No need for an RSVP.

### Graduate Faculty Luncheon

All graduate faculty members are invited to attend the annual Graduate Faculty Luncheon on Tuesday, April 19, from 11:50 to 1:20, in the Library Seminar Room. Co-sponsored by GPEC and the Center, the lunch will feature Professor Kenman Wong, the outgoing Joseph C. Hope Professor of Leadership and Ethics in the School of Business, speaking about the role of Christian ethics in graduate education. Please RSVP to Marlene McCurley ([mmcurley@spu.edu](mailto:mmcurley@spu.edu)).

### Spring Teaching Tips

Stick to your syllabus! While you might need to make some slight adjustments in terms of finishing up a topic that takes a bit longer, or is more difficult for the students to grasp, etc., for the

most part you should stick to your deadlines, especially for assignments, papers, and exams. Students need the security and comfort of knowing what's coming. When you reschedule even one due date or exam day, it jostles everything else, and for the rest of the quarter, students will not be confident that what the syllabus says will happen, will happen. A few wise students even plan other events in their lives around due dates, and we want to reinforce this kind of behavior as much as possible.

Happy teaching!

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