



## Friday at the Center: April 15, 2005

### Graduate Faculty Luncheon Tuesday

What's life like for other graduate professors? All graduate faculty are cordially invited to attend the annual Graduate Faculty Luncheon co-sponsored by GPEC and the Center on Tuesday, April 19, from 11:50 to 1:20, in the Library Seminar Room. Professor Kenman Wong, the outgoing Joseph C. Hope Professor of Leadership and Ethics in the School of Business, will lead a discussion about the role of Christian ethics in graduate education, and you'll have an opportunity to fellowship with fellow graduate instructors. Please RSVP to Marlene McCurley, [mccurley@spu.edu](mailto:mccurley@spu.edu), by noon on Monday.

### Is Graduate School for You?

Well, not you, exactly, but your students. As part of this month's Springboard activities, the Center is sponsoring a session on "Is Grad School for You?" on Monday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Library Seminar Room. Intended for students from a wide variety of majors, this presentation will address questions such as "How do I know I can do graduate level work?" "Should I go into debt to attend graduate school?" "How does one decide where to apply?" "How is graduate school different from undergraduate education?" Please encourage students who **are** interested or who **should be** interested in pursuing graduate studies to attend.

### Learning Living Grant Available

The Associated Students of Seattle Pacific (ASSP), in collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs, has announced that applications are available for the Living-Learning Grant—an award of up to \$3000 to support an undergraduate student working on a project that applies their academic area(s) of study to a service program benefiting the larger community. The grant will be awarded this spring for a project to be completed by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. If you have students interested in pursuing undergraduate research, planning a senior capstone or U Scholars project, or with a desire to apply their in-class learning to out-of-class service, please encourage them to apply. Application forms are now available in the ASSP Office, with a submission deadline of May 4, 2005. The award will be announced within two weeks of the deadline.

### Spring Teaching Tips

In an excellent new book called *The Joy of Teaching*, Peter Filene, professor of history at North Carolina, Chapel Hill, suggests, "Teaching should not be like pitching a baseball toward a student in the batter's box to see whether he or she hits or strikes out. Ideally, a teacher organizes a game of Frisbee, inviting students to catch an idea and pass it on."

Enjoy tossing those spring Frisbees!

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