

Friday @ the Center: October 21, 2005

Welcome Bryce and Celebrate Books

Don't forget the reception welcoming our new University Librarian, Dr. Bryce Nelson, this afternoon, from 2:30 to 3:30, in the Library Seminar Room. And you are welcome to check out the Center's new digs on the second floor of the library as well. Be sure and look at the new display celebrating faculty scholarship, co-sponsored by the Library and the Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development, and located right outside the Administrative Offices on the second floor of the library. It features books published during the last five years either written by our faculty or including a chapter by a faculty author. Come and check out the wealth of ways in which faculty scholarship has been engaging the culture.

Day of Common Learning Follow up

To order video or audio copies of Christian Smith's presentations, including the Day of Common Learning plenary and the Church Leader's workshop, download an order form from the Day of Common Learning website at <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/dayofcommonlearning.asp>. And once again, thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this day. Over 1700 people were at the plenary, and over 1100 people attended afternoon sessions. I'm sure that campus conversations will be continuing for some time concerning the faith of the next generation.

Senior Faculty Seminar

The final offering of the Lilly SERVE Senior Faculty Seminar will be during the Spring 2006 quarter. This is tenured faculty members' last chance to participate in this graduate-level interdisciplinary seminar in issues in Christian higher education. ANY tenured faculty member is eligible to enroll, subject to the approval of the department chair. Participants will receive a 5-credit course reduction, and funds will be provided to pay for an adjunct replacement. The seminar will meet spring quarter on Thursdays, from 10:30 to 12:50. All the books and a weekly lunch will be provided. Contact me if you are interested in enrolling.

Ten Things to Do or You can Kiss Your Class Goodbye

Number 5 from Luke Reinsma: "**Will you take attendance?** If we quit taking attendance and quit harassing students with pop quizzes, would students desert our classes in droves? If so – if attendance sheets and pop quizzes are all that keep our students chained to the oars of the galley – that is, of course, the students' problem, but it's also ours. Of course, there are legitimate reasons for keeping tabs on our students: there is much to be said for 'encouraging' our students to learn. But there's even more to be said for making each of our class periods so valuable a learning experience that students kick themselves for having missed the class, rather than for having attended. Besides, what a pleasure it is (sort of) to teach a class of students who are there not by coercion but by choice."

(We're English professors, not mathematicians, if you are wondering about the fact that last week's tip was number 6.)

New!! Friday @ the Center Archives

Can't get enough of *F @ the C*? Want to review all the items on Luke's list? Remember the description of a grant several weeks ago, but forgot the name of it? *Friday @ the Center* archives are now available on the Center's webpage off the Faculty Resources page at <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/fridays.asp>.

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