



## Friday @ the Center: October 27, 2006

### Nuts & Bolts of Applying to Graduate School

If you have any undergraduate students who are applying to graduate school this fall or might be thinking about applying in the future, encourage them to attend "The Nuts and Bolts of Applying to Graduate School," a seminar sponsored by the CSFD to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, in DH 353. Topics to be addressed include the application process, preparing for and taking the GRE, obtaining recommendations, writing the personal statement, and establishing a timeline for action. Future CSFD seminars for students will be "Applying for Major National Fellowships (Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, Goldwater, etc.)" (winter quarter) and "Is Graduate School for Me?" (spring quarter).

### Advising Q & A

*What do you do if you are meeting with a student and you don't have a paper copy of his or her degree check?* You can access that information online! Log into **Banner**, click on **Faculty and Advisor Menu**, then to **Advising Menu**, and go down to **Advisee Degree Check**. If the student is one of your official advisees, his or her name should be accessible via the pull-down box. Otherwise, you can just input the student's ID number in the text box below.

*What if one of your advisees is interested in another major and wants to switch advisors?* You can find the answer to that and many other questions at the Student Academic Services FAQ page: <http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas/SASFAQ/faghome.htm>. As always, the SAS staff is happy to answer any policy questions (obscure or otherwise) you may have: <http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas/uac.html>.

### Congratulate our Fulbright Nominee

The SPU Fulbright Campus Committee is pleased to announce that they have reviewed the application, conducted an interview with, and completed a written endorsement for senior Shelley Shaver's application for a 2007-08 Fulbright fellowship to Moldova. Shelley is proposing to study the cultural identity of young adults within the Gagauz ethnic community in Southern Moldova. Her application material is now under consideration by the National Fulbright Committee. The SPU Campus Committee this year was made up of Michelle Beauclair, Foreign Languages and Literatures; Mike Hamilton, History; Gerard Steinke, Business; and myself. It's never too early to start encouraging your undergraduate and graduate students to consider applying for a Fulbright. We had only one applicant this year, and more of our students should be applying for this excellent opportunity. The application process opens May 1 each year, with applications due by Oct. 1. However, students should start researching countries and thinking about projects before May. See <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/fulbright.asp> for more details.

### Lilly Fellows Program Summer Seminar

Since SPU is a member of the Lilly Fellows Program (LFP) Network, any SPU faculty member can apply to attend this year's LFP Summer Seminar, "Biblical Studies Across the Curriculum: Discerning Scripture for the Disciplines," led by James Smith (Calvin College) and J. Richard Middleton (Roberts Wesleyan College). The LFP Summer Seminar will be held July 9-27 at Calvin College. Applications from scholars in disciplines outside biblical studies and theology who have an interest in developing Christian scholarship that is nourished by a robustly biblical imagination are encouraged. Participants will receive a \$1300 stipend, some financial travel support, and housing (families are welcome). Weekday lunches will be provided. Participants are expected to purchase their own seminar texts. For more information and an application see <http://www.calvin.edu/scs/2007/seminars/smith-middleton/>. **Application deadline: January 26, 2007.**

Happy pumpkin days!



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