

## Friday @ the Center: Oct. 3, 2008

### A Campus Full of Beauty

The next two weeks promise to be full of beauty on Seattle Pacific's University's campus: Our dazzling fall colors are emerging; the late- blooming flowers look stunning (thanks Jeff Daley and crew!); college students are discovering the beauty of ideas, debate, and reflection; the sandals and tank tops of summer are being replaced with more professional attire. And we have the opportunity to think deeply and creatively about beauty in two major events that will take place over the next two weeks: a major national conference and the annual Day of Common Learning.

### National Lilly Fellows Network Conference

On Oct. 10-12, SPU is hosting the 18<sup>th</sup> National Lilly Fellows Network Conference, at which 140 faculty and administrators from church-related institutions around the country will be exploring the concept of beauty and its relationship to the Christian character of the academic vocation in the humanities and the arts. All SPU faculty members are welcome to attend any of the three plenary sessions:

- Fri. Oct. 10: 3:30-5:00 p.m. "Beauty and Justice," Professor Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University, Upper Gwinn
- Sat. Oct. 11: 10:00-11:00 a.m. "Beauty and Truth," Professor E. Christine Chaney, SPU, Upper Gwinn
- Sat. Oct. 11: 1:00-2:00 p.m. "Beauty and Suffering," Professor Benita Wolters-Fredlund, Calvin College, with the SPU Concert Choir under the direction of David Anderson, First Free Methodist Church

The Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts seeks to renew and enhance the connections between Christianity and the academic vocation at church-related colleges and universities. Over 90 church-related institutions including Baylor, Notre Dame, Xavier, Mercer, Calvin, Westmont, and Valparaiso are part of the LFP Network of schools. For more information on the conference, see <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/lilly-fellows-program/index.html>.

### SPU Beautiful People

Special thanks to the SPU LFP conference planning team, all of whom have contributed their expertise, ideas, and labor to the design of this conference: David Anderson, Music; Jeff Keuss, Theology; Laura Lasworth, Art; Rebekah Rice, Philosophy; Les Steele, OAA; and ESPECIALLY Anna Miller, from the Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development. Others lending a much-appreciated hand include Gala Bent, Art; Daniela Geleva, FCS; Karen Gutowsky-Zimmerman; Art; Sara Koenig, Theology; Katie Kresser, Art; George Scranton, Theatre; and Doug Strong, Theology.

### A Beautiful Day of Common Learning

In the spirit of if-you're-putting-on-a-major-conference-why-not-do-it-at-the-same-time-as-another-big-event, the Center is also excited about our seventh Day of Common Learning, occurring on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Nicholas Wolterstorff will be presenting the plenary address on "Beauty, Love, Justice, and Worship," at 10 a.m. in Royal Brougham. Afterward, faculty will meet for a special lunch and time of Q & A with Professor Wolterstorff. Lunch tickets are available from your dean. Finally, we will have the opportunity to think about beauty together from a variety of perspectives in the afternoon break-out sessions. Eighteen outstanding sessions ranging from

Visual Arts to Physics, Dr. Seuss to Schiller, presented by faculty, students, and staff, will be given. Each session will be offered twice, from 1-1:50 p.m. and again from 2:00 to 2:50 p.m.. Please encourage your students to attend! For a full listing of the session titles and leaders, see <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/DayofCommonLearning2008.htm>.



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