

Friday at the Center: December 12, 2003

To provide a momentary escape from bluebooks and Scantrons, this issue of *Friday at the Center* will highlight the SPU-based faculty development programs offered in 2004. My hope is that you will see one that meets your needs and apply to participate.

Faculty Research Grants / Senior Faculty Grants

Both grants support faculty research by providing funds that can be used for direct research expenses, summer stipends, or release time to pursue a scholarly project. Applications for awards for the 2004-05 academic year are due by **Feb. 1, 2004**. All full-time faculty are eligible to apply for a FRG, but priority is given to pre-tenured faculty. [Download the Faculty Research Grant Applications](#) (PDF Format). Only tenured faculty members are eligible to apply for a SRG. [Download the Senior Faculty Grant Application](#) (PDF Format).

Lilly Summer Theological Training

Randy Maddox will teach this summer's course in Christian Doctrine on June 21 - July 2. Aimed at those who have had little prior academic study of theology, this course's goal will be to nurture basic understanding of the central doctrines of the historic Christian Church, their interrelationships, and their ethical implications. Doctrines will be studied not only as truth claims, but also in terms of how they serve to analyze, shape, and correct Christian life. Both the rich diversity and the overarching unity within the Christian tradition will be considered. The distinctives of the major branches of the Christian tradition (including the Wesleyan branch) will be highlighted. There will also be significant time devoted to discussing the implications of Christian doctrine for the variety of disciplines in the university. Participants will receive the books, a lunch each day, and a \$500 stipend. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information see <http://www.spu.edu/depts/csfd/programs/summer.asp>.

Hewlett Capstone Workshops

A set of workshops that provides faculty with training, resources, background, and time to develop senior capstone courses that fulfill the criteria established by UPEC. The program includes 5 sessions, beginning with a Saturday session in April, followed by a two-day session in June. Participants then receive a \$2,000 summer stipend to develop a capstone course which they will teach during the 2004-05 year. Faculty who are scheduled to teach a capstone course next year and have not yet participated in this program should contact Susan Gallagher at gallaghe@spu.edu for more information. This will be the final offering of the capstone course seminar series.

Lilly Senior Faculty Seminar

A graduate-level interdisciplinary seminar in issues in Christian higher education for senior faculty members. Priority in participation is given to faculty who have not participated in the New Faculty Seminar, but any senior faculty member (5+ years at SPU) is eligible to apply. Participants will receive a 5-credit course reduction. There are still three openings in the Spring 2004 session. A third session will be offered in the Spring of 2005. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Lilly Faculty Grants

A grant program supporting faculty research and curriculum development in any discipline that centers on theological exploration of vocation. Applications are due **Feb. 2, 2004**, for grants supporting work in the 2004-05 year. [Download Faculty Vocational Grant Application](#) (PDF Format).

Teaching Consultation Service

An extended (one or two-quarter length) consultation about teaching with two experienced colleagues. These consultants will meet several times with the faculty member, review syllabi and other material, observe several classes, interview students, and assist the professor to develop more effective teaching strategies and results. To arrange for a consultation, contact Susan Gallagher, gallaghe@spu.edu.

The next *Fridays at the Center* will come out on January 9, 2004.

May the glory of the Lord surround you all during this Advent and Christmas season!

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