

Friday @ the Center: January 11, 2008

Lilly SERVE Speaker's Grant

Any faculty and/or departments that wish to bring an outside speaker to campus to address vocational issues within the discipline or field are invited to apply for a Lilly SERVE Speaker's Grant of *up to* \$1,500, which can be used for a stipend and travel. The proposed event can take place at any time during the rest of this academic year or during next academic year (2008-09). An initial round of applications will be considered on March 1, with applications continuing to be received past that point if funds are still available. Depending on the volume of applications, we may need to lower slightly the amount granted. Send a one-paragraph description of the proposed event including a tentative date, a one-paragraph biographical blurb on the speaker, and an itemized budget to Susan Gallagher, CSFD, Suite 306.

Language Training Opportunity for Students

Scholarships covering all program costs, including travel, for intensive overseas study in the foreign languages of Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu are available for Summer 2008. The Department of State Critical Language Scholarships provides funding for U.S. citizen undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. students to participate in beginning, intermediate and/or advanced level summer language programs at American Overseas Research Centers and affiliated partners.

Programs range from 7 weeks to 11 weeks, beginning in early to mid-June with a pre-departure orientation in Washington, DC. Students must attend the full program and participate in all program activities. An on-line application must be submitted by **Jan. 25**. For program details see www.CLScholarship.org

Seminars in Christian Scholarship

Each summer Calvin College sponsors a variety of seminars in Christian scholarship that address important issues within various disciplines from the perspective of deep Christian commitment and that support first-order scholarship. I highly recommend these events. Free apartment housing on Calvin's campus is provided, with families welcome at no charge. Eligibility and application requirements, scholarly expectations, and financial details vary for different seminars and workshops. See www.calvin.edu/scs for details. All applications are due **Jan. 31**. The following seminars might be of particular interest to SPU faculty:

- "Being Muslim in the United States," led by Lamin Sanah, Yale U. July 14-Aug. 1. Funds for travel provided and housing.
- "Teaching and Learning as a Spiritual Discipline: The Educational Philosophy of Hugh of Saint Victor," led by Dale M. Coulter, Regent U and Frans van Liere, Calvin College. July 21-25. \$300 stipend and housing. Participants responsible for travel.
- "Congregations and Religious Diversity in Contemporary America," led by R. Stephen Warner, U of Ill. at Chicago. June 23-July 18. \$2000 stipend, travel, and housing.
- "Christian Hymnody in Historical Perspective," led by Edith Blumhofer, Wheaton College. June 23-July 3. \$1000 stipend, travel, and housing.

Stiling's Last Lecture

Encourage your students to attend Professor Rod Stiling's "Last Lecture," a new event co-sponsored by the Ivy Honorary Society and the CSFD. Ivy Honorary is one of the 223 collegiate chapters of National Mortar Board, a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service. If you could give only one more lecture to our students, what would you say? Rod's valediction will be given on Jan. 17, at 7:00 p.m. in DH 150.

In the season of light,



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