

Friday @ the Center: April 11, 2008

Diversity Brown Bag Lunch Today!

Feel free to drop in to the Brown Bag lunch today, from 12:30 to 1:30 in Falcon's Lounge, with Bishop Elie Buconyori, the Vice-Chancellor of Hope Africa University in Burundi, and the Bishop of the Free Methodist Church for Burundi and Kenya. Bishop Buconyori will be talking about possible partnerships between SPU faculty and Hope University and also will offer concrete suggestions about teaching appropriately and effectively in a multi-cultural setting, such as Hope University.

Grant Writing Myths: #2

Myth 2: "All the money goes to big, prestigious institutions, not to individuals or to small institutions." Henson says, "That statement is half true. Enormous amounts of money are given to the same institutions, year after year. But it is not simply because grant agencies are impressed with the institutions' prestigious names. It is because certain individuals at those institutions have proved themselves good stewards of the money. Furthermore, small institutions and people who are 'unknown' to the general public are getting hundreds of millions of dollars. But these people are not so unknown to the grant agencies. They have established reputations for delivering quality service and managing their budgets wisely—two skills you can easily master." Gallagher adds, "In addition, there are many grant programs, including several from major federal agencies such as NSF and NEH that are designated for smaller institutions such as our own." ("Debunking Some Myths About Grant Writing," by Kenneth T. Henson, *Chronicle for Higher Education*, 2003).

Faith-Filled Leadership Institute

The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) is offering an institute designed for chairs and deans at colleges and universities with a Christian mission on June 19-22, at Gordon College. Topics covered include: what it means to care for faculty, examining models and criteria for developing and assessing departmental outcomes and goals, creating strategic plans and activities that build community, and recognizing gifts to grow departments that thrive. The Faith-Filled Leadership Institute will be led by Dr. Kina Mallard, Academic Dean of Gordon. See www.cccu.org/conferences for more information.

Global Education List

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to send in your information for our master list of Global Education activities by faculty. So far, 32 faculty have submitted information. Please use the subject line "Global Education List" and use the categories of Teaching, Research, and Projects. Final deadline: April 15, 2008.



(Les and yours truly working on the Global Education List)

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