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Good morning, as we begin these busy last two weeks of classes in spring semester. During this time, I will enjoy taking as many opportunities as possible to celebrate the achievements of students, faculty, and staff. I look forward to welcoming parents to campus for these events, especially to the Honors Convocation on Friday.

Abigail and I also look forward to hosting senior art majors and their parents at Augsburg House on Wednesday evening, to celebrate the senior art exhibit, which is currently on display. We are pleased as well to host the Senior Reception for all graduates at Augsburg House next Thursday. We are proud of your many accomplishments!

The second annual Zyzzogeton * The Last Word, highlighting student and faculty scholarly work, begins on Wednesday and fills the end of the week with presentations, demonstrations, art installations, and Japanese drumming. Check the schedule of events on the Inside Augsburg page.

CAMPUS INITIATIVES

Next week, Wednesday through Friday, the Department of Social Work will host a site visit team from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) which will examine both our bachelor's and master's social work programs for re-accreditation. They will be based during the three days in Lindell Library 301—please extend a warm welcome to them during their time on campus.

KUDOS

Many thanks to everyone who represented Augsburg at the Rally Day at the Capitol on Thursday. We had more students than ever before and met with a number of key legislators to urge their support for the Minnesota state grants, so important for our students. Thanks especially to Jeff Swenson, athletic coaches, and Auggie athletes for making Augsburg such a visible presence at the rally day.

Kudos to Garry Hesser, metro-urban studies, and Mary Lowe, religion, who were accepted to participate in the Lutheran Academy of Scholars Summer Seminar, "Cultivating Authenticity: Negotiating Difference in a Plural World," at Harvard University, from July 8-21.

The 2007 conversation will consider the powerful challenge to Lutheran theoretical identity presented by the politically, religiously, and culturally diverse world in which we live. Participants from the social sciences and humanities will bring their own specialization to bear on the discussion and carry out a related scholarly project of their own design.

Garry Hesser's project is "Exclusivity and/or Inclusivity: A Lutheran Tradition?," and Mary Lowe's project is "Bondage of the Will and Subjection: Luther and Foucault in Dialogue."

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Thanks to Jim West in Information Technology for many significant improvements to the AugNet Records and Registration, making it easier and clearer for students, faculty, and staff to search courses. Changes include identification of course locations up front and increased ability to sort classes by different criteria.

Kudos to the physics faculty for two space physics research papers published in the April 2007 issue of Planetary and Space Science. One of the coauthors of the first paper is Steve Quick, a 2006 physics graduate. The papers are: "Cluster Observations of Pc 1-2 Waves and Associated Ion Distributions during the October and November 2003 Magnetic Storms," M.J. Engebretson, A. Keiling, K. H. Fornacon, C.A. Cattell, J. R. Johnson, J. L. Posch, S. R. Quick, K. H. Glassmeier, G. K. Parks, H. Reme; and "Suppression of Resonant Field Line Oscillations by a Turbulent Background," N. Coult, V. Pilipenko, M. Engebretson.

Kudos to Tiong Tan, social work, for his numerous publications and involvement in professional activities this year.

- As chair of the Families and Survivors of Tsunami (FAST) project, he has published articles and been invited to serve as co-editor of two issues of *Journal of Disability and Rehabilitation*. This work has formed the basis of a recently-published book, *Asian Tsunami: Recovery and Rebuilding*.
- He has co-authored a paper about the FAST project that has been accepted for publication by *Social Development Issues*.
- He has just completed the manuscript for a section of the Oxford University Press' forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, focusing on "International Social Work and Social Welfare: Asia."
- He has also published two book reviews and is serving on the review panels of various international journals.

NOTABLE EVENTS

April 16

Daniel Ellsberg, "U.S. Nuclear Terrorism and the Human Future"

Noon, Hoversten Chapel

Men's Athletic Banquet

6 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

Sverdrup Visiting Scientist Lecture

Dr. Fran Bagenal, "Exploring the Giant Magnetosphere of Jupiter"

8 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

April 18-20

Zyzzogeton * The Last Word

See the calendar for the event schedule.

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April 19-22

The Threepenny Opera, by Bertolt Brecht, with music by Kurt Weill. Faculty directed by Darcey Engen, with music direction by Sonja Thompson

April 19, 20, 21-7 p.m.

April 22-2 p.m.

Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

April 19

Leadership Recognition Banquet

5 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

April 20

Honors Convocation

4:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

ASAC Spring Affair Dance

8 p.m., Murphy Park

April 21

ASAC Spring Music Jam

6:30 p.m., Murphy Park

April 22

Riverside Singers & Cedar Sixteen Concert

7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

April 23

Women's Athletic Banquet

6:30 p.m., Christensen Center, East Commons

April 24

Augsburg Jazz Concert

7 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS:

Tues., April 17—Minneapolis service experience, Pedalers for Peace

Wed., April 18—Athletic recognition mini-convocation; Jack Osberg, speaker

Thurs., April 19—Brian Bambanek, senior speaker

Fri., April 20—Jaclyn Gehrke, senior speaker

Mon., April 23—Jeremy Anderson, senior speaker

Tues., April 24—Andi Slack, senior speaker

Sports schedule— <http://www.Augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/spring0607.html>

Have a great week!