



President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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Good morning. On Friday and Saturday, we hosted our Board of Regents on campus for their fall meeting. It was a good and substantive meeting with important conversations about student retention, the College's signature core undergraduate curriculum, and plans for the Augsburg Center for Faith and Learning. The board also received updates on planning for the new Center for Science, Business, and Religion, and on the capital fundraising effort that will help fund the new building. We are truly blessed to have regents who care deeply for our college and who support our mission-based work with such enthusiasm.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Christensen Symposium tonight and tomorrow

The 2008 Convocation Series begins tonight with a Christensen Symposium lecture by Martha E. Stortz, from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, at 7:30 p.m. It continues tomorrow (Tuesday) morning with her second program at 11 a.m. See the calendar on the next page for her symposium topics.

2008 CROP Walk—Oct. 12

On Sunday **I have the privilege of serving again as the honorary co-chair for the Twin Cities CROP Walk** (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty), sponsored by Church World Service, a global humanitarian agency. This annual event raises money for disaster relief, refugee assistance, and self-help programs both in the U.S. and around the world. One-quarter of the money raised in the Twin Cities is shared among four Minneapolis organizations—Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Services, the Brian Coyle Center food shelf, the Youth Farm and Market Project, and the Groveland Emergency Food Shelf Youth Program.

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, walkers will register at Oren Gateway Center for either a three-mile or five-mile walk between Augsburg and the East Bank, returning to Oren Center. I hope you'll join me for this good cause and a good time on a fall afternoon along the Mississippi River. Walkers will collect donations to turn in that day, or collect online. To register in advance or to donate, go to www.cropwalkonline.org. For further information, contact Mary Laurel True at x1775 or Marie Sager at sager@augsborg.edu. I hope to see you on Sunday!

KUDOS

Kudos to the **newly-elected day program student senators**. The first-year senators are Adam Spanier (class president), Elizabeth Dinesen, Laura Dixon, and Abbey Ehling. The new senior senators are Michael Cunningham and Ben Krouse-Gagne.

Kudos to **Ruth Senum and Brian Noy** for their work in organizing the Harvest Party on Thursday afternoon that brought gardeners, neighbors, and students to the Community Garden to wrap up the year's growing season and taste the harvest.

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Kudos to **Doug Green**, English, for his double-review article, "Shakespeare Popular and Populist," in the fall 2008 issue of *Shakespeare Bulletin*, comparing the Guthrie Theater's recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with the all-male production of *Richard III* by Ten Thousand Things.

Congratulations to **Cass Dalglish**, English, who has just published a new book of poetry, *Humming the Blues* (Calyx, 2008), a jazz interpretation of Sumerian cuneiform signs in Enheduanna's "Song to Inanna" (ancient Iraq, 2350 BCE). Enheduanna was a woman, a poet, a priest, a prince, and the first writer in history to sign her name to a written text. Upcoming events around the book include the debut reading on Thursday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., at Amazon Bookstore, 48th and Chicago, Minneapolis, and a public reading on Friday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., at Magers & Quinn, 3038 Hennepin Ave. South.

Kudos to **John Zobitz**, Mathematics, who was one of two invited keynote speakers at the Second Annual Undergraduate Research Poster Session at North Dakota State University in September.

NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

Oct. 6–7

2008 Christensen Symposium

Martha E. Stortz, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

"Costly Discipleship: Forgiveness as a Practice"

Oct. 7, 11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel

"Costly Citizenship: Regarding the Other in a Culture of Fear"

DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F–10:20–10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T–Th–11:20–11:40 a.m.; Wed–9:30 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)–First Word Community Gathering at 7:30–7:50 and 8–8:20 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 7—11 a.m., Christensen Symposium, Martha E. Stortz, "Costly Citizenship: Regarding the Other in a Culture of Fear"

Wed., Oct. 8—Deb Hutterer, Faith in the City

Wed. eve.—Communion, with Joe Midthun, intern pastor

Thurs., Oct. 9—Tom Morgan, Center for Faith and Living

Fri., Oct. 10—Babette Chatman, Redeemer Center for Life

Sat., Oct. 11—First Word Community Gathering, "Hate What is Evil"

Mon., Oct. 13—President Paul Pribbenow

Sports results and schedule—www.augsburg.edu/athletics

Have a great week.