



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** Welcome back from the Easter holiday weekend. We're now in our last three weeks of spring semester classes and within a month of our May 1 Commencement. This time is filled with celebrations and festivities, and I look forward to joining you on the occasions that celebrate your achievements.

Tonight we begin spring trimester classes in Rochester, and this weekend the classes for weekend and graduate programs begin on the Minneapolis campus.

This time of year also gives us great opportunities to participate in annual lectures and sponsored programs with speakers who engage us in learning and conversation. In the next week, I encourage you to take advantage of these three events:

- Sabo Symposium on Alternative Energy Options—Wednesday, April 7, from 3:45 to 6 p.m., Hoversten Chapel, sponsored by the Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning. Speakers are Cynthia Jones '81, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Clayton McNeff '91, ZirChrom Separations, SarTec Corporation, and Ever Cat Fuels; and Rolf Miller, WindLogics. Martin Sabo will serve as the moderator.
- Fourth Annual Torstenson Lecture in Sociology—Thursday, April 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Lindell Library 301, sponsored by the Department of Sociology. The speaker is Susan Smith-Cunnien, professor of sociology, University of St. Thomas, speaking on "Sociologists and Seed Potatoes: Learning and Using Our Discipline in Mali, West Africa."
- Sverdrup Annual Visiting Scientist Lecture—Monday, April 12, and Tuesday, April 13, Hoversten Chapel, featuring Mark Rea, director, Lighting Research Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
  - Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., "Using Light for Society and the Environment"
  - Tuesday, April 13, 11 a.m., "Light Isn't Just for Vision Anymore"

For those of you on campus, you may have noticed the new display cabinets that were installed in the Oren Center lobby last week. The cases will be home to an exhibit of memorabilia from the distinguished career of Martin Sabo, who, upon his retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives in 2007, gave Augsburg various materials from his long and celebrated service as a state and federal legislator. Watch for this special display in the next couple of weeks.

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Zyzzogeton 2010 is coming**

On Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15, the campus celebrates Zyzzogeton, the last word on student research and creative activity. The schedule is posted at

<http://www.augsburg.edu/urgo/zyzzogeton.html> and includes poster sessions, student research presentations, juried art exhibits, student musician performances, and more.

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## Hoversten Peace Seminar participants selected

Congratulations to participants in the 2010 Hoversten Peace Seminar, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Center for Global Education, and the Hoversten Peace Endowment. The following students, faculty, and staff will travel for an eight-day program at the CGE site in Mexico, July 31–August 8. Additional funding was available this year from the Lilly Endowment, allowing a record 12 students, 5 faculty, and 6 staff to attend. Participants will meet prior to departure to prepare for the experience, create a learning community together on the program, and work as a team to bring their learning back to campus in the fall.

Student participants will be: Michelle Cerame, Larrycesa Brown, Abela Kibira, Laurel True-McCarthy, Lucreshia Grant, David Tilton, Meghan Mountain, Rebecca Reimann, Nicolas Bakos, Greta Sawyer, Ma Lee, and Amy Voigt.

Faculty participants will be: Frankie Shackelford, Elizabeth Ankeny, Jeremy Myers, Philip Quanbeck, and Ron Petrich.

Staff participants will be: Sarah Amushila, Mary Laurel True, Douglas Scott, Barbara Hutson, Pat Kinner, and Nathan Lind.

## KUDOS

Congratulations to Professor **Dallas Liddle**, English Department, who has been awarded a Summer Stipend for 2010 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These prestigious and highly competitive awards are given to single scholars for specific projects and provide support for two months of continuous summer work. He will use the award to support a three-week research trip to Britain in June to work in private archives and at the British Library on a project “Engines of the Imagination: The Technology of Literary Form, 1800–1850.”

Congratulations to **Heidi Le** and **Jens Olsen**, both seniors graduating in May, who have received Fulbright Teaching Assistantships for 2010–11, both to Vietnam. They join Colin Irvine, English Dept., who will serve as a Fulbright Roving Scholar in Norway next academic year and the Center for Global Education, which has received a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad to coordinate a four-week curriculum development program in Namibia from July 14–August 15 for 12 elementary and secondary school teachers, preservice teachers, and education faculty.

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**NOTABLE EVENTS THIS WEEK**—For a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg Calendar at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>

**Monday, April 5**

**Spring trimester classes begin in Rochester**

**Wednesday, April 7**

**First Wednesday Gathering**

11 a.m.–1 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

**First Wednesday Supper**

8 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

**Wednesday, April 7**

**Sabo Symposium on Alternative Energy Options**, with speakers Cynthia Jones '81, Clayton McNeff '91, and Rolf Miller

3:45–6 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

**Thursday, April 8**

**Fourth Annual Torstenson Lecture in Sociology**, “Sociologists and Seed Potatoes: Learning and Using Our Discipline in Mali, West Africa,” Sue Smith-Cunnien, University of St. Thomas

5–6:30 p.m., Lindell Library 301

**Friday, April 9–Sunday, April 18**

*St. Joan of the Stockyards*, by Bertolt Brecht, guest directed by Vladimir Rovinsky

April 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 7 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

April 11 and 18 at 2 p.m., Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

**Friday, April 9–Sunday, April 11**

**Spring trimester begins on Minneapolis campus**

WEC, MAE, MAN, MSW classes meet

**Friday, April 9**

**Fourth Annual ACTC Women's Studies Undergraduate Conference**

3–8 p.m., St. Catherine University

Info—[nathanso@augsborg.edu](mailto:nathanso@augsborg.edu) or 612-330-1528

**Saturday-Sunday, April 10–11**

**Augsburg Choir pre-tour performances**

Saturday, April 10

7 p.m., Mondovi High School, Mondovi, Wis.

Sunday, April 11

4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minn.

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**Riverside Singers and Cedar Singers spring concert**

7:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

**Monday–Tuesday, April 12–13**

**2009–10 Convocation Series**

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## **DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS**

M,W,F—10:20–10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T–Th—11:20–11:40 a.m.; Wed—9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)—First Word Community Gathering, 7:30–7:50 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 6**—Noel Petit, Computer Science Dept., with student, faculty, and staff Chapel Brass groups

**Wednesday, April 7**—

**Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.**—Songs and communion, with Pastor Sonja Hagander

**Thursday, April 8**—Jane Ann Nelson, Director of Library Services

**Friday, April 9**—Alternative Spring Break group “Sweet Homes in Alabama”

**Monday, April 12**—Garry Hesser, Sabo Professor of Citizenship and Learning, and Sociology Dept.

**Sports results and schedule**—<http://athletics.augsburg.edu>

Have a great week!