

**FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

## **PRESIDENT'S VIEWS**

I am writing this week from the 98th annual meeting of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA), where the presidents of the Lutheran colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada are gathered for engagement, fellowship, and learning. The presidents of the ELCA colleges also have the opportunity during our meetings to spend time with Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson '68, who is a fierce proponent of Lutheran higher education at our institutions.

I also am enjoying time with Augsburg alumni and friends at a series of events in Florida, California, and Arizona during early February. I am so grateful for the abiding loyalty and generosity of our graduates and am always glad to learn what is happening in their lives.

Last weekend, the Augsburg Board of Regents met for their winter meetings. Among the highlights of the meetings were:

- A strategic discussion of the ways in which the plans for the Center for Science, Business and Religion are promoting rich conversations on and off-campus about how the integration of science, business, and religion is central to our educational work and to more and more aspects of life in the world.
- Affirmation of tenure and promotion for 10 Augsburg faculty members, effective September 1, 2011:
  - Tenure only: Elizabeth Ankeny (Education), Pavel Belik (Mathematics), Michael Kidd (Languages and Cross-Cultural Studies), David Murr (Physics)
  - Tenure and promotion to associate professor: Michael Lansing (History), Benjamin Stottrup (Physics), Tara Sweeney (Art)
  - Promotion to professor: Jeanne Boeh (Economics), Jacqueline deVries (History), Bridget Robinson-Riegler (Psychology)
- Approval of the tuition and fees schedule for the 2011–12 academic year—an important component of our budget planning for next year. The 2011–12 schedule has been added below the 2010–11 information at:
  - Day program: <http://www.augsburg.edu/finaid/daycost.html>
  - WEC/Augsburg for Adults: <http://www.augsburg.edu/finaid/afacost.html>
  - Grad: <http://www.augsburg.edu/finaid/gradcost.html>
- Reports on the impressive work of the three commissions—the Commission on Campus Space and Master Planning; the Commission on Aligning Enrollment

Strategy and Organizational Culture; and Commission Augsburg—that are engaging faculty, staff, students, and regents in setting priorities for Augsburg's future.

- An overview and discussion of Augsburg's academic programs for adults, including a market analysis and priorities for program growth in the years ahead.

I want to offer a special work of thanks to the Board of Regents, Campaign Cabinet, and President's Cabinet who have all pledged 100% participation in support of the Center for Science, Business, and Religion above and beyond their gifts to the annual fund. These commitments help propel our conversations about the center and offer all of us a sign of deep confidence in the future success of this transformative project for the Augsburg community.

## **CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

### **Alumni and Student Networking Reception—Thursday**

Students have an opportunity to meet Auggie alumni in a variety of career fields and to hone their networking skills. Guest speaker and alumna Anja White '98 will speak at 6 p.m., followed by a speed networking session for alumni and students. RSVP to [alumni@augsborg.edu](mailto:alumni@augsborg.edu).

### **Bi-weekly payroll cycle reminders**

The campus recently transitioned to a bi-weekly payroll cycle for all employees. Active employees received their first bi-weekly paycheck on January 14, along with a wallet-size payroll calendar for 2011. This change will improve efficiency, reporting, and budgeting; and employees have been very supportive and patient with this necessary change. All employees are encouraged to review their paystubs and notify payroll immediately if they notice any discrepancies. Questions should be directed to [payroll@augsborg.edu](mailto:payroll@augsborg.edu).

In addition, all College staff members are now on the online time system in keeping with our efforts toward a more efficient, more eco-friendly work place. While the electronic submittal is easier and quicker than paper records, it is still the official time sheet and carries the same requirements of accuracy and honesty. All supervisors are required to review and approve their employees' time records by 2 p.m. on Tuesday. By submitting the records electronically, both the employee and supervisor are stating that the work hours and time off are accurate and are approved for payment. If you missed one of the 12 training sessions held in December and January, you may review the PowerPoint training materials on the HR Moodle site.

## **West African writer and elder to speak on Friday and Saturday**

Malidoma Patrice Somé is a writer, spiritual leader, and elder from Burkina Faso. He speaks on Friday, Feb. 11, at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 12, at noon, in Hoversten Chapel as presenter of the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion Convocation.

## **Open forum on events in Egypt—Friday**

Listen to a panel of faculty and staff discuss the historic events unfolding in Egypt from interdisciplinary perspectives: Mohamed Sallam, Joe Underhill, Michael Lansing, Lars Christiansen, Phil Adamo. Friday, Feb. 11, 11:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Marshall Room.

## **Speaking of Scholarship Series**

The Speaking of Scholarship Series features the scholarship of Augsburg faculty and students, through 20-30 minute presentations followed by informal conversations about the issues raised by their work. The series is organized and hosted by Jessica Nathanson and Ben Stottrup, with the intent to increase awareness of scholarship on campus and learn from each other's experiences. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.—RSVP to [hedstrom@augsborg.edu](mailto:hedstrom@augsborg.edu) for each presentation. See the event reminders below for this week's presentations.

## **Staff Development Series begins next week**

The Center for Teaching and Learning is launching the first of three parts of a development series designed for academic and administrative staff. The first set of workshops will deal with different aspects of creating a culture of innovation and excellence. It will provide a model or framework for thinking about the topic, conversations about what it means in practice, and exercises to help staff begin to apply it to their work. The sessions are held from 3 to 5 p.m. every other Tuesday during the regular academic year and once a month during the summer.

The first session next Tuesday, Feb. 15, in OGC 114, will focus on discovering and developing individual strengths. In preparation, participants will need to pick up a copy of Strengths Based Leadership from Sarah Hedstrom in the CTL area, and complete an online inventory. These results should be brought to the session. RSVP to [hedstrom@augsborg.edu](mailto:hedstrom@augsborg.edu). The hosts and organizers are Jessica Fox-Wilson and Julio Vargas.

## **MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

### **Lunar New Year celebrated in our Asian communities**

Thanks to the Augsburg Asian Student Association for sharing their celebration of Lunar New Year last Friday welcoming the Year of the Rabbit, and acquainting the Augsburg community with traditions followed by the second largest population of students of color at Augsburg.

## **Celebrating the wrestling “Reunion of Ones”**

On Friday night, Augsburg welcomed back to campus the members of three championship wrestling teams for reunion celebrations prior to the “Battle of the ‘burgs”:

- The 1961 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship team that was Augsburg’s first of 30 MIAC team championships
- The 1991 NCAA Division III national championship squad
- The 2001 NCAA Division III national championship squad

The three teams were honored on the mat during the intermission of the Augsburg-Wartburg match. For photos of the teams, go to

<http://athletics.augsburg.edu/news/2011/1/13/wres011311.aspx?path=wrestling>.

**EVENT REMINDERS for the week**—for a listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Speaking of Scholarship—Melissa Hensley, Social Work, “Opinions of People with Mental Illness and their Caregivers on Healthcare Reform” 12: 15 p.m., Lindell 301

Thursday, Feb. 10

Alumni Networking event, 5:30 p.m., Oren Gateway Center lobby

Thursday, Feb. 10-13

*The Living Newspaper Project*, Tjornhom-Nelson Theater

Friday, Feb. 11

Open Forum on Events in Egypt, 11:50 a.m., Marshall Room

Friday, Feb. 11

CCHP Convocation, Malidoma Patrice Somé, “Water and the Spirit,” 3:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel

Friday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 13

Second annual performance, *The Vagina Monologues*, to benefit organizations to end violence against women, Fri., 7 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m., Sateren Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 11-13

WEC, some graduate classes

Saturday, Feb. 12

CCHP Convocation, Malidoma Patrice Somé, “The Healing Wisdom of Africa,” noon, Hoversten Chapel

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## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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, 7:30-7:55 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 8**—Mark Dixon, Luther seminarian

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**—Mark Engebretsen, Physics Dept.

**Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.**—Songs and communion

**Thursday, Feb. 10**—Marty Stortz, Christensen Professor of Religion and Vocation

**Friday, Feb. 11**—Pastor Kelly Chatman

**Saturday, Feb. 12**—First Word Gathering

Sports results and schedule— [www.augsburg.edu/athletics](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics)

Have a great week!