



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

October 25, 2010

Page 1

**Good morning.** I am just back from a remarkable trip to Namibia and South Africa, where I had a firsthand glimpse of Africans fighting for freedom and justice in their countries and of the outstanding work with U.S. students being done by our Augsburg colleagues who staff the Center for Global Education (CGE) campus site in Windhoek. I want to say special thanks to the CGE staff in Windhoek for their hospitality during my intense visit. I was able to meet with political, educational, and NGO leaders in Windhoek, many of whom serve as resource people to our students there. The Augsburg community should be proud of the high esteem in which our work there—over more than 16 years—is held and valued. Read more of my reflections from Namibia and South Africa in my recent blog posts at [www.augsburg.edu/president](http://www.augsburg.edu/president).

At the end of next week, Augsburg will welcome two conferences to campus. On Friday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 30, Augsburg Pan-Asian students will host the **Midwest Asian American Student Union 2010 Leadership Retreat**, with the theme “Our Stories. One Voice. Listen Today. Speak for Tomorrow.” This is the first time this annual retreat has met at a private college, and I know our students have been working hard in preparation. For information about the retreat, go to <http://maasulr2010.com>.

Following this, the Augsburg Center for Faith and Learning will co-sponsor an **Education for Vocation conference**, from October 31 through November 2. Leaders from a number of colleges and universities around the nation will join us to share what they have learned about using the concept of vocation to achieve the mission of their institutions. I look forward to engaging in conversations concerning the adaption of Lutheran concepts of vocation into higher education. The conference is co-sponsored by Augsburg, Augustana College-Rock Island, Luther College, and the Vocation and Education Unit of the ELCA’s churchwide organization.

I encourage Augsburg faculty and staff members to attend if you are interested. The conference program and schedule were included in the e-mail I sent on October 15. Also go to the Inside Augsburg web calendar for information. There is no conference fee, and meals will be provided free of charge. You may attend any combination of sessions that your schedule permits, but please notify us if you wish to take part in any of the meals. To register, contact Diane Glorvigen at [glorvige@augsborg.edu](mailto:glorvige@augsborg.edu).

This Friday is the midterm break for day semester students; classes will not be held.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Community Time tomorrow

Tomorrow at Community Time, at 3:45 p.m., we’ll kick off our annual campaign to support United Way and Community Shares of Minnesota. This year, gifts can be made online to either or both organizations, making it easier to select where the gift will go. One-time gifts and payroll deduction are still possible. Representatives from each organization will join Augsburg’s coordinator, Sally Daniels, to answer questions and explain the new e-giving system. The campaign runs from tomorrow through November 9.

### Diversity Summit in Rochester

The Diversity Leadership Summit: Progress Toward Inclusion in Rochester will be held in Rochester on Monday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m., to discuss what can be and has been done to promote inclusion in Rochester at the individual, organizational, and community levels. The panel will be led by Dr. Sharonne Hayes, director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at

October 25, 2010

Page 2

Mayo Clinic. This event is sponsored by the MBA program and Post-Bulletin Company, LLC, and is part of the "Connecting with the Community" series. It will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Avenue SE, Rochester, and is free and open to the public. Contact Dave Conrad at (507) 287-7791 or [conradd@augsborg.edu](mailto:conradd@augsborg.edu) with questions.

### **Voting on Election Day, November 2**

The 2010 general election is next Tuesday, Nov. 2. Students who live on campus may vote at the voting location for Augsburg, which is the Seward Square Apartments, 2211 9th St. For more information, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State website, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

Faculty and staff are reminded that they may go to vote at any time during the day.

### **Koryne Horbal Lecture on November 5 features The Guerilla Girls**

The Guerilla Girls, feminist masked avengers, authors, and activists, will present a program that includes humor, visuals, and provocative discussion to raise awareness of issues of gender equality and justice. The convocation is sponsored by the Anne Pederson Women's Resource Center and is part of the 2010-11 Convocation Series. It will take place on Friday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m., in Hoversten Chapel.

### **Open enrollment for benefits:**

The 2011 health and dental benefit renewal begins on November 8 and ends on November 19. Information sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 8, noon–1 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center
- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1:30–2:30 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center
- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center
- Friday, Nov. 12, 2–3 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center
- Monday, Nov. 15, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center
- Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1–2 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center
- Wednesday, Nov. 17, 5–6 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

### **MBA faculty and students travel to Russia**

MBA professor Magda Paleczny-Zapp and MBA director Steve Zitnick recently completed the second MBA faculty-led study abroad trip, this time to Russia, with 14 students. This highly-intensive program took the group to Moscow and St. Petersburg, focusing on Strategic Management in a Global Environment and Doing Business in Russia. Highlights included visits to well-known multinational companies, such as Medtronic, Lukoil, and WTB Bank. Augsburg MBA students also attended lectures given by professors from Plekhanov University of Economics, and professors Paleczny-Zapp and Zitnick gave lectures to both Russian and Augsburg students. Cultural highlights included the Kremlin, Red Square, Peterhoff Palace, and the Hermitage.

### **Fundraiser for Our Saviour's Community Services on Thursday**

On Thursday, I've been invited to participate in the "Make a Difference: Meet at the Market" fundraiser for Our Saviour's Community Services, which sponsors outreach programs in the community providing housing services for homeless people and English language learning classes. The fundraiser will take place on

# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGSBURG  
COLLEGE

October 25, 2010

Page 3

Thursday, Oct. 28, at Maria's Café, in the Ancient Traders Market, 1113 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

## Top producer of Fulbright students once again

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* has published its annual list of schools, by type of institution, that produce the most number of U.S. Fulbright students. Once again, Augsburg was included, among master's institutions across the country, with four awards from seven applications: Jens Olsen and Heidi Le to teach English in Vietnam, Bethany Hellerich to teach English in Indonesia, and Nou Chang to teach English in Malaysia. Congratulations to Dixie Shafer, URGO director and Fulbright adviser, as well as the faculty and staff who provided essay writing assistance, interviewed students, and helped with Augsburg's institutional evaluations.

In addition to the four Fulbright students, English professor Colin Irvine was selected for Norway as a Fulbright Roving Scholar in American Studies, and the Center for Global Education received a Fulbright-Hays Group Award to provide an educational seminar in Namibia for teachers last summer.

## KUDOS

Kudos to **Jay Benanav**, Government Relations; **Jodi Collen**, **Seth Lienard**, and **Tony Lovaas**, Event and Conference Planning; and the **Department of Public Safety** for making the arrangements for Senator Klobuchar's panel discussion last Thursday.

Congratulations to **Barbara Lehmann**, Social Work Department, who has been offered a placement with the American Jewish World Service Volunteer Corps. During her 2011 spring semester sabbatical, she will partner with an NGO in either Thailand or Cambodia.

Kudos to **Cary Waterman**, English Department, who read last week with others at the Open Book for the launch of the anthology, *The Wind Blows, the Ice Breaks: Poems of Loss and Renewal*.

Kudos to **Doug Green**, English Department, whose review of the Guthrie Theater's *Macbeth* (spring 2010) has just appeared in the fall issue of *Shakespeare Bulletin*. SB provides scholarly 'reviews of record' for Shakespeare productions, both national and international.

Kudos to **Kevin Bowman**, Economics Department, who has had two articles published in the September 2010 issue of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Integral Theory and Practice*: "Integral Political Economy" and "The Financial Crisis of 2008-09: An Integral Political-Economic Analysis." He presented a summary of these papers on a Voice America internet radio program, at <http://www.voiceamerica.com/voiceamerica/vepisod.aspx?aid=48400>.

Kudos to the students, especially **Gloria Xinico Morales** and **Estefania Zapata**, who have been helping the United Methodist Church collect items for victims of the rains and mudslides in Guatemala. Recently, they dropped off three bags of clothes collected on campus.

# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGSBURG  
COLLEGE

October 25, 2010

Page 4

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**

**Speaking of Scholarship, Dal Liddle, English Dept.,** “Engines of the Imagination: The Technology of Literary Form in Britain, 1800-1850”  
12:15 p.m., Oren Gateway Center 100

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**

**Community Time, “Augsburg Gives,”** Update on United Way/Community Solutions fall drive  
3:45 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

**Wednesday, Oct. 27**

**Halloween Safe Block, neighborhood kids trick-or-treating**  
4–6 p.m., Urness Hall

**Thursday, Oct. 28**

**Update, Campus and Space Master Plan Commission**  
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

**Friday, Oct. 29**

**Mid-term break for day semester students**

**Friday, Oct. 29**

**Focused Conversation, Great Colleges Survey Follow-up**  
Noon–1 p.m., Lindell Library 301

**Friday, Oct. 29**

**Update, Campus and Space Master Plan Commission**  
1:30–3 p.m., Kennedy Center 303

**Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30**

**Midwest Asian American Student Union 2010 Leadership Retreat**  
Friday—6 p.m., Christensen Center  
Saturday—8 a.m., Christensen Center

**Sunday–Tuesday, Oct. 31–Nov. 2**

**ELCA “Education for Vocation” conference**

Sunday, Oct. 31, begins 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 1, 7:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 a.m. through noon lunch

**Sunday, Oct. 31**

**Masterworks Chorale Concert**

3 p.m., Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Blvd. East, Wayzata, MN 55391

**Monday, Nov. 1**

The Diversity Leadership Summit: Progress Toward Inclusion in Rochester, featuring panel led by Dr. Sharonne Hayes, director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Mayo

# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

AUGSBURG  
COLLEGE

October 25, 2010

Page 5

Clinic

5:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran church, 810 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester, MN

## DAILY CHAPEL

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.

## Reformation Week

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**—Rev. Eric Midthun

**Wednesday, Oct. 27**—Hans Wiersma, Religion Dept.

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

**Thursday, Oct. 28**—Russell Kleckley, Religion Dept.

**Friday, Oct. 29**—Midterm break for day semester students

**Monday, Nov. 1**—All Saint's Day

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

Have a great week!