

January 23, 2012

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**Hip-hop artist Dessa to present at Nobel Peace Prize Forum:** Minneapolis hip-hop artist Dessa will present on ethics and hip hop on March 2 at the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. "Mic Lines: Art, Ethics, and Their Contested Connections," will explore critical questions facing hip-hop today, including whether artists have moral responsibilities, and whether it is possible to write conscientious or peace-oriented lyrics without sounding trite. That's just the tip of the Dessa iceberg. For more details, and to get tickets for this event, visit the Nobel Peace Prize Forum website at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/ethics-and-hip-hop-a-discussion-with-dessa/>. In addition to her multi-faceted, interactive presentation, Dessa will deliver a welcome message earlier in the day to attendees of the NPPF Education Day with Nobel Laureate F.W. de Klerk.

The NPPF offers students, staff, and faculty many opportunities to hear from international, national, and state leaders on topics related to peace and peacemaking from March 1 to 3. This is the first year the 23-year-old Forum will be held in its new Twin Cities-based format. Augsburg is hosting the Forum in conjunction with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and the support of our sister Norwegian Lutheran colleges, and our community partners.

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the NPPF. ***The Augsburg Community – students, faculty, and staff – can attend for half price (\$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff) simply by registering using their official Augsburg e-mail address.*** Members of the Augsburg community who do not use their official Augsburg e-mail address will be charged the full rate of \$20 for students, and \$40 for faculty and staff. A separate ticket is needed for each track. Register online at [http://nppftickets.universitytickets.com/user\\_pages/event\\_listings.asp](http://nppftickets.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp). A full program, with session descriptions, is at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/2012-program/>.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

**Embedding Diversity and Global Learning.** A series of workshops explores what the College's model of diversity and global learning can do to help foster personal, interpersonal, and intercultural competence. Participating in the workshop series is one way faculty and staff can take a personal, hands-on role in living the mission of the college as laid out in Augsburg 2019: A Map to Our Strategic Future. This document, which builds off of Commission Augsburg and was discussed last week by President Paul Pribbenow in a letter to all faculty and staff, calls upon us all to extend relationships throughout the world through global learning, and to position Augsburg as a leader in social diversity. Details about the series, including the next session on January 30, are in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120119#32632>. Download a copy of Augsburg 2019 at [http://www.augsburg.edu/docs/commission/Strategic\\_Futures.pdf](http://www.augsburg.edu/docs/commission/Strategic_Futures.pdf)

**Helping students prepare for their futures.** Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in a series of events meant to help them prepare for their futures. The

Strommen Career and Internship Center is offering, and coordinating with others, a number of events that are complimentary to one another, and can help students step to a strong career start. Here are just a few of the events on the horizon to help students:

- Resume writing workshop on January 25  
(<http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120118#32590>)
- Student and alumni networking event on February 9  
<http://cswl.pbworks.com/w/page/6687554/Upcoming%20Events>
- Job and internship fair preparation workshops  
<http://cswl.pbworks.com/w/page/6687554/Upcoming%20Events>
- Minnesota Private College Council Job Fair on February 21 and 22  
<http://www.mnpcfair.org/>

More events to prepare students for interviewing and employment are at  
<http://cswl.pbworks.com/w/page/6687554/Upcoming%20Events>

**February convocations explore forgiveness and Arab Spring.** Two convocations are scheduled for February, and will be held nearly back-to-back. First, on February 11, the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion Convocation will feature Frederic Luskin, the director of Stanford University's Forgiveness Projects. Luskin is an accomplished researcher on the training and measurement of forgiveness therapy, and author of a range of books. You can learn more about his work at [www.learningtoforgive.com](http://www.learningtoforgive.com).

Two days later, on February 13, the Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics will feature a panel of young people from Egypt who have been involved in the Arab Spring, and currently are doing civic engagement and youth empowerment work in that country. Learn more about the panelists, and the schedule of events for the convocation in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120117#32558>. Auggies don't have to wait until February, though, to start educating themselves on issues related to the Arab Spring. On January 26, the College will screen a film about the one-year anniversary of the protests in Tahrir Square. More in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120119#32620>.

Learn more about the Convocation series at <http://www.augsburg.edu/convoc/>.

**International Social Work Conference to be at Augsburg.** The Social Work Department is hosting the International Social Work Conference in June. Currently the department is calling for papers. The theme of the conference is "Global Context: Local Solutions." Learn more in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120116#32548>.

#### **CONVOCATION HASHTAGS**

If you are on Twitter, participate in the discussion during these convocations.

- The hashtag for Dr. Frederic Luskin's talk is **#CCHPConvo**.
- The hashtag for the Batalden Convocation is **#BataldenConvo**.

#### **EVENTS**

**January 27-28:** Annual Winter Meeting of the Augsburg College Board of Regents.

For a full listing of Augsburg events, go to the Inside Augsburg Calendar at <http://bit.ly/6U9Ueb>.

For a listing of Augsburg athletic events, visit the Athletic Department Calendar at <http://bit.ly/mUsyCB>.

## DAILY CHAPEL

The community gathers from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Informal communion is held at 9:09 p.m., Wednesday.

- Tuesday, January 24: Pastor Sonja Hagander and debut of Girlfriends Singing.
- Wednesday, January 25: Vocatio Chapel with Scott Hvistendahl '98, Northwestern College Football Coach.
- Thursday, January 26: Ann Garvey, Vice President of Student Affairs
- Friday, January 27: Bishop Peter Rogness, St. Paul Area Synod ELCA
- Monday, January 30: Kristin Anderson, Professor of Art History and College Archivist

Augsburg for Adults and members of Campus Ministry gather from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. on days of Saturday class for Eat, Greet & Bless: WEC/Grad Gathering (formerly known as First Word Gathering). These meetings are a chance for people of all faiths and backgrounds to meet for an informal worship and to enjoy breakfast together.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Auggies tell story of college** – Members of the Augsburg community can help tell the story of the College in many ways, every day. Be sure to submit your events, news, and kudos to A-Mail, and consider sharing the Augsburg story by posting to your personal Facebook page some of the news from our community. Take a moment to check out some of these neat Auggie stories:

- Dr. David Conrad, Associate Director of the Augsburg MBA Program and Assistant Professor of Business, had published a co-written research study in the Journal of Education for Business. More in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120119#32616>.
- Emiliano Chagil, Director of Hispanic/Latino Student Services, to serve as community resource to new professionals in student affairs. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120117#32568>
- Auggie Physician Assistant student Olga Trouskova and Associate Professor Beth Alexander had an article published on ovarian cancer. Read it here (first story listed under "Featured Articles"): <http://j.mp/zZnBg0>
- The Gage Center for Student Success now includes several departments, including CLASS, TRiO/SSS, Academic Skills, and Access Center. Read a short story in Inside Augsburg about how this change provides students greater accessibility to services, and enhanced communication between departments. Story at: [http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/01\\_16\\_12/gage\\_center.html](http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/01_16_12/gage_center.html)