

January 30, 2012

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Regents approve tenure, faculty promotions, new masters programs, employee handbook. The Board of Regents at their meetings last Friday and Saturday approved programs for a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Department of English) and Master of Music Therapy (Department of Music), and the new employee handbook. A number of faculty received tenure and others were promoted, including the following:

Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure

- Stacy Freiheit, Psychology
- Mary Lowe, Religion
- Jeremy Myers, Religion
- Hans Wiersma, Religion

Promotion to Professor

- Laura Boisen, Social Work
- Lois Bosch, Social Work
- James Vela-McConnell, Sociology

The Employee Handbook, located in the Human Resource area of Moodle, includes a number of new and/or expanded guidelines related to social media, management and employer expectations. The Handbook is meant to guide faculty and staff in a range of areas including individual obligations related to creating a respectful work and learning environment; to fostering campus safety and security; to address time off from work and benefits; and to outline issues of performance, development, conduct, and employment.

Gage Center grand opening. The Gage Center for Student Success will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting on **Wednesday, February 1**. The event starts at 11 a.m., with the ribbon cutting promptly at 11:15 a.m. Please join your colleagues and students to celebrate the Gage Center, and to honor the contributions of the Groves and Gage families. More details are in A-Mail at: <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120125#32753>. Learn more about the offices that now are working more closely together on behalf of student success in Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/01_16_12/gage_center.html.

Discounted prices for students to attend Nobel Peace Prize Forum. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the Nobel Peace Prize Forum (NPPF) which runs from **March 1 to 3**.

The Augsburg Community – students, faculty, and staff – can attend for half price (**\$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff**) by registering via their official Augsburg e-mail addresses. The three-day program includes a range of local, national, and international leaders, including:

- **Augsburg Peace Scholars**, in addition to peace scholars from other colleges, will share their reflections on learning about and working toward peace during their summer in Oslo.

- **Peter Agre, an Auggie** and the 2003 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, will explore how science can play a role in humanitarian efforts that aren't possible to be played by politicians and government leaders.
- **Judge LaJune Lange, an Auggie Regent** and honorary consul for South Africa, will talk about her role as an advisor to the United Nations during Nigerian elections, and her involvement in a judicial program in Morocco.
- **Dessa**, Minneapolis hip-hop artist, will talk about ethics and hip-hop.
- **Andrew Slack**, founder of the Harry Potter Alliance, will talk about using lessons from Harry Potter to fight the dark arts in the real world.
- **F.W. de Klerk**, former president of South Africa and Nobel Peace Laureate, will talk about working with Nelson Mandela to end apartheid.
- **Saki Macozoma**, a former member of the South African parliament and business leader who was imprisoned on Robben Island, will talk about his experience emerging from prison to become an influential African business and political leader.

Register online at http://nppftickets.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp. A full program, with session descriptions, is at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/2012-program/>. In addition, Maureen Reed, executive director of the NPPF, will share information about the event during First Wednesday Gathering on **February 1** in the East Commons.

The NPPF offers students, staff, and faculty many opportunities to hear from international, national, and state leaders on topics related to peace and peacemaking. This is the first year the 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.

Sign up now for ACAAlerts. All current students, staff and faculty are encouraged to **register for ACAAlerts**, an electronic communications system use to communicate with the community about timely emergency information or weather closures via text message, voice mail, and/or e-mail to registered personal cell phones, landlines, or personal e-mail addresses. To register for ACAAlerts, please download <http://web.augsburg.edu/dps/ACAAlerts.pdf>. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students and direct reports to register for ACAAlerts. ACAAlerts is only one of a range of communication tools that can be used by the College in emergency or weather situations.

CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Strommen Executive Speakers Series presents CEO of CUB Foods. Keith Wyche, President and CEO of CUB Foods, will speak about moving up the corporate ladder on **February 9** for the Strommen Executive Speakers Series. As the head of a \$3 billion retail grocery chain that is part of the \$40 billion SUPERVALU family of grocery stores, Wyche directs sales, marketing, merchandising, operational excellence, and is responsible for 8,000 staff. He also is one of the top-ranking African American business leaders in the United

States. The Twitter Hashtag for the event is #AugStrom. RSVP at <https://smaug.augsburg.edu/NetCommunity/SSLPage.aspx?pid=463>.

Lunar New Year celebration includes performances, food. Celebrate the Lunar New Year from 5 to 9 p.m., **February 10**, in the Commons. The celebration, sponsored by the Augsburg Asian Student Association, will include student performances, food, games, and activities.

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.

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/>.

HASHTAGS

If you are on Twitter, participate in the discussion during these upcoming Augsburg events.

- The hashtag for the Strommen Executive Speakers Series is **#AugStrom**.
- The hashtag for Dr. Frederic Luskin's talk at the CCHP Convo is **#CCHPConvo**.
- The hashtag for the Batalden Convocation is **#BataldenConvo**.

Distinguished Contributions to Teaching/Learning. Augsburg annually recognizes as many as four individuals or groups that have made exemplary contributions to the campus learning environment through teaching, scholarship, or mentoring. Please consider nominating by **February 20** an outstanding colleague for the 2012 Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Learning. Awards will be presented at the Honors Convocation. Details are in A-Mail at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120125#32739>.

Alternatives to K-12 funding topic of Sabo Symposium. The Sabo Symposium slated **February 22** will model constructive debate while exploring issues related to alternative funding for K-12 education. Reps. Pat Garofalo and Steve Simon, who represent different perspectives on the topic, will debate one another, followed by a moderated discussion. More details are at <http://www.augsburg.edu/sabo/events.html>. In addition, the Sabo Center is accepting applications for scholarships for the 2012-13 school year. Learn more in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32791>.

Helping students prepare for their futures. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students who are graduating this year in math, chemistry, physics, and biology, and who want to be middle and high school teachers, to explore TC2 Urban STEM Teacher Residency. This one-year, school-based program helps ready pre-service teachers for work in an urban setting. Learn more, and get contact information, in the A-Mail story at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120123#32685>. Another way to help students is to encourage them to participate in events offered by the Strommen Center meant to prepare students for interviewing and employment. Listings are at: <http://cswl.pbworks.com/w/page/6687554/Upcoming%20Events>

EVENTS

January 31: Focused Conversation, Common Work: Innovation and Excellence, 1 to 2 p.m., Marshall Room, Christensen Center. <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32801>

February 1:

- First Wednesday Gathering, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center.
- Gage Center Grand Opening, 11:15 to 11:30 a.m., Gage Center, Lindell Library. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32796>

February 9: Strommen Executive Speakers Series, Keith Wyche, President and CEO of CUB Foods, 5 to 6 p.m., Sateren Auditorium. <https://smaug.augsburg.edu/NetCommunity/SSLPage.aspx?pid=463>.

February 10: Lunar New Year Celebration, 5 to 9 p.m., Commons, Christensen Center.

February 11: Center for Counseling and Health Promotion Convocation, Frederic Luskin, Director of Stanford University Forgiveness Projects, noon to 1 p.m., Hoversten Chapel. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120117#32558>.

February 13: Batalden Convocation, Tahrir Square and After: Youth Empowerment and Civic Engagement, 10 to 11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel. <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120118#32594>.

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

DAILY CHAPEL

AUGSBURG WEEKLY

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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 31: Robert Robinson, gospel singer, with Lisa Olson, pianist
- Wednesday, February 1: TBA
- Thursday, February 2: TBA
- Friday, February 3: TBA
- Monday, February 6: TBA

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:

- Auggie Kayla Johnson, biology and math major, shares insights from her research of *Daphnia Magna* – the water flea – as part of her McNair summer research. See – and share the video – located on Inside Augsburg at <https://augnet.augsburg.edu/>.
- Residence life student staff members will be presenting at the Associated Twin Cities College Housing Administrators conference during February. Learn more about this accomplishment in A-Mail at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120125#32751>.
- Four Auggies were nominated for Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships. These prestigious, one- and two-year scholarships provide as much as \$7,500 per year to winners. Learn more in A-Mail at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120127#32771>.
- Andy Grzesiak-Grimm scored his 1,000th career point in a basketball game last week against Hamline. He's only the sixth player in Auggie men's basketball to hit this mark. Read more in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120124#32730>.