

February 6, 2012

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

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) that 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:

- **Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk**, former president of South Africa. (9:15-10:15 a.m., March 3)
- **Alf Bjorseth**, chairman of SCATEC AS, will address the role of sustainable energy technologies to renew peace and foster stability. (9:30-10:30 a.m., March 1)
- **Adam Hochschild**, journalist, teacher, and author, will speak about the moral issues of World War I and those who tried to prevent the carnage that occurred. (1-2:10 p.m., March 1)
- **Saki Macozoma**, business leader, former member of South Africa's parliament, and a prisoner on Robben Island during apartheid, will talk about business and the price of peace in post-apartheid South Africa. (4-5 p.m., March 1)
- **Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem***, Tedd Mann Concert Hall, University of Minnesota. (7:30-10 p.m., March 1)
- **Joe Cavanaugh**, Youth Frontiers founder, talks of building respectful school communities. (1:45-2:45 p.m., March 2)
- **Andrew Slack**, founder of the Harry Potter Alliance, will address how to use the morals and lessons of Harry Potter to fight the dark arts in the real world. (4:30-5:30 p.m., March 2)
- **Dessa**, nationally known hip-hop artist, will talk about ethics, hip-hop, and present a mini-set. (8-10:30 p.m., March 2)
- **Auggie and Nobel Laureate Peter Agre**, 2003 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Augsburg College alumnus, will address the role of science in behind-the-scenes efforts to foster humanitarian objectives that are not possible for politicians and government leaders. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **Geir Lundestad**, Norwegian Nobel Institute, will talk about controversial Nobel Peace Prizes, and whether the awards were successes or failures. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **Abdul Aziz Said**, professor of American University, on the value to peace of ecological balance, dignity, political pluralism, and cultural diversity. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **"Reunion: 10 Years After the War,"** special showing of this Amanda Award-winning documentary that shows the meeting between Albanian and Serb students 10 years after the bombings of Kosovo. (Multiple showings March 3)

- **Jonathan Mann**, CNN international correspondent, will discuss the character and qualities of Laureates, a perspective gathered during 16 years of interviewing Laureates as they received their awards in Oslo. Mann also will moderate question and answer sessions following keynote presentations. (Speaks 4-4:30 p.m., March 3)
- **Naomi Tutu**, international human rights advocate and daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will present a closing call to action. (4:30-5 p.m., March 3)

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/>. Session room locations will be available soon.

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 Augsburg Alerts. All current students, staff and faculty are encouraged to **register for Augsburg Alerts**, an electronic communications system used 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, download <http://web.augsburg.edu/dps/ACAlerts.pdf>. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students and direct reports to register for *Augsburg Alerts*. *Augsburg Alerts* 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

3rd Annual Auggies vs. Tommies Health Challenge. Auggie faculty and staff will take on the St. Thomas Tommies in the 3rd Annual Health Challenge. Last year, nearly 150 Auggies participated and helped bring home the gold for the second year running. This year, Auggies will strive to do the same. The challenge kicks off on **February 13** and runs through May 4. Details http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/01_30_12/HealthChallenge.html.

Precinct caucuses Tuesday, Feb. 7. Auggies are encouraged to participate in precinct caucuses for Minnesota's political parties. The caucuses are the starting point for selecting candidates for the 2012 election. More in A-Mail at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32930>.

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>. Immediately following, there will be a student-alumni networking event from 6 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of Oren Gateway. RSVP information in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32920>.

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. 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 a researcher on the training and measurement of forgiveness therapy, and author of a range of books. More at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/02_06_12/cchp_convoc.html and www.learningtoforgive.com.

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 schedule in Inside Augsburg at http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/02_06_12/batalden_convoc.html.

Constructive debate to be modeled at Sabo Symposium. The Sabo Symposium slated for **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>. The Sabo Center is accepting applications for scholarships for 2012-13. More in A-Mail at <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120203#32908>.

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 Convoc is **#CCHPConvoc**.
- The hashtag for the Batalden Convocation is **#BataldenConvoc**.
- The hashtag for the Sabo Symposium is **#SaboSymp**.

EVENTS

February 7: Precinct Caucuses. <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/#32930>

February 9: Strommen Executive Speakers Series, Keith Wyche, President/CEO of CUB Foods, 5 to 6 p.m., Sateren Auditorium. <http://www.augsburg.edu/strommen/executivespeakers.html>

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/news-archives/2012/02_06_12/cchp_convo.html.

February 13: Batalden Convocation, Tahrir Square and After, 10 to 11 a.m., Hoversten Chapel. http://augnet.augsburg.edu/news-archives/2012/02_06_12/batalden_convo.html

February 17: Scholarship Weekend.

February 18: StepUp Program Silent Auction and Dinner Gala, 5 to 8 p.m., Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Ticket required. <http://www.augsburg.edu/stepup/gala.html>

February 20: Closing day for nominations for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching/Learning. Details in A-Mail at <http://inside.augsburg.edu/amaill/?issuedate=20120125#32739>.

February 21

- Mardi Gras Madrigals, 6:30 p.m., Hoversten Chapel.
- Drag Show, 7 to 10 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center.

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

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, February 7: Pastor Andrea Mwalilino, originally from Tanzania, now serving as worship leader and mission director for the Swahili Ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis
- Wednesday, February 8: Lori Peterson, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies
- Thursday, February 9: Dixie Scruggs, senior speaker
- Friday, February 10: TBA
- Monday, February 13: 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:

- Auggies celebrated the opening of the Gage Center for Student Success, and honored the Gage and Carlson families at a ribbon cutting ceremony. See photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/6803364435/in/photostream>.
- Auggie Bill Green, professor of history, responded to MinnPost.com with comments on leadership and building bridges between cultures and STEM studies. http://www.minnpost.com/drivingchange/2012/02/03/34779/driving_change_panel_roehrig_built_cultural_bridges_between_reservation_students_and_stem_studies