

February 27, 2012

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

**Register now for 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**. Get a flavor of the event and previews of speakers by viewing a Storify piece at <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/nobel-peace-prize-forum>.

The Augsburg Community – students, faculty, and staff – can attend for half price (**\$10 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff**) by registering using their Augsburg e-mail addresses. Highlights include:

- **Aung San Suu Kyi**, 1991 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, will deliver a video address. The presentation will be followed by a discussion moderated by **CNN International Correspondent Jonathan Mann**. (4-5:30 p.m., March 3)
- **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 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**, Ted 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 '70**, 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 awards were successes or failures. (12:30-1:45 p.m., March 3)
- **Abdul Aziz Said**, American University, will discuss the value on 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 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/>. 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.

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

**Student financial literacy week a success.** Last week, Augsburg hosted a range of events meant to increase student financial literacy. The events included opportunities for students to co-create the learning by sharing their “money secret” in the Link and skyway between Christensen Center and the residence halls. If you haven’t had a chance to walk through the skyways, please do so. The money secrets are insightful, honest, and some are just plain funny. In addition to sharing money secrets, a group of students representing a range of cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds presented as part of a panel. The group shared insights and challenges in how they balance money, work, and school.

**Augsburg Alerts helps keep you in the loop in case of weather-related class cancellations.** Augsburg Alerts, the College’s electronic notification system, is a great way to help ensure you get timely information about class closings due to weather. With a storm just around the corner, now is a perfect time to sign up. Augsburg Alerts sends timely emergency information – including weather-related class cancellations – 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. In addition, the College communicates class cancellations via the College website and submits information to television stations including KARE 11, KMSP, KSTP, and WCCO.

It is important to remember that weather conditions can vary greatly throughout the area. Individuals ultimately are responsible for their own personal safety and should use common sense when deciding whether to be on the roads.

The Dean of Academic Affairs and the President’s Office make decisions about weather-related class cancellations.

## EVENTS

**February 29** – Community Link, to help Auggies become more involved, 6 to 7 p.m., Auggie’s Nest, basement of Christensen Center

**March 1 to 3** – Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota. Varied times, events. [http://npoftickets.universitytickets.com/user\\_pages/event\\_listings.asp](http://npoftickets.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp)

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, February 28: Katia Iverson, Senior Speaker
- Wednesday, February 29: Steve Crafword, Director of Urban Leadership Academy
- Thursday, March 1: Gumanfa Ganu with Mary Morris Mergenthal, St. David’s Day, Welsh Hymnals
- Friday, March 2: TBD
- Monday, March 5: Hans Wiersma, Professor of Religion, “Everything you’ve learned about religion is wrong”

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 sociology professor wins teaching award - <http://augnet.augsburg.edu/amaill/#33348>
- Nobel Peace Prize Forum in Storify - <http://storify.com/AugsburgCollege/nobel-peace-prize-forum>
- Photo stream of the Sabo Symposium, an opportunity to model constructive debate around difficult issues associated with K-12 school integration. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629438733061/>
- Two Auggies took part last week in the annual MPCC Scholars at the Capitol event to spotlight undergraduate research. Students presented posters on their research. Photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629438568917/>
- StepUp Gala photos <http://www.flickr.com/photos/augsburgcollege/sets/72157629420845047/>