In the Academy Fall 2015



Together Toward Excellence

Faculty Dialogue Groups: (These faculty groups are formed based on response and usually meet 3 times during the semester. Confirm your participation with Suzanne-5378 by 9/04/15 so we can order the books)

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God; Timothy Keller, "This book will show that prayer is both conversation and encounter with God. These two concepts give us a definition of prayer and a set of tools for deepening our prayer lives."

The World Beyond Your Head; Matthew Crawford, "The question of what to attend to is a question of what to value, and this question is no longer answered for us by settled forms of social life... Our mental fragmentation can't simply be attributed to advertising, the Internet, or any other identifiable villain, for it has become something more comprehensive than that, something like a style of existence."

Toxic Charity; Robert Lupton, "Lupton urges individuals, churches, and organizations to step away from these spontaneous, often destructive acts of compassion toward thoughtful paths to community development. He delivers proven strategies for moving from toxic charity to transformative charity."

Planning for Promotion and Tenure: At Union University, the process of applying for promotion and tenure involves the development of a portfolio that effectively demonstrates a faculty member's professional development over time. This session will include an overview of the portfolio guidelines described in the *Faculty Handbook*.

Speakers: Ben Mitchell and Ann Singleton

Date: October 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: BAC-43

Writing for The Scholars Compass: This online devotional is for academics, by academics. Come and consider how writing about your journey in following Christ may encourage and inspire other faculty or graduate students at various stages in their academic calling. http://esn.intervarsity.org/scholars-compass

Speaker: Nan Thomas

Date: November 12, 2015 3:00pm *Location:* Jones Suite Conference Room

Advent Prayer Services (in conjunction with University Ministries)

Date: December 1, 3, 7 & 9 from 12:00- 12:20pm

Location: Theater

The Collegium on Christ, Knowledge and Wisdom: An inter-disciplinary small group of faculty consider the various and profound ways that Christian faith influences academic life and faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ. Through reading, reflection, dialogue, and prayer, attending faculty grapple with the Biblical doctrines of creation, incarnation, and redemption and their implications for Christians called to the academy.

Dates: January 19 & 20 from 9:00-3:00

Location: Luther Hall

January Course Design Institute (CDI): The CDI provides faculty with the tools, time and space to design or (re)design their course based on an overall course goal. Inter-disciplinary dialogue assists participants in creating learning objectives that will fulfill overall course goals.

Dates: January 26-29, 2016; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Luther Hall

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

• Professional Development Grant

The Professional Development Grant is designed to support the professional growth activities of full-time teaching faculty, professional librarians and college or school deans.

Deadline: September 8, 2015

• International Program Development Grant (Winter/Spring 2016)

The International Program Development Grant is administered by the Institute for International and Intercultural Study and is designed to support faculty initiatives to develop programs that will provide ongoing international academic opportunities for students and faculty.

Deadline: September 8, 2015

• Study Grant

The Study Grant program is established to support professional development, the advancement of teaching, and faculty scholarship.

Deadline: September 8, 2015

• Terminal Degree Support Grant

The Terminal Degree Grant is established to provide encouragement and some financial support to faculty pursuing a terminal degree.

Deadline: September 8, 2015

• Research Grant

The Research Program funds undergraduate and graduate research grants to support the innovative, collaborative scholarly work of an undergraduate/graduate student(s) and a faculty mentor. These grants can be used for equipment, travel, supplies or stipend.

Deadline: October 2, 2015

• Teaching and Learning Grant - Conference Attendance

The Teaching and Learning Grant (Conferences) is for faculty to attend a conference that focuses on teaching and learning initiatives or faith integration.

Deadline: October 2, 2015

• Teaching and Learning Grant - Other Activities

The Teaching and Learning Grant (Other) is for teaching/learning activities not related to conference attendance or course redesign/development.

Deadline: October 2, 2015

• Teaching and Learning Grant - Course Redesign/Development

The Teaching and Learning Grant (Course Redesign/ Development) is for faculty members wanting to redesign an existing course or develop a new course. A \$300.00 stipend is awarded to a maximum of twelve applicants that apply and register for the Course Design Institute (CDI), work through the course design process, and complete the week with an initial outline of their new/redesigned course.

Deadline: October 2, 2015

• Research/Study Leave

The Research/Study Leave provides a semester- or academic year-long leave for faculty undertaking significant new research, performance, development of original works, development of pedagogical skills, or other comparable development.

Deadline: October 16, 2015

• Pew Research Grant

The Pew Research Program seeks to nourish Christian scholarship that will make a lasting impact on future academic discussion. Ideally scholarship of this caliber would be publishable in refereed scholarly journals and by recognized academic presses, or disseminated through performance or other refereed means appropriate to the academic discipline of the faculty member.

Deadline: October 16, 2015

• Professional Development Grant (Spring)

The Professional Development Grant is designed to support the professional growth activities of full-time teaching faculty, professional librarians and college or school deans.

Deadline: February 8, 2016

• International Program Development Grant (Summer/Fall)

The International Program Development Grant is administered by the Institute for International and Intercultural Study and is designed to support faculty initiatives to develop programs that will provide ongoing international academic opportunities for students and faculty.

Deadline: February 8, 2016