

The Lancaster Theological Seminary

Seminary News

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Nineteenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, January 15 - RSVP No Later than December 15

Gwen Ifill, moderator for PBS' Washington Week television program, is the keynote speaker for the Nineteenth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast sponsored by Crispus Attucks Community Center (CACC). Her presentation will address this year's theme, Dr. King's Legacy: The Impact Today. The event is Monday, January 15, 2007, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, 750 E King Street, Lancaster. Proceeds from the event support CACC's programs for neighborhood youth, emergency shelter, basic skills center, and cultural events for the community. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the breakfast and sit at the seminary's reserved table for eight. Pay what you are able towards the cost of the ticket. Your guest is also welcome to come at the full ticket price of \$45. Please RSVP to Maryann Bruce by December 15, with payment due no later than December 20 by calling or emailing her at: 717-290-8752 or mbruce@lancasterseminary.edu.

Business Hours at Lancaster Seminary During the Holidays

Please keep in mind the following when contacting the Seminary over the holiday break: The last day of the semester is Friday December 15, however, the Seminary will be open until noon, Friday, December 22. The Seminary will then be totally closed until we reopen at 8:30 a.m. January 2, 2007.

Inclement Weather Policy Winter 2006-2007

In anticipation of what may come, the Seminary has established a Winter Closing Policy. Every effort will be made NOT to cancel classes. However, if bad weather occurs during the night, information regarding Seminary closings will be aired beginning at 6:30 a.m. on the following television and radio stations and web sites:

WGAL-TV (NBC), www.thewgalchannel.com
WHTM - TV (ABC), www.abc27.com
WITF-FM 89.5 or 99.7, www.witf.org
Internet Site: www.cancellations.com

If you are within the listening/viewing area of these stations, please do not call the Seminary or the TV/radio station, but do listen/watch for closing information. You can also check one of the web sites listed above. If you do not hear/see a closing for the Seminary, you can assume that we are open. If you are traveling from outside the listening/viewing area of these stations and cannot get to a computer to check one of the above listed web sites, there will be a special message on the Seminary main telephone number in the event of cancelled classes: 717-393-0654. Please be aware of the weather where you are—you will need to decide if it is safe for you to travel to the Seminary. If bad weather should occur after you are here at the Seminary, limited space is available for emergency stays. If you become stranded because of the weather and need to stay the night in Richards Hall, you will only be charged a student rate for a room. Campus residents: If you are willing to share your space with stranded commuters, please call Pam Joy, at 717-290-8725.

Cokesbury News

During Christmas break the Cokesbury Bookstore will be closed December 23 - 26. Cokesbury will open Wednesday and Thursday, December 27 - 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., be closed December 29 - January 1. Beginning in January, the new hours will be: Monday, 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Friday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., closed Sundays. Christmas cards are now 50% off and the rest of the Christmas gifts are 50% off (this does not apply to the Christmas books which get their normal 20% discount). For more information on the Cokesbury Bookstore, please contact the manager, Janice Herman, at 717-393-1077 or cokesbury@lancasterseminary.edu.

Library News

Hours for the Library during the holiday's follows the general Seminary hours as mentioned above. However, evening and Saturday hours commence with the start of the Spring Term on February 5.

There are two notebook computers for sale. These are about seven years old, but appear cared for and in good working order -- except that their batteries are dead. Plugged in, they work fine. They were formerly used by faculty or administrators. One is an HP Omnibook XE2, Celeron 433 with 192 MB RAM, 4.8 GB hard drive -- \$85. The other is an IBM ThinkPad, Celeron 366 with 64 MB RAM, also 4.8 GB hard drive -- \$75. Both are Win98, with systems restored as new. Both come with cases, and ethernet adapters. First come, first serve. Please contact Chris Beldan at 717-290-8755 or cbeldan@lanasterseminary.edu.

Registrar News

Grades for Fall 2006 Semester to be Reported by Faculty by January 5, 2007 Judi Hummer will send an email message to let students know when Fall Term grades are available to view in SONIS Webtools. It is expected that this will be by the second week in January 2007. If there is no grade showing for a Fall Term course, it means that the professor has not reported one. Records will be updated as grades are received, so please keep checking your record in SONIS Webtools. Students will need to be current with their Seminary accounts in order to have access to their grades.

January Term Classes Begin January 8th Students may ADD a January course before the beginning of the second session of the course. Please refer to Section 6.6 of the Student Handbook for the Tuition Adjustment Refund Policy for dropped courses. All forms are on the Seminary website at www.lanasterseminary.edu > Students > Current Students > Forms.

Extensions of Fall Term Course Work Remember that students who were granted extensions of course work for Fall Term courses must submit the completed work to Maryann Bruce in the Dean's Suite no later than February 1. Requests for exceptions to this deadline must be submitted in writing to Dean Dean Aponte for consideration. If the completed work is submitted by the deadline, "I" will show on the record for that course until the professor submits a change of grade. If the work is not submitted by the deadline, "F" or "Fail" will show on the record for that course. Please review the policy in Section 5.5 of the Student Handbook.

For any questions on the above, please contact the Registrar, Judi Hummer, at 717-290-8718 or jhummer@lanasterseminary.edu.

January 12-31, 2007 Cross Cultural Trip to Central America

This year's trip to Nicaragua and Costa Rica include 27 students. Led by Professor's Anabel Proffitt and Lee Barrett, and accompanied by alumnus, George Robertson, the group will explore and learn from Managua, Nicaragua until January 21. They then travel to Costa Rica. For more information, please contact assistant for the trip at the Seminary, Rachel Gawn, at 717-290-8723 or rgawn@lanasterseminary.edu.

Fiction Writing Group for Lancaster Area Writers at F & M Philadelphia Alumni Writers House

Organized by two local fiction writers, this group will give participants a chance to share their fiction and give and receive constructive criticism. The group will begin meeting in February 2007 and will convene in the evenings twice per month. Membership in the group is free. This opportunity is designed for writers with experience, and there will be a limit on the number of participants. To apply, please send a letter of interest and 10-20 pages of your fiction-a short story, or an excerpt of a novel including a brief synopsis-to Philadelphia Alumni Writers House, Attention: Kerry Sherin Wright, Director, Franklin & Marshall College, P.O. Box 3003, Lancaster, PA 17604-3003. The deadline for applications is January 5, 2007.

This is the last issue for the 2006 Fall Term. The next issue will be available on-line the first day of the 2007 Spring Term, February 5, 2007. If you would like an item in the February 5th issue, please email the article/information to Maryann Bruce no later than January 31.