

The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin University

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Transitioning to Fall – 2021

Thanks again for supporting Calvin students in so many unique ways this year. Your good work in the classroom and collaboration with support systems is so important to helping students persevere through struggle and continue at Calvin. **Thank you!!**

A few reminders and updates:

Returning Students—At this time in the academic calendar, the Student Success team is actively following-up with students who did not register for fall or who indicated that they are leaving Calvin (or considering it) before earning their degree. If you are aware of students who are unsure about their plans for next year, please take a few moments to complete the [student concern form](#). Your submission is reviewed by student success staff and provides the team with key information for follow-up.

Incoming students—Based on popular demand, the advising process for new students is no longer tied to the summer orientation sessions. After our pilot last summer, advisors reported that they appreciated:

- Flexibility of scheduling appointments when most convenient for the advisor and student
- Minimizing travel to campus to advise for a short period of time
- Connecting 1:1 with students online, rather than expanding the conversation to parents
- Beginning a partnership with students who they knew would be their advisees in the fall

We are planning that advisors will schedule remote appointments with assigned first-year students during the month of June in preparation for registration in July. The advising team will be sending advising rosters and additional advising information to advisors in late May.

Thanks again for all you do (both inside and outside of the classroom) for our students!!

Todd Dornbos, director of retention

Calvin Global Campus Newsletter

Here is the latest [newsletter](#) from the Calvin Global Campus.

The de Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development

The de Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development at Calvin University is offering courses this summer related to faith and learning for Christians in the academy. Pending launch of a fully online platform and website, use [this form](#) to express interest in a course. They will contact you by email with more details. For questions, contact [Matt Lundberg](#).

External Grants and Contracts Awarded to Faculty, Staff, and Students(*) in March and April

- **Caitlyn Bott***, **Melinda Higley** (Geology, Geography, and Environmental Studies) for Influence of grain size, mineralogy, and soil moisture on ground penetrating radar at Dune 2, Hoffmaster State Park: \$3,000 from Michigan Space Grant Consortium.
- **Stacy De Ruiter** (Mathematics and Statistics) for East Coast Behavioral Response Study: \$16,380 from Southall Environmental Associates.
- **Willem Hoogendam***, **Larry Molnar**, **Jason Smolinski** (Physics) for Modeling Globular Clusters: \$3,000 from Michigan Space Grant Consortium.

- **William Miller** (Biology) for Joint Vector and Wildlife Surveillance to Determine the Distribution of Disease-carrying Ticks in Western Michigan: \$13,000 from Pierce Cedar Creek Institute.
- **Iheme Onyinyechi* Melinda Higley** (Geology, Geography, and Environmental Studies) for Sediment characteristics of the upper units of landslide-prone bluffs along the Southwest shoreline of Lake Michigan: \$3,500 from Michigan Space Grant Consortium.
- **F. Corey Roberts** (World Languages) for:
Support for Foreign Language Teaching Assistant: \$14,500 from Max Kade Foundation.
Support for German Travel Abroad: \$21,600 from Max Kade Foundation.
- **Deanna van Dijk** (Geology, Geography, and Environmental Studies) for Reaching Students with Science at a Strategic Moment: The Appeal of Earth Science Research on Lake Michigan Dunes: \$5,000 from Michigan Space Grant Consortium.
- **Dave Warners** (Biology) for A Field-Based Retrospective Assessment of Emma Cole’s Grand Rapids Flora After 100+ Years of Progress: \$2,500 from Hanes Fund and \$2,526 from Michigan Botanical Foundation.

From the Faculty Activity Reports

- **Lew Klatt** (English), “[To Be Young](#)”, *The New Yorker*, January 18, 2021
- **Mark Muyskens** (Chemistry and Biochemistry), “Computational Studies of Structural Properties of Selected Natural Coumarins” (lecture, National American Chemical Society Meeting—Virtual, San Diego, CA, April 5, 2021).
- **Kate van Liere** (History), “The Cultural Power of Martyrs in Renaissance Spain” (lecture, Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference—Virtual, New York City, New York, April 14, 2021).

Be sure to [fill out](#) your Faculty Activity Reports regularly. If you have questions, see the [FAQ page](#).

Coming Up on Campus (Check the [campus calendar](#) for a full list of events)

Monday, May 3

- Chapel. [Sounds of Latino worship](#). 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 4

- Chapel. [Hymn-sing](#). 10:00 a.m.
- Education student honors presentations. 3:00 p.m., Meeter Center Lecture Hall
- Faculty Senate meeting—Virtual. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

- Chapel. [Mary Hulst, “Jesus Shows Up in Gratitude.”](#) 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 6

- Board of Trustees meeting. 8:00 a.m.
- Chapel. [Senior Songfest](#). 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 7

- Board of Trustees meeting. 8:00 a.m.
- Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training. RSVP to the Center for Counseling and Wellness (CCW) at counseling@calvin.edu or 616-526-6123. Or, last minute attendees can join using [this Webex link](#). 9:00 a.m.
- NO CHAPEL due to reading recess.
- Peet’s Gathering for Faculty and Staff. Library Patio. 3:30–5:00 p.m.