

The purpose of travel grants is to support faculty involvement in professional associations and to support collaboration with our international programs and partners. The expectation is that faculty will share their scholarship activities, remain current on the scholarship work in their professions, and develop relationships with others in their profession and in the Augsburg international network.

Description and Eligibility

In addition to the standard professional travel grants, there are two competitive awards for international travel:

International professional travel – Two grants of up to \$2000 are awarded to full-time faculty for international travel to present at a professional conference.

The Dean's Internationalization Summer Travel Grant - Two grants of up to \$2500 are awarded to faculty or staff for international travel to support teaching, scholarship, or service collaboration with Augsburg International Programs or Partner Institutions that facilitates internationalizing the Augsburg campus and curriculum.

Application Process

Submit proposals for international conference travel using the online Faculty and Staff Professional Travel application on the CTL website. Applications for international conference travel are due March 30, 2011 for travel in 2011-12 (June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012); these are reviewed by the full Faculty Development Committee in early April.

Submit proposals for the Dean's Internationalization Summer Travel Grant using the online Group and Individual Project form on the CTL website. Applications are due March 30, 2011 for travel during Summer 2011; these are reviewed by the full Faculty Development Committee in early April.

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Speaking of Scholarship Series

SUBMITTED BY **VELMAJ LASHBROOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MAL PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR OF CTL, MAL PROGRAM; CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 pm

The Speaking of Scholarship Series features the scholarship of Augsburg faculty and students, through 20-30 minute presentations followed by informal conversations about the issues raised by their work. The intent is to increase awareness of scholarship on campus and learn from each other's experiences. Light hors d'oeuvres are served. The final spring session will be:

March 30, OGC 100 – Kristin Anderson, "Ballparks of the Twin Cities, 1859 to Target Field"

Hosts and Organizers: Jessica Nathanson and Ben Stottrup

Please RSVP to lashbroo@augusborg.edu to ensure proper arrangements are made for each session.

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Life of the Mind – The Commons – April 1-2

SUBMITTED BY **VELMAJ LASHBROOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MAL PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR OF CTL, MAL PROGRAM; CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Co-Sponsored by CTL and the Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning

April 1, 4:00-8:00 pm, Student Art Gallery and Marshall Room

April 2, 8:30 am-3:00 pm, OGC 112

This year's Life of the Mind retreat will be held on campus and explore different aspects of "The Commons" – the physical, political, social, and cultural spaces that we share in common. It will open with a public event and reception, featuring Jay Walljasper, author of *All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons*. This will be followed by a private dinner with Life of the Mind participants and Jay Walljasper. The next day will involve conversations about other perspectives on the commons.

Friday, April 1, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Commons Rising: Reclaiming the Commons and Our Communities

Student Art Gallery in Christensen Center

Conversation, Reception, and Book Signing with author Jay Walljasper

Jay is a national leader of the commons movement and will be speaking about his new book *All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons*. After an introduction to some of the themes from his work, this will be a conversation on the various successes and challenges we face in protecting, preserving, and enhancing the public sphere. This event is open to the public and all members of the Augsburg Community are invited. Life of the Mind participants will receive Jay's new book in advance, and will read several chapters in preparation.

Friday, April 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Marshall Room in Christensen Center

After the reception, Life of the Mind participants will have a private dinner with Jay Walljasper – a "Luther Table Talk" – and continue the conversation on his perspective.

Saturday, April 2, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Three Perspectives on the Commons

OGC 112

Join us for a continental breakfast and conversations about other perspectives on the commons, based on the retreat readings. After an introductory session, retreat participants will participate in two of three possible sessions:

Political Theory and Citizenship – Harry Boyte will lead a dialogue on "Free Spaces" and the politics of public work

Social Psychology and Urban Theatricality – Lars Christiansen will lead a conversation on excerpts from Richard Sennett's classic work *The Fall of Public Man*.

The Internet as Creative Commons - Kevin Bowman and Christina Erickson will lead a dialogue on Larry Lessig's new book, *Remix*.

Readings and Reservations

Questions? Please contact Lars Christiansen (1226; christil@augusborg.edu). To sign up for the Life of the Mind Retreat and obtain the readings, please contact Velma Lashbrook (lashbroo@augusborg.edu). The retreat will be limited to 30 participants, so make your reservation early.

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Powerful Conversations on NSSE

SUBMITTED BY **VELMAJ LASHBROOK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MAL PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR OF CTL, MAL PROGRAM; CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Enriching Educational Experiences

April 21, 2011, OGC 100

This series of conversations is designed to help faculty and staff understand how well we engage students, explore how we can leverage our strengths to have a more significant impact, and examine our most important opportunities for improvement. Over the year, we will look at overall results and then look more closely at each of the five