Bruess co-updates two human sexuality textbooks

Dr. Clint Bruess, professor and chair of the Division of Education, has completed with Dr. Jerry Greenberg, a colleague at the University of Maryland, the latest editions of the textbooks *Exploring the Dimensions of Human Sexuality* (2nd edition) and *Sexuality Education: Theory and Practice* (4th edition) published by Jones & Bartlett. They are due out in February 2004.

Bruess has been teaching courses in sexuality education and in human sexuality for more than 30 years and felt many years ago that texts were not available that covered all of the necessary topics. The first editions of the two textbooks were published some 25 years ago, and there have been a number of revisions with various publishers.

“My doctorate is in health education, and the topic of human sexuality is usually included within that discipline,” said Bruess. “I specialized in the area because there is such a great need for people to be better educated about human sexuality and for educators to be better prepared to deal with the topic with young people and adults.”

The human sexuality text is designed to be used in a semester-long course covering various topics within human sexuality. The sexuality education book is designed to help educators in various settings plan, implement, and evaluate sexuality education programs.

Western civilization text authored by Cleveland

Dr. Paul Cleveland, professor of economics, has authored a new textbook entitled *Understanding the Modern Culture Wars: The Essentials of Western Civilization* published by Boundary Stone.

The book is a broad survey of Western civilization and is to be used primarily as a high school textbook. Written from a Christian perspective, it is targeted to Christian schools and home schools in particular. It also can be used as a supplemental text at the college level and may be valuable for adult readers who want to expand their knowledge of the subject.

“The book is intended to provide the reader with an understanding of the history and ideas that have shaped our culture and an understanding of the modern conflicts that are currently taking place,” Cleveland said.

“I initially became involved in the project at the prompting of one of my mentors, Dr. Clarence Carson, who held his Ph.D. in history from Vanderbilt and authored many books during his career. He had always wanted to undertake the project of writing a Western civilization text, but had not gotten around to it. As he was advancing in age, he was interested in finding a younger scholar to write such a book. I agreed to work on it. He provided a good bit of guidance in the process and made numerous suggestions on earlier drafts that he read. Dr. Carson passed away last spring. It meant a lot to me personally and to his family that the book is dedicated to him.”