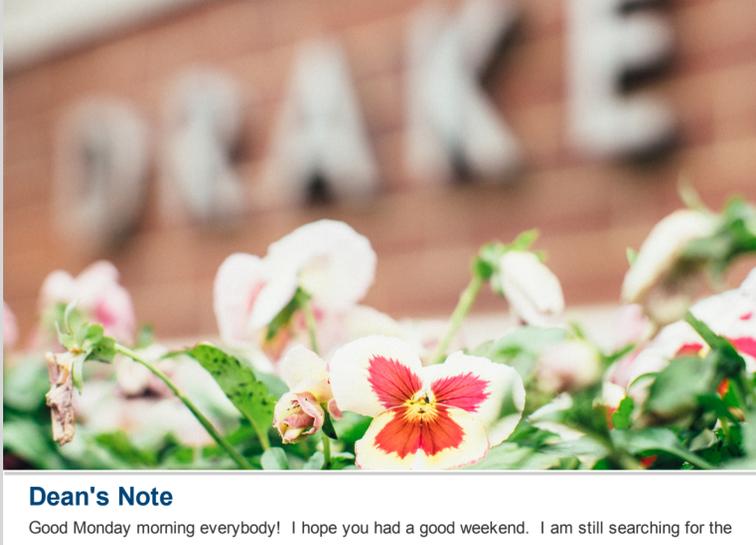


# A&S Newsletter

April 8, 2019



## Dean's Note

Good Monday morning everybody! I hope you had a good weekend. I am still searching for the spring flowers that are supposed to be popping up everywhere. Maybe today is the day to spot them, before we'll get freezing temperatures again on Friday. If not outside, we can feel it heating up here on campus. The planning for the many end-of-semester events is going on everywhere. I love the energy at this time of the academic year, where we get to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. And I am antsy to experience this for the first time here at Drake! Seeing the graduates walk across the stage, filled with pride in front of an arena full of family and friends, must be on the top list of things to watch! This is certainly the proudest moment of the year for us as faculty. And then it starts all over again...

We have a flurry of other events going on in these next two weeks. This Friday, we'll get to celebrate a lifetime of service given by our colleagues Joe Lenz, Aimee Beckmann-Collier, Janet Wirth-Cauchon and Tom Westbrook. We'll have a big lunch scheduled, and there will be time to share a personal anecdote about your colleagues. If you have not RSVP'd yet to Kayla, please do so that we can get an exact lunch count. After the luncheon, we'll stay in the same room for our all-faculty meeting. The agenda is packed from 2-4pm, but amidst mission statement work, state of the college updates and other announcements (including one from Provost Mattison), we will use the time for socializing, drinking a cup of coffee (or wine and beer), and catching up with colleagues. Thanks to those who have already RSVP'd—Kayla can still add you to the list today!

On the admissions front we are also gearing up for the final stretch. We have passed the 400 number (half way to our Freshmen target), and we have two weeks to go to make it to 800. A&S majors account for half of that count, and as of today we have 216 tuition deposits for the fall (one less than one year ago on this day). That means we have 184 to go between now and May 1<sup>st</sup>! I saw the mock classes and admission events that you are all participating in—thank you, thank you. That will make all the difference!

I wish you all a good week ahead. I look forward to seeing you on Friday, if not before!

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## Reminder:

**A&S Retirement Reception:** Friday, April 12, 12-1:30pm in Levitt Hall. Please stop by to congratulate your colleagues, Joseph Lenz, Aimee Beckmann-Collier, Thomas Westbrook, and Janet Wirth-Cauchon, on a lifetime of service to Drake and wish them a happy transition to the new adventures of life! After that you can stay for the...

**All Faculty Meeting:** Friday, April 12, 2-4pm. We'll have our all-faculty meeting to talk about the mission of the college, about our strengths and new directions.

**A&S Honors Convocation:** Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium. Come and celebrate your students' achievements!

## The 2019 Drake University Conference on Undergraduate Research in the Sciences (DUCURS)

April 11, 2019

The Conference will feature student oral presentations and poster presentations on current research projects by students and faculty. Poster presentations will take place in the conference rooms across from Parents Hall, and oral presentations will take place in Parents Hall South. Following the presentations, awards will be given to the top presenters. All participants and attendees will be eligible to win door prizes! For a full schedule of events, [please visit the DUCURS website.](#)

## A Friendly Reminder from ITS

The most effective way to resolve your technology and classroom-related issues is to submit requests via the ITS service portal at <http://service.drake.edu/its>, rather than emailing your campus technician directly. Submitting requests directly helps ensure that

- your issues are resolved quicker by providing relevant information in issue-specific request forms;
- your request gets in the queue of the ITS staff member who is available, which may not be your designated campus technician;
- you are able to keep up to date on the status of your requests.

The service portal is also the best place to find information on service outages, search for Knowledge Base (self-help) articles, and learn about the resources that ITS can provide.

## Advisor Workshop on Helping Students in Crisis

Medbury Honors Lounge, April 10, 3:00-4:00pm

Please join Danielle Green from the Counseling Center and Michelle Laughlin from Student Disability Services for an informal conversation on working with students in crisis. We are going to talk about common signs and symptoms of mental health issues and substance use disorders; how to interact with someone in a crisis; campus resources for students in need, as well as campus culture and its relevance to mental health. We will also discuss how to give support and encourage those in crisis to seek professional help. We would welcome your questions: please submit them by clicking [here](#).

## The U.S. War Refugee Board

Talk by Rebecca Erbelding

April 9, 7:30pm in Meredith 101

Author and U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum archivist Rebecca Erbelding will speak at Drake about the U.S. War Refugee Board, thanks to the UNI Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education.

## The 2019 Myron Marty Lectureship in the Arts + Humanities

Irish Artist Aideen Barry

"Visual Fictions"

Sussman Theater: 7:30pm, Wednesday, April 17

How can art activate difficult conversations? A talk by visual Artist Aideen Barry on her works exploring otherness, the uncanny and amnesia. Barry will also discuss the importance of humor and slapstick as a tool to disarm the viewer and to activate conversations around sometimes painful subjects such as mental health and inequality.

Ms. Barry is an Irish visual artist, known for her performance, film, sculpture, drawing, and installation work. Aideen Barry's work manifests in the field of contemporary visual arts, but it is punctuated by references to historical and often forgotten or erased figures from literature. Barry often references artists whose texts depict the personal in a way that is a reflection of her own lived experience.

## "Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum (CLAC)" Workshop

June 17-18, 2019

Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum (CLAC) is a growing movement that enhances students' abilities to utilize language skills by applying them in other disciplines. The facilitator for the workshop will be H. Stephen Straight, who is professor emeritus of anthropology and of linguistics at Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Fifteen first-time participants will be paid \$300/day for each day of the two-day workshop. Those who then develop a linked course will receive an additional \$500. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If this is of interest to you, make a save the date entry for yourself: Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum Workshop. June 17 - June 18, 2019 and RSVP to [marc.pinheiro-cadd@drake.edu](mailto:marc.pinheiro-cadd@drake.edu).

## Spotlights

Four students from the College of Arts & Sciences were selected as Fulbright Scholars and two were selected as alternates. Feel free to congratulate these students on their amazing success!

### Fulbright Scholars

- Hallie O'Neill has been selected as an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) in the Czech Republic. She is a senior Writing and Anthropology-Sociology double major.
- Emma Muth has been selected as an ETA in Indonesia. She is a senior International Relations major, Economics minor.
- Ashley Blazek has been selected as an ETA in Malaysia. She is a senior Public Relations major, Music minor.
- Renee Kumon has been selected as an ETA in South Korea. She was an English and History double major, who graduated in December 2015.

### Alternates

- Elena Hildebrandt. She is a senior International Relations and Economics major, Spanish minor, and an alternate for an English Teaching Assistantship in Malaysia.
- Kelanie Crosswait. She is a senior International Relations major, and an alternate for an English Teaching Assistantship in the Palestinian Territories.

**Shameka Brown**, junior sociology major, has been selected as a national Newman Civic Fellow for 2019-2020. She joins 262 students from across the U.S. The Newman Civic Fellowship is a one-year fellowship for community-committed college students. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities emphasizing personal, professional, and civic growth. Brown is currently working with the Iowa Department of Human Rights and local community members to help provide educational resources and opportunities to help students of color succeed academically.

**Alyssa Proffitt and Katherine Tallet**, International Relations majors, were selected as the 2019 Spring George Washington Carver Interns at the World Food Prize. They will learn first-hand both the public and private side of operating an international non-profit organization and increase their understanding of the international fight against hunger, malnutrition, and poverty. The GWC Interns will work one-on-one with a staff mentor, and play an integral role of this internationally renowned organization as well as the spring Iowa Youth Institute program.

## Upcoming Events

All of these events are on our new University Calendar at [calendar.drake.edu](http://calendar.drake.edu). You can submit an event to this calendar yourself—please do so to spread the news about all the things we do in A&S!

- April 10: Writers and Critics Series: Flash Writers: Grant Faulkner, Kim Magowan, and Michelle Ross, 7pm, Cowles Reading Room
- April 11: The Comparison Project "Inconvenient Wonders" Lecture by Israel ben Eliezer, 7pm, Sussman Theater
- April 11: "Drake Alumni Recital", 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- April 14: "Meet My Religious Neighbor," 10am, Sikhs of Iowa Khalsa Heritage, Inc. 4820 NW 59th Ave, Johnston
- April 17: "2019 Marty Lecture in the Arts + Humanities," 7:30pm, Sussman Theater
- April 18: A&S Honors Convocation, 6:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- Every Monday April 1-May 6: Arabic Workshop, 5:30-7pm, Meredith Hall. [Register Here.](#)

## Important Dates

April 11	DUCURS
April 18	A&S Honors Convocation
April 25-27	Drake Relays and Board of Trustees Meeting

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## A&S Newsletters

While we can compile some of this information from reports and official Drake news, we want to be able to share what everyone is doing! Please share your ideas on how to make the newsletter better as well as news around campus. If you or your students are doing something really exciting, SUBMIT YOUR NEWS!