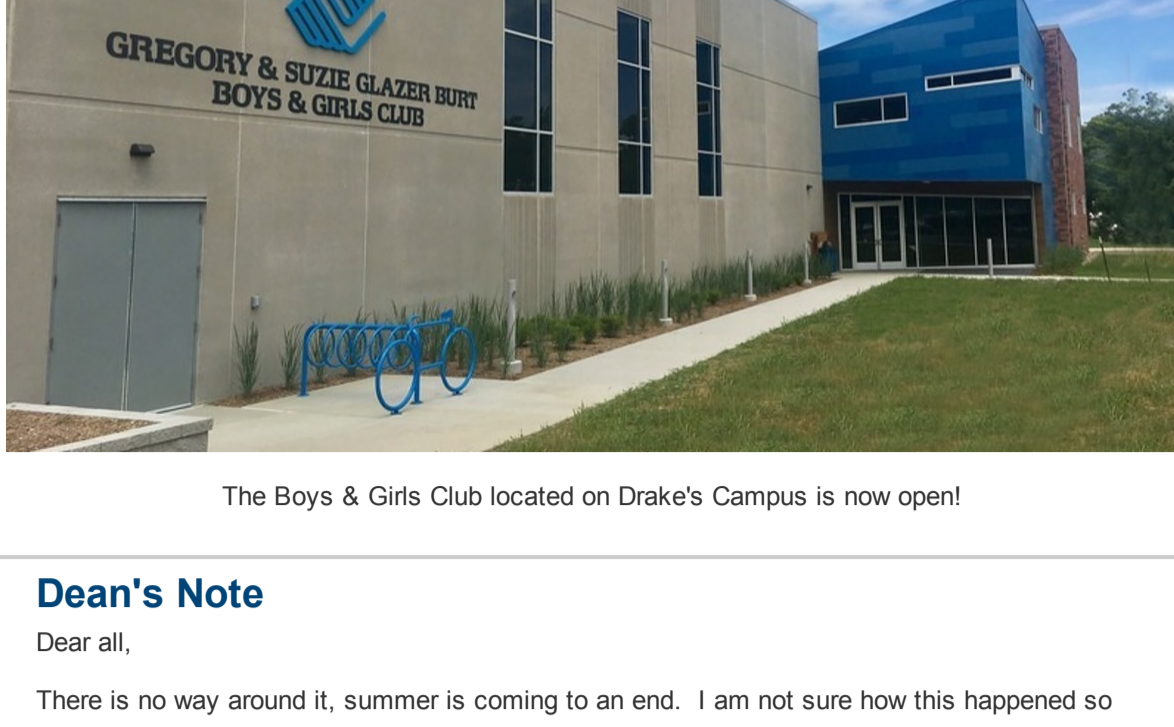




# A&S Newsletter

August 12, 2019



The Boys & Girls Club located on Drake's Campus is now open!

## Dean's Note

Dear all,

There is no way around it, summer is coming to an end. I am not sure how this happened so fast! But it's also good news. I have always loved the excitement of the start of the semester, the new year. There are new students to meet, new books or teaching pedagogies to try out, new colleagues to run into in the hallways. The exhaustion we all felt in May has faded, and I personally feel refreshed and ready for the new year! How about you? This good energy was also present during the Bulldog Days of summer. The last one took place on Friday, and I know many of you participated, represented your departments, met with prospective students and their families. Thank you! By all accounts, the academic fair held for the first time this year was a smashing success! One parent I talked to on Friday said that of all the colleges he and his son visited, Drake's event was by far the best organized, most welcoming and useful preview of college. His family went away feeling that all their questions had been answered, and that they wanted to come back to this place. Nice!

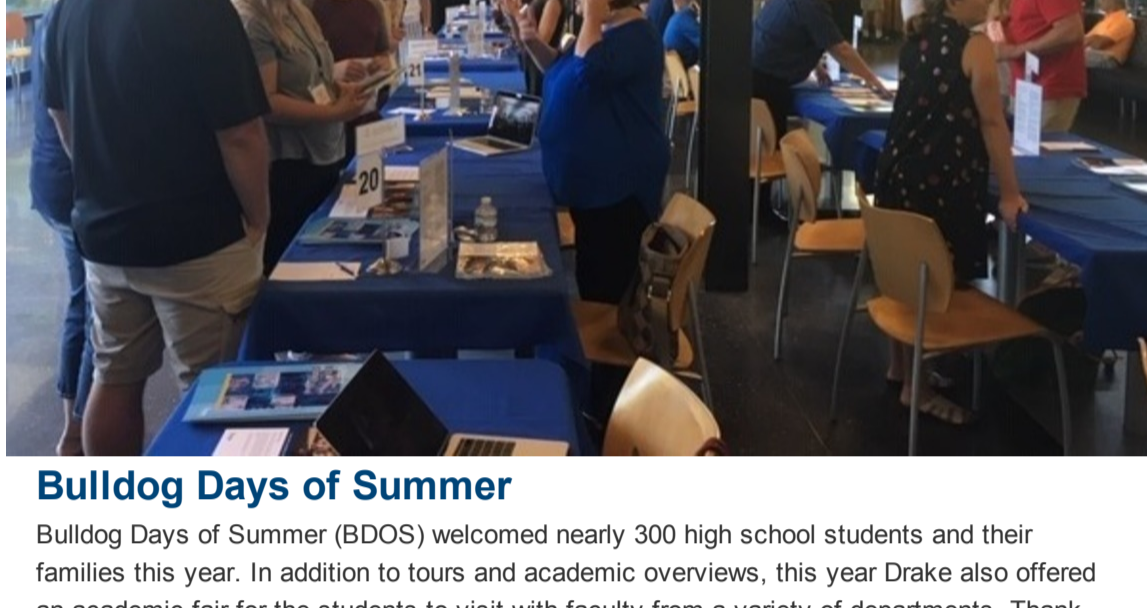
Other exciting things happened over the summer. We were approved for nine tenure track faculty lines! Several of those are new lines, testimony to the strength of the arts and sciences @ Drake, to the belief in our potential to grow in some areas, the success of our existing and the prospect of new programs. It will be a busy fall, as search committees start working and candidates come to campus. And speaking of new faces: we have ten new faculty joining us this fall—please see the list below. We will introduce them to the college at our all faculty meeting on September 20—please save the date!

Over the summer, the Dean Team also worked on a recruitment plan for the college, and we have talked to some of you about new initiatives and strategies. I will share the plan with the chairs at their retreat, and will present it to the President's Council before the beginning of the semester. This fall, we'll have our first Spanish majors in more than a decade, and we'll welcome graduate students in the ABA program. I am also eager to continue the conversations we had last spring about academic planning in each department. Let's get this semester started—I think we are ready!

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## Summer Orientation: A Great Success

First-year students who attended the 2019 Summer Orientation had an opportunity to evaluate the program through taking an anonymous survey. 262 (76%) of incoming A&S students provided their responses. A&S received top marks: from the arrival and check-in process (85.2% rated excellent or very good); to college meeting providing useful and relevant information (87.44% strongly agree or agree); to receiving support and guidance during course registration (97.59% strongly agree or agree). Incoming students appreciated the opportunity to meet with faculty, noting that the advising sessions prior to course registration were helpful in addressing their questions and concerns (89.88% strongly agree or agree). Overall, they felt better prepared for what to expect academically (90.61% strongly agree or agree); and they felt welcomed (98.77% strongly agree or agree). This is a testament to all the hard work that A&S staff and faculty put into the Orientation! Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and expertise!



## Bulldog Days of Summer

Bulldog Days of Summer (BDOS) welcomed nearly 300 high school students and their families this year. In addition to tours and academic overviews, this year Drake also offered an academic fair for the students to visit with faculty from a variety of departments. Thank you to all the faculty and students who contributed to making the four Bulldog Days of Summer a great success!

## Save the Dates!

Please save the date for the following events in the fall semester:

**A&S All-Faculty Meeting:** September 20th from 2-4pm in Levitt Hall

**Stalnakker Lecture:** October 24 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium. Lecture is by Professor Tim Knepper.

## New Faculty Starting Fall 2019

We have several of new faculty joining the College this fall. Please reach out to them to help them with the transition!

- Enes Akbuga, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Eric Barnum, Associate Professor of Music, Director of Choral Studies
- Leah Huizar, Assistant Professor of English, Poetry
- Titus Klinge, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
- Dian Nostikasari, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science
- Maureen Yuen, Assistant Professor of Violin/Viola
- Robert Collis, Visiting Assistant Professor of History
- Daron Howard, Visiting Professor of Sociology
- Arturo Marquez, Visiting Professor of Anthropology
- Ryans Sturms, Visiting Professor of Chemistry

## Iowa Academy of Science Annual Meeting

The 132nd Iowa Academy of Science's Annual Meeting will be held at Drake University on April 17-18, 2020. Poster presentations are on Friday and oral presentations are on Saturday. Faculty are invited to attend with their undergraduate and graduate students. Abstracts will be published in the online Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science which is cross-referenced worldwide.

More information about the meeting will be available here: <https://www.scienceinowa.org/>. We will distribute more information on invited speakers for general sessions and symposiums, special events, hotel accommodations, directions, and the Call for Papers.

## Short's Travel, On-Campus Office Hours

Short's Travel representatives will be holding office hours on-campus on September 5th from 2-4pm in Cowles 201. This is not a presentation, but is a time for faculty and staff to ask questions about how to use the Short's Trave effectively.

## In memoriam: Dr. Myron "Mike" Marty

Dr. Myron Marty passed away on July 16, 2019, at the age of 87 years. Dr. Marty joined Drake in 1984 as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and continued as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences from 1986 to 1994. In 1994, he was named the Ann G. and Sigurd E. Anderson University Professor in history. He retired in 2002 and moved to of Monticello, Illinois, where he lived until his death. He received the Drake Medal of Service in 2005.

More information about Dr. Marty's celebration of life can be found in [Myron Marty's obituary](#). In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorial gifts may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, [gracelutheran.org](http://gracelutheran.org), or to Friends of the Drake Arts, [drake.edu/friends](http://drake.edu/friends).

## Form Changes

Please note the three form changes for the 2019-2020 year: Travel Grant, Faculty Development Grant, and Sabbatical Leave Forms.

Changes include:

### Travel Grant

- \$1300 for domestic travel and \$1500 for international travel
- Due dates: July 1, September 1, December 1 and April 1 (for travel between now and September 1, please submit asap)

### Faculty Development

- Due dates: Last Friday in October (for FY20) and Last Friday in March (for FY21)
- Final Report due 30 days after completion of the project

### Sabbatical Leave Form

- Approval pending per Faculty Senate vote in September
- Due Date: November 1.
- Per new sabbatical guidelines, a faculty member is allowed one sabbatical per 7 years. 100% pay for one semester sabbaticals, 70% pay for academic year sabbaticals, and 85% for each fiscal year on calendar year sabbaticals.
- Faculty are eligible for their first sabbaticals in their 7th year of instruction at Drake.
- Pre-tenure sabbaticals are no longer available.
- Sabbatical Reports are due by September 15 in the academic year following the sabbatical. This will be a Qualtrics form provided by the Provost's Office

## Nominations Due September 1st

Please nominate a colleague for one of the three college awards. Nominations for the Stalnakker Lecturer, Centennial Scholar, and Distinguished Engagement Award are due September 1st. All award descriptions can be found [here](#). For future details about how these are awarded, please visit the [faculty handbook in section 3.7](#).

### Arts & Sciences Distinguished Engagement Award

The College of Arts & Sciences established the Distinguished Engagement Award to recognize outstanding contributions of Drake faculty and staff to the college community.

The nominee must be a current faculty or staff member with at least five years of service at Drake. The recipient will be announced at the annual Stalnakker Lecture.

TO NOMINATE: [Submit](#) a letter of nomination detailing specific examples of how the nominee exemplifies each of the applicable criteria. Additional letters of support are not necessary.

### Stalnakker Lecture Award

Presented to a distinguished faculty member who is invited to present a lecture to the University community on a topic in his or her discipline in the following September or October. This award is funded in part by the emeritus professors of the College. Selection of the award recipient is by a committee consisting of the three most recent Lecturers and a representative of the emeritus faculty.

The lecturer must be a faculty member holding the rank of professor of at least in her/his fourth year at associate professor rank. Previous recipients are not eligible.

TO NOMINATE: [Submit](#) a letter of nomination in support of an eligible faculty member.

### Centennial Scholar Award

Presented in even-numbered years to a faculty member in the College in recognition of distinguished achievements in scholarship. The criteria for selection include professional contributions through scholarly/creative activity, holding leadership roles in the profession/discipline, consulting activities related to scholarship and research, and contribution to the mission of the department, college, and university. Previous recipients are not eligible.

TO NOMINATE: Each department chair may [submit](#) faculty members as a candidates. The selection committee will contact departments to request additional materials for all finalists.

## Faculty Spotlights

**Deborah Kent**, professor of mathematics, is featured in the August issue of *Physics Today* magazine as the author of the story, "[The North American Eclipse of 1869](#)." Her article provides a historical overview of the event when Des Moines was directly in the path of totality. The Great Eclipse united Iowans as American scientists flocked to Iowa to observe the eclipse with new photography technology. Kent's story was also featured in the [Des Moines Register](#).

**Rachel Paine Caufield**, professor of political science, was recently featured on a podcast series about the Iowa caucuses called [Caucus Land](#). She was also featured on an IPR episode of [River to River](#) about what makes a presidential campaign successful in Iowa. Her article on the election process in other countries versus the United States was also published in [The Conversation](#) as well as 17 other websites and media outlets.

**KELO.FM** David Courard-Hauri, professor of environmental science, was interviewed by 101.9 KELO.FM regarding offering of adding more renewables to the state's grid. A similar story appeared on the [Public News Service](#).

**Godfried Asante**, assistant professor of rhetoric, spoke about the rhetoric of white nationalism with WOI-TV on August 7th. To watch the video and see the transcript of the interview, [please visit here](#).

**Melisa Klimaszewski**, professor of English, recently had her book "[Collaborative Dickens: Authorship and Victoria Christmas Periodicals](#)" published. In this book, she "undertakes the first comprehensive study of the {Dickens} Christmas numbers."

## Reading Corner

Learn how to teach inclusively in the *Chronicle* article: [Want to Reach All of Your Students? Here's How to Make Your Teaching more Inclusive](#). The article gives tips for classroom instructors to "embrace student diversity in all forms — race, ethnicity, gender, disability, socioeconomic background, ideology, even personality traits like introversion — as an asset. It means designing and teaching courses in ways that foster talent in all students, but especially those who come from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education."

## Upcoming Events

All of these events are on the University Calendar at [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!

- September 6-8: "Women's Rights are Human Rights," Anderson Gallery, show curated by Neil Ward.

## A&S Important Dates

All of these dates are at [here](#).

- August 16, Learning Symposium 9-4pm
- August 20, A&S Department Chair's Retreat, 1-4pm
- August 22, New Student Move-In
- August 26, Fall Term begins
- August 30, Last day to add a class
- September 1, Travel Grants, Call #2 Due
- Stalnakker Lecturer, Centennial Scholar, and Distinguished Engagement Nominations are due.
- September 2, Labor Day: University Closed

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