

# A&S Newsletter

December 10, 2018



## Dean's Note

This is the last A&S Newsletter of 2018. The semester has rushed by, and we are in finals week already. December commencement is this Saturday. Final grades are due on December 19, by 10am. As you are busy grading and finishing up, I hope you can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Winter break is going to be here before we know it! I wish you a relaxing, warm and peaceful break, wherever you will spend it. I am looking forward to my first holidays here in Iowa, I am wishing for snow (the mulled wine just tastes that much better when it's freezing), less emails, and quality time with family & friends. As I am looking back at 2018, I can say that is has been an adventure! I am grateful for the welcome I have received, excited about the challenges ahead, and thrilled to be working with all of you. Thank you!

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## Save the Dates!

**A&S All-Faculty Meetings:** Fridays, February 15 and April 12th from 2-4pm.

**A&S Honors Convocation:** Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium.

## A&S Vision and Mission Statement

At the faculty meeting, faculty wrote down five words that they think should be included in a revised Mission and Vision statement. We will continue the discussion over the course of the year. If you did not submit your five words, please do so now! You can use [this form](#) or just send your five key terms to [Kayla](mailto:Kayla). This will give us a base line to start with. More will follow!

## Faculty Writing Group, Spring Semester 2019

Drake faculty members are invited to participate in a faculty writing group (FWG) meeting approximately once a month over the spring semester. The first meeting will be 11-12:30, Friday, February 1st. This writing group is supported by a Faculty Enrichment Grant from the Provost's Office. Faculty who attend all of the sessions will receive a small stipend of approximately \$150. People who can only attend some of the sessions are encouraged to participate if doing so helps their writing.

If you are interested in participating, please contact [Kayla Jenkins \(kayla.jenkins@drake.edu\)](mailto:kayla.jenkins@drake.edu) by Monday, December 17th. If you have questions, please contact [En Li \(en.li@drake.edu\)](mailto:En.Li@drake.edu) and [Nate Holdren \(nate.holdren@drake.edu\)](mailto:nate.holdren@drake.edu).

## Student and Faculty Awards

Consider nominating your colleagues and your students for the following awards:

### Student Awards:

- February 1st: We have two new forms of research funds for students: the International Travel Fund and the Koch Scholars. [Submission Guidelines can be found here](#). Please encourage your students to apply.
- February 15: [E.A. Sheslow Prize for Distinguished Leadership](#): For students in their junior year who have demonstrated leadership.
- April 1: [Departmental Award Forms due to college](#)

### Faculty Awards

- February 11: [Levitt Mentor of the Year](#): For faculty and staff to recognize their commitment to students
- February 11: [Levitt Teacher of the Year](#): For instructors to recognize their teaching excellence
- February 15: [Distinguished Engagement](#): For staff and faculty who are engaged in the community
- February 15: [A&S Outstanding Teacher of the Year](#): for faculty who go beyond the call of duty
- June 1: [Brown University's Lynton Awards](#): For pre-tenure faculty who connect their teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

## Grants

### [International Partnership Grant](#)

**The Grant Deadline has been extended to December 12:**

Drake International is accepting applications for FY2020 International Partnership Grants. Are you interested in working with one of Drake's international partners? Activities eligible for funding include a variety of opportunities such as, visiting a partner institution, hosting a scholar, exploring a site for a J-term class, hosting a delegation, and more. Contact Julie Yankey at [Julie.yankey@drake.edu](mailto:Julie.yankey@drake.edu) for additional details.

### [Drake Research Grant](#)

**Deadline: February 8, 2019. Submit to Kayla.**

The Drake Research Grant offers up to \$3,000 to fund activities and materials necessary to support research undertaken by Drake University faculty on continuing appointment: supplies (including animals), student research assistance, and when central to the research process, travel associated with research or creative activity.

### [Undergraduate Research Program](#)

**Deadline: February 8, 2019. Submit to Kayla.**

The Undergraduate Assistantship Program involves students in project-based collaboration with faculty and/or administrative staff in order to create significant experiential learning opportunities. These opportunities offer student collaborators skills and experiences that will prepare them to advance in their education or chosen professions, while also offering administrative staff and faculty the chance to work closely with student assistants.

## Faculty Spotlights

Marc Pinheiro-Cadd of the Department of World Languages and Cultures has published an article entitled "The Drake 'experiment': A lesson in curricular design. In it, he traces the history of languages at Drake from the period of 2001, when the former Modern Language Department was disbanded and Drake made national news in higher education, until the current day. The Drake University Language Acquisition Program (DULAP) and its transition to World Languages and Cultures are examined with both qualitative and quantitative research.

## Alumni Spotlights

Joe Frake, AS'12, was recently appointed the Director of International Student Services at Savannah College of Art & Design. From the communication: "My path to international education as a career started with Study Abroad and the WLC program. Through my Spanish studies and Intercultural Communication courses, Drake laid the foundation for my intense curiosity in getting to know people from across the globe." Until his appointment, Frake was working at Valpraiso University in their international office.

## Upcoming Events

All of these events can be found on our new University Calendar at [calendar.drake.edu](http://calendar.drake.edu). Any person on campus can submit an event to this calendar.

- December 10th: 6:30 pm, Universal Declaration of Human Rights 70th Anniversary; Lecture by Deb DeLaet at Franklin Avenue Library, 5000 Franklin Ave
- December 15th: Guitar Under the Stars: 7pm, Drake Municipal Observatory

## Important Dates

December 10-14	Final evaluation period
December 14	Fall 2018 term ends
December 15	December Commencement Ceremony
December 19	Fall semester grades due by 10 a.m.
December 21	University closed after 4:30 p.m.
January 2	Campus reopens after holiday break
January 7	J-Term Begins
January 18	Senior Scholar Status requests due
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; University closed
January 25	End of J-Term
January 28	Spring 2019 term begins
January 28	PARs due to Dept. Chairs
January 30	College elections begin
January 31	Sabbatical Leave Reports due (calendar-year sab)

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## A&S; Newsletters Update

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!