

A&S Newsletter

February 11, 2019



Dean's Note

Happy Monday! It is the start of a busy week, with many deadlines and things to get done. Annual evaluations (PAR? PAE? PAHE?!), applications for awards, course scheduling, Big Ideas submission and so much more. And it's also the third week of classes, when the honey moon period is over and things get real! The quiet weeks of January seem a faint memory. I wish you a lot of energy and I hope you can find joy somewhere in the many tasks.

Our rescheduled all-faculty meeting is a sign of this impacted week, I guess. We realized there were simply too many other things going on at the same time, including a faculty workshop on building inclusive classroom environments. I hope some of you can attend! We will find another time to share with all faculty the things that are happening in A&S and to continue working on the vision and mission statement for the College.

The coming weeks are also crucial for our admissions cycle, when we want to turn many admitted students into committed Drake bulldogs. Two Saturdays of NAS interviews and many other recruitment events foreshadowed a great class of first year students! Students who had a chance to meet with you or talk with you on the phone are so much more likely to come to Drake — so thank you for the extra time and effort you are putting into that. A&S had record enrollment last year, and we want to keep it like that!

I hope you'll stay warm, it promises to be an interesting week weather wise. (Ha, haven't I become so midwestern already, always thinking and talking about the weather?! I love it!!) Stop by my open office hours this week if you can and want to talk: Thursday, 2-4pm, in the Olmsted Coffee Shop (not in Cowles Library Café this time).

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Dean's Office Hours

The Dean will be in the Olmsted Coffee Shop from 2-4pm on Thursday, February 14th.

Rescheduled:

A&S All-Faculty Meeting: We are not holding our all-faculty meeting this Friday due to several scheduling conflicts. We will find a new date to discuss A&S business and to continue working on a revised mission and vision statement!

Save the Date:

All Faculty Meeting: Friday, April 12, 2-4pm

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

How You Can Collaborate with the Professional and Career Development Services

- Share information regarding your students' accomplishments after graduation
- Refer students to PCDS services
- Encourage students to complete our [internship/practical experience survey](#).
- Encourage students to attend to career events: **Career Fair: February 14, 3-6pm**
- Make students aware of Handshake if they are looking for internships, fellowships, jobs, research

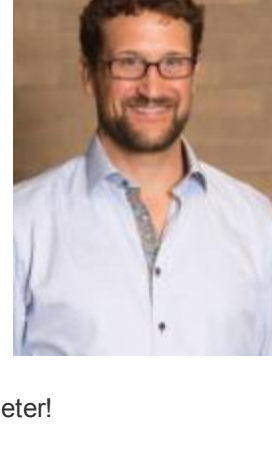
New Major Announcements

A Spanish Major was approved by the Board of Trustees during their January meeting. This is the first language major since 2001! We hope to enroll new students in the Spanish major this fall. Stay tuned!

The Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) graduate program (currently housed in the School of Education), will be moving into the College of Arts & Sciences in Fall 2019. The program is currently in its second year and will be graduating their first class in May 2019. We will be welcoming three people to A&S: Sacha Pence, director, Janelle Aussenhus, assistant professor, and Pamela Moore, program coordinator.

Spotlights

Peter Levi and Drake's Stream Ecosystem Ecology Lab (SEEL) were awarded a 3-year, \$200,000 grant to collaborate with two local Watershed Management Authorities (WMAs) to research the impacts of current and future restoration work in Fourmile Creek and Walnut Creek. These streams flow through farmland and suburbs before reaching Des Moines – and they have impaired water quality as a result. The work by Levi and students in Drake's Department of Environmental Science and Sustainability will track changes to the hydrology, chemistry, and biology of the ecosystems while the WMAs implement infrastructure and restoration activities in the watersheds. The study will provide a holistic assessment on the ecological value of watershed improvement investments and will offer guidance for watershed management efforts. Congratulations, Peter!



Reading Corner

- ["Becoming a Student-Ready College-A new Culture of Leadership for Student Success"](#) (AAC&U). Two copies of this book will be available in the Dean's Office.

The Humanities Center is in Search of a New Director

The Center seeks an energetic, imaginative tenured Associate Professor or Professor whose teaching and scholarship engage with humanities disciplines, topics, and methodologies to serve a three-year term as Director of the Center. The Board will begin review of applications on February 25, 2019 and continue accepting applications until a Director is selected. Nominations and self-nominations are invited. Please see the call sent via email to all humanities-affiliated faculty on Friday, February 1 or contact [Darcie Vandegrift](#) for more information.

Student and Faculty Awards

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

Student Awards:

- **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 (due today!)
- **February 11:** [Levitt Teacher of the Year](#): For instructors to recognize their teaching excellence (due today!)
- **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.

Truman Award

Each year, the Center for the Humanities confers the Edward C. Truman Award upon a Drake University undergraduate not yet in his or her fourth year at Drake who has made outstanding achievements, both in and out of the classroom, in the humanities. The Award is endowed in the name of Edward C. Truman, a Drake alumnus, a well-known composer of incidental music and scores for television programs in the 'fifties, 'sixties, and 'seventies and a former network music director.

Nominations can be made by any Drake faculty member. Nominations are due February 27 to [Humanities Center Director Darcie Vandegrift](#).

After receiving nominations, the Center requests a statement of purpose from each nominee (approximately 1,000 words). The cash award is given by a representative of the Center for the Humanities at the Arts and Sciences Spring Honors Convocation. [Find out more here \(scroll down to the Truman criteria\).](#)

Grants

[Sigma Xi Grants-In-Aid of Research](#)

Deadline: March 15, 2019

Encourage your students to check out this grant opportunity! Students may apply for funding from the program twice each year. The grants are made possible by designated funds from the National Academy of Sciences.

Levitt Distinguished Professorship

Deadline: February 11, 2019. Submit to Kayla.

The Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished Professorship has long been an important way to recognize and reward superior faculty by Drake University faculty members. At this time, we are pleased to announce that one new Levitt Professor will be selected this year.

The criteria for selection includes teaching effectiveness as demonstrated by teaching in a classroom setting and/or mentoring in an experiential learning setting, professional contributions through scholarly activity, demonstrated leadership, consulting activities, and contributions to the mission of the department, college and university.

Inclusive Classroom Workshop

Professor Jen Harvey will lead a workshop on how we can make our classrooms more inclusive. Participants will be sent some readings that will form the starting point for discussion, which will move into conversations about ideas that might be helpful for the particular classroom environments in which people teach. Participants will develop a plan of action for their own classrooms, and incentives will be provided for those willing to hold themselves accountable by agreeing to meet on a monthly basis over the course of the spring semester to discuss their efforts. This workshop is being sponsored by the Office of the Associate Provost.

[Online Registration for the workshop ends on February 12th.](#)

Upcoming Events

All of these events are on our new 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!

- **February 11:** Guest Recital-Quentin Kim: 7:30, Sheslow Auditorium
- **February 14:** The Comparison Project: What Miralces in the Global South Contribute to Understanding the Human Condition: 7pm, Sussman Theatre
- **February 14:** Dean's Open Office Hours, 2-4pm, Olmsted Coffee Shop
- **February 16:** Drake Choir Benefit Concert, 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- **February 21, 23, 24:** "This is Our Youth": 7:30pm, Coleman Studio
- **February 22:** Women's and Gender Studies: 2pm, Medbury Honor Lounge
- **February 22, 23, 24:** Drake Opera Theatre presents: Falstaff: 7:30, Performings Arts Hall

Black History Month Events

These events are being held by the Coalition of Black Students. [See their flier here.](#)

Feb 12: Family Feud Game 6 - 9 pm, Pomerantz Stage

Feb 17: Mama's Cookin 5 pm at the Black Cultural Center

Important Dates

February 15	First, third, fourth, fifth-year tenure-track faculty reviews and recommendations due to the dean
February 15	Teacher of the Year nominations due
February 15	Graduation applications due for May 2019 graduates
February 22	Fall & Summer 2019 and J-Term 2020 class schedules due

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While we can compile some of this information from reports and official Drake news, we are 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!