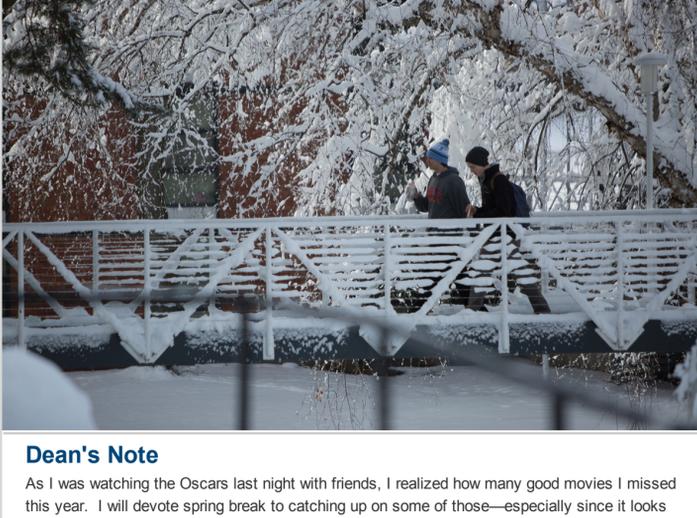


# A&S Newsletter

February 25, 2019



## Dean's Note

As I was watching the Oscars last night with friends, I realized how many good movies I missed this year. I will devote spring break to catching up on some of those—especially since it looks like spring break here has little to do with planting spring flowers! I hope your week is off to a good start. We are still finetuning class schedules for the fall, working with Marketing on getting the right words out about new majors (Spanish) and new master programs (ABA), collaborating with Admissions on convincing students to make a commitment to Drake, and are in the beginning stretch of committee elections for next year. Please don't forget to vote, and let me say thank you for your service—A&S would not be the same without it! A big shout out also to all of you for your incredible efforts to recruit our next Freshmen class. Whatever you do, it is working—please keep at it! These coming weeks are crucial, and we need to have another good year in enrollment. You've probably heard that there were an astonishing 55 Big Ideas submissions. At least 15 of those ideas had listed A&S faculty as champions and probably another 50+ faculty from Arts & Sciences were involved in the drafting of the ideas. Kudos!!! Thinking big about what might be possible in the future is exciting, and I hope that all of these ideas will carry blossoms, if not fruit for years to come.

I wish you a good week ahead. If you have time and want to talk, stop by my open office hour on Wednesday between 3-4:30pm in the Cowles Library. Or check out the snapshot of upcoming events below. There are so many wonderful concerts, talks and presentations going on this week and next, it will be hard to choose which one to go to. I look forward to running into you at some point this week!

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## Dean's Office Hours

The Dean will be in the Cowles Library Cafe from 3-4:30 on Wednesday, February 27th.

## Save the Date:

**A&S Retirement Reception:** Friday, April 12, 12-1:30pm

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

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

## Call for Nominations for E.A. Sheslow Prize

The Sheslow Prize recognizes the achievements of students in the College of Arts and Sciences who:

- are in their junior year, (graduating the following fall or spring semester—students graduating this May are not eligible);
- are working toward a B.S., B.F.A., B.M., B.M.E. or B.A. degree to be awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences;
- have demonstrated leadership;
- have a record of performance in student life activities or on- and off-campus employment.

Eligible nominees will be invited to submit a resume, an essay on leadership, and three supporting letters of recommendation. Awards will be based upon the committee's evaluation of these materials. One prize of \$1,500 will be awarded. The award is presented at the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation ceremony during the spring semester.

**TO NOMINATE:** Nominations should be forwarded to [ask.as@drake.edu](mailto:ask.as@drake.edu) by March 4th. Nominated students will be notified and invited to submit required supporting materials. The deadline has been extended from February 15 due to no current nominations.

## Spotlights



Oleg Zatsarinny, research scholar, and Klaus Bartschat, Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished professor of physics, recently received a National Science Foundation grant for their research "Elements: NSCI-Software -- A General and Effective B-Spline R-Matrix Package for Charged-Particle and Photon Collisions with Atoms, Ions, and Molecules." The project deals with the further development and subsequent distribution of a suite of computer codes that can accurately describe the interaction of charged particles (mostly electrons) and light (mostly lasers and synchrotrons) with atoms and ions. The grant awarded is for \$476,000.



Tim Knepper, Director of The Comparison Project and professor of philosophy, was awarded \$93,000 from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations in support of TCP's interfaith youth-leadership camp, which they hold annually with the Des Moines Area Religious Council. The award empowers The Comparison Project to convene an interfaith leadership institute for Drake students, as well as to host a mini-conference at Drake for academic/non-profit teams from across the nation.

Rachel Fritz, junior political science and psychology double major, was awarded the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship Scholarship to study public policy in Kentucky and Washington D.C. this summer (2019). The two week College Student Congress will allow participating students the opportunity to learn about the principles of statesmanship in the tradition of one of Kentucky's greatest statesmen, Henry Clay. Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to speak with academics, lawmakers, journalists and civic leaders to discuss the practical importance of compromise and partisan cooperation to resolve conflict and develop policy solutions for today's most pressing issues.

Haley Barbour, POLS, AS '17, has been appointed Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's Iowa Political Director.

Deborah Kent (Assoc. Prof. of Math) gathered a group of current and former Drake faculty and two alumni last week to compete in a STEM trivia fundraiser for the Science Center of Iowa. They are now the champions of the "Battle of the Brains"! As the group gathered their swag, a Drake alumnae who works at the Science Center commented "Well of course the professors won." Two other Drake faculty volunteered as "hired brains" who were available to trivia participants in exchange for a donation.



"Stand Up Science," a local comedy show held at the Des Moines Social Club and hosted by a comedian Shane Mauss featured Will Garriott as one of the (social) scientists featured. He gave a presentation about his research on drug laws—especially focused on marijuana. It was educational and entertaining and it was a packed house full of pro-science, mostly younger people.

## 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 for 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](mailto:Darcie.Vandegrift) for more information.

## Student and Faculty Awards

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

### Student Awards:

- **March 4:** [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

- March 11: Ronald Troyer Research Fellowship: full-time faculty members in recognition of Dr. Troyer's many contributions to Drake University during his tenure as Provost, 2000-2009. [Applications due to Sandra Harris.](#)
- 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@drake.edu](mailto:Humanities.Center@drake.edu).

## 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.

### [A&S Faculty Development Grants for Fall 2019](#)

**Deadline: March 29, 2019**

The College of Arts & Sciences offers support for research, scholarly work, and creative endeavors. Specifically, the grants provide for three categories of funding: collaborative grants, development grants, research support grants.

[Submit to Kayla Jenkins.](#)

## Special Event

Join the Arabic Studies Program for an Arabic Breakfast from 9:30-11am on March 6th. Native speakers will be joining to allow participants to practice and/or learn a few more words while learning about the Arabic culture. To register for the free event, [please visit this link.](#)

## 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!

- February 28: Writers and Critics Event-Vu Tran, 7pm, Cowles Reading Room
- March 1: Jordan Concert Series: Elissa Virsaladze, 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- March 3: Drake Wind Symphony Concert, 1:30pm, Performing Arts Hall
- March 3: "In Praise of Women" ft. the Drake Chorale Concert, 3pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- March 7: Global Citizen Forum, 8:30am registration, Olmsted Center. [More information here.](#)
- March 7: Miracles and Medicine, The Comparison Project, 7pm, Mercy Hospital, Conference Rooms 6-7 in the East Tower
- March 8: Drake Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- March 10: 48th Annual Juried Student Exhibition Opening Reception, 1pm, Anderson Gallery
- March 11: Above + Beyond Cancer Presentation, 7pm, Cowles Reading Room

## Important Dates

March 1	Tenured faculty PAEs, PAHES due from chairs to Dean
March 15	Midpoint of semester
March 18-22	Spring Break
March 29	Last day to drop a Spring 2019 class with a W.
March 29	Faculty Development proposals for Fall 2019 due

[Submit News](#)

## 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! If 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!