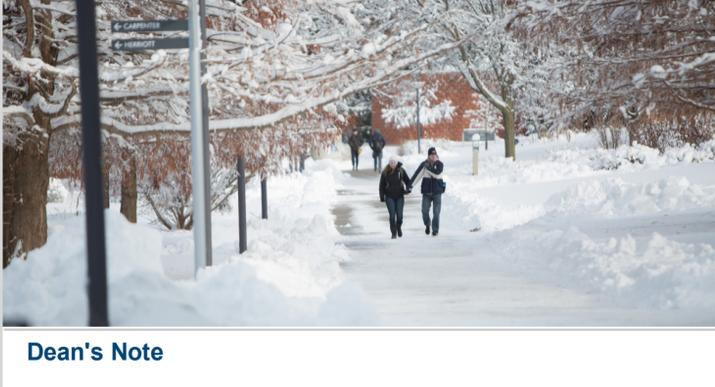


A&S Newsletter

January 28, 2019



Dean's Note

Happy first day of the semester! As I was listening to the weather forecast this morning, I realized that I better be careful what I wish for. Ok, so we had our snow day, we enjoyed sledding in our backyard (which turns out to be Johnston Central for sledding!)—now it can get warm again! In Stockton, California the high temperature is a swooping 70 degrees higher than here... On the other hand, now I know why my car has a heated driver seat and steering wheel, an investment that until now I thought was a complete waste. All good!

I hope you all come back refreshed and energized from a relaxing winter break, a fabulous travel seminar, or an amazing research experience, ready to face the first day of the spring semester! We are going to hit the road running, with our ongoing faculty searches, urgent committee business, course scheduling for next year, big ideas to be hatched out, and the admissions cycle entering into the "hot" phase where we want to turn those admits into enrolled Drake Freshmen! I am confident and excited that we will be successful with all our initiatives. Thanks to your commitment and great work it's going to be a fabulous year for the College of Arts&Sciences! I look forward to seeing you all around—please save the date for our first all faculty meeting on Friday, February 15, 2-4pm. If you want to chat before then, just email me, contact Kayla to help find a time, or stop by the library café this Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm. I'll be there for an open office hour and look forward to your company!

Best,
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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.

“Talking and Singing Together: Racial Justice-Making, Like Music-Making is Long, Life-Giving Work”

In consultation with student leaders from the choral program and with great gratitude to Dr. Jennifer Harvey of Drake's Department of Religion and Philosophy, we will sponsor a one-hour learning experience on Thursday, January 31, 7:30-8:30 (location to be announced soon – will be on Drake's campus; Sheslow has just been given to CNN, so I'm pursuing other locations – stay tuned!)

We're calling our event “Talking and Singing Together: Racial Justice-Making, Like Music-Making is Long, Life-Giving Work” (By now some of you are thinking, “a shorter title might be nice.”). As provided by Dr. Harvey, several statements will guide our experience that evening:

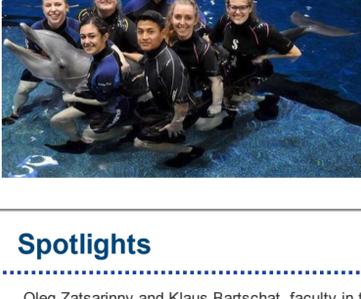
- Knowing our shared racial past helps us better understand our shared, diverse present
- Deeper understanding helps us build stronger interracial relationships
- We all, in our various and diverse racial identities, have a role to play in racial justice-making

J-Term Special Spotlights

J-Term was exciting this year with both on-campus and off-campus courses. [OnPaintedStreet](#), an Instagram account manned by Drake students, did a great job showing off what everyone was doing.

- Michael Rieck's Robot Programming and Control Theory had tons of fun on-campus, as well as Josie Poppen's Stage MakeUp class.
- Michael Renner's Zoo Biology class got upclose in person with aquatic and land animals alike while in Florida
- Rachel Caufield-Paine's Drake in DC class got to see firsthand how our government works, with some really creative commentary located on their [blog](#)!

There were a lot more amazing J-Term classes. Please share your photos with us! We can use them on the website, in newsletters or other promotional material.



Spotlights

Oleg Zatsarinny and Klaus Bartschat, faculty in the Physics department, and Henry Parker, a Physics Major who graduated in December 2018, recently published an article together in the *Physical Review* entitled "Electron-impact excitation and ionization of atomic calcium at intermediate energies."

Reading Corner

- Do you ever wonder if you lecture too much in class? Check out this article in The Chronicle entitled: [‘Is It Ever OK to Lecture?’](#)

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.

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 named 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.

[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.

[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 performance 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.

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 1:** Honors Recital: 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- **February 5:** Drake Jazz Honor Band, 7pm, Performing Arts Hall

Black History Month Events

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

Feb 1: Free Movie Friday- BlackKkKlansman 9 p.m. Sussman Theater

Feb 3: Super Bowl Kickback 4:30 pm at the Black Cultural Center

Feb 9: Family on Black Banquet and speaker. 6 pm Parents Hall

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

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

Important Dates

January 28	Spring 2019 term begins
January 30	PARs due to Dept.
January 28	College elections begin
January 31	Sabbatical Leave Reports due (calendar-year sab)

February 1	Last day to add a class
February 8	Last day to drop a class without a "W"
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 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!