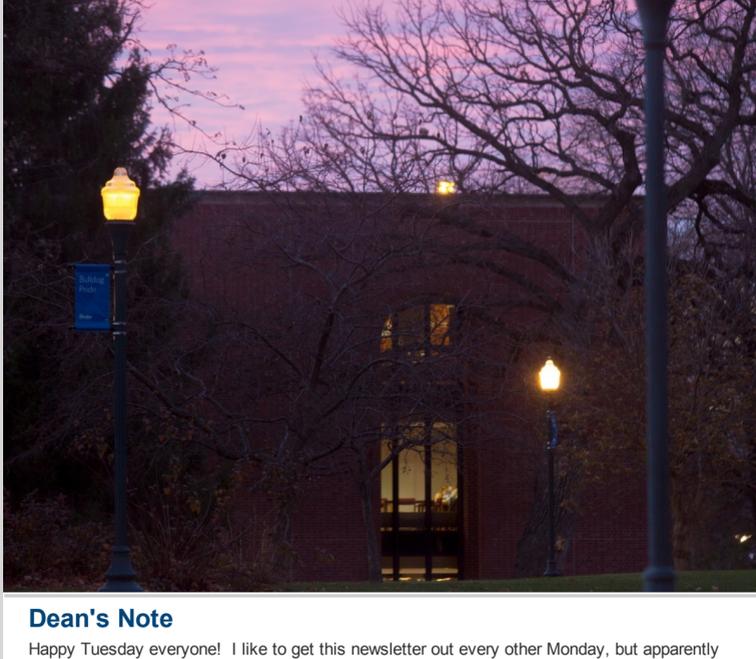


# A&S Newsletter

March 26, 2019



## Dean's Note

Happy Tuesday everyone! I like to get this newsletter out every other Monday, but apparently that was not meant to happen on the first day after spring break! I hope you all had a relaxing and reinvigorating week, and let's try to hold on to that feeling for as long as possible (i.e. beyond Monday!!) The week before spring break was a busy one. I received all PAEs and PAHES from your chairs and will continue to read those with pride and awe at all the things you do. We also submitted our "numbers"—after the upsetting news of a budget freeze, I am relieved to say that we came out fine. We are able to fund all pre-approved travel and research grants, we are going ahead with our new tenure track hires (four out of eight searches completed successfully, three more rounds of on-campus interviews to go), we will have four new visiting positions next year, and we are able to fund adjuncts so that we can offer all the classes we need for our students this coming fall and beyond! Let me also say that there is no reason to worry about existing lines—there are no plans to make cuts or reduce the number of positions we have for faculty and staff. We are also going ahead as planned with applications for faculty development grants. Please remember to send in your applications by March 29<sup>th</sup> (this Friday)!

Another date to save is April 12. We will have a retirement reception from 12-1:30 for four of our dear colleagues. After that, please stay for the all-faculty meeting, where we will continue to work on a mission statement and discuss important A&S business.

On the admissions front we are continuing to be cautiously optimistic, but as Admissions keeps reminding us we are in the midst of the most crucial weeks, and we can't relax quite yet. Thanks so much for all the extra time you spend talking to prospective students, showing them your labs, teasing them with mock classes, enticing them to come to Drake. It always works when you do that! Thank you also for continuing to set the right tone in your classes. After the upsetting racist incidences on campus last fall we need to make sure that all students feel included, heard and safe. And finally, check out some of your colleagues' greatest research accomplishments—one of you co-authored an article that appeared in no other journal than *Nature*—wow!!! You have to scroll down and keep reading to find out who hit the jackpot!

Let me finish on this high note. I hope you get to enjoy some of the upcoming talks and events on campus, put on by many of you. I will hold open office hours tomorrow, Wednesday, from 3-4:30 in the Cowles library. As always, I look forward to hearing from you in this more informal way. Have a great week!

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## Dean's Open Office Hours

Dean Gerhard will be in the Cowles Library Cafe from 3-4:30 on Wednesday, March 27.

## Save the Date:

**A&S Retirement Reception:** Friday, April 12, 12-1:30pm. Please stop by to congratulate your colleagues, Joseph Lenz, Aimee Beckmann-Collier, Thomas Westbrook, and Janet Wirth-Cauchon, on a lifetime of service to Drake and wish them a happy transition to the new adventures of life! After that you can stay for the...

**All Faculty Meeting:** Friday, April 12, 2-4pm. We'll have our all-faculty meeting to talk about the mission of the college, about our strengths and new directions.

**A&S Honors Convocation:** Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium. Have you selected your student awardees yet?

## Have you completed the Prevent Harassment Blackboard Course?

**All full-time AND part-time faculty and staff are required to complete the course *Prevent Discrimination and Harassment Together* by March 31.**

To access the course, log in to myDrake and click the Blackboard app in the shaded blue area near the top of the screen. The courses are listed in the My Courses area of the page. The *Prevent Sexual Violence Together* and *Prevent Discrimination and Harassment Together* courses are bundled within the link titled *Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Violence Prevention*.

## "A Look at the Experiences of Citizen Young Adults in Latino Mixed-Status Families"

**Lecture by Dr. Cassandra Rodriguez**  
**Cowles Reading Room; March 28th from 4pm-5:30pm.**

Dr. Cassandra Rodriguez specializes in the study of immigration and citizenship, race and gender, family, media, and labor. Dr. Rodriguez's research primarily tackles questions about how citizenship is a negotiated ideal for racialized groups and how work can be the site of raced and gendered inequality.

## The 2019 Myron Marty Lectureship in the Arts + Humanities

**Irish Artist Aideen Barry**  
**"Visual Fictions"**  
**Sussman Theater: 7:30pm, Wednesday, April 17**

How can art activate difficult conversations? A talk by visual Artist Aideen Barry on her works exploring otherness, the uncanny and amnesia. Barry will also discuss the importance of humor and slapstick as a tool to disarm the viewer and to activate conversations around sometimes painful subjects such as mental health and inequality.

Ms. Barry is an Irish visual artist, known for her performance, film, sculpture, drawing, and installation work. Aideen Barry's work manifests in the field of contemporary visual arts, but it is punctuated by references to historical and often forgotten or erased figures from literature. Barry often references artists whose texts depict the personal in a way that is a reflection of her own lived experience.

## "Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum (CLAC)" Workshop

**June 17-18, 2019**  
Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum (CLAC) is a growing movement that enhances students' abilities to utilize language skills by applying them in other disciplines. The facilitator for the workshop will be H. Stephen Straight, who is professor emeritus of anthropology and of linguistics at Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Fifteen first-time participants will be paid \$300/day for each day of the two-day workshop. Those who then develop a linked course will receive an additional \$500. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If this is of interest to you, make a save the date entry for yourself: Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum Workshop. June 17 - June 18, 2019 and RSVP to [marc.pinheiro-cadd@drake.edu](mailto:marc.pinheiro-cadd@drake.edu).

## Spotlights

Professor of religion **Jennifer Harvey's** book "Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America" was recently selected as a finalist for the [2018 Indies award](#).

**Klaus Bartschat**, professor of Physics, co-authored a paper entitled "Attosecond angular streaking and tunnelling time in atomic hydrogen" that was just published in [Nature: International Journal of Science](#). "The experiment reported in this Nature article is an really clever but INDIRECT it takes for a particle to travel a tunnel by some attempt clever but INDIRECT approach – as a direct measurement is not possible according to the rules of Quantum Mechanics. Anyway, the result is compatible with ZERO, i.e., it looks as if the electron, if it makes it though the tunnel, does so instantaneously. It just shows up on the other side without "wasting any time!"



The process to publication took several years and included collaboration with Joel Venzke, now graduate student, and Nicholas Douget. Thomas Pauly and Noah Smith (both juniors at Drake) are working on follow-up projects.

**Ramesh Dhussa**, associate professor of geography, recently gave a lecture "Talk on Literary Geographies" at the Lovely Professional University in Jandalajar, Punjab, India. The talk was featured in [India Post on March 20th](#).

## Reading Corner

- For advice on how to help your students with their mental health: [visit this article from The Chronicle of Higher Education](#).

## Student and Faculty Awards

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

- Student Awards:**
- April 1: [Departmental Award Forms due to college](#)

- Faculty Awards**
- June 1: [Brown University's Lynton Awards](#): For pre-tenure faculty who connect their teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

## Grants

[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](#).

## 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!

- March 28: Dr. Cassandra Rodriguez: 4pm, Cowles Reading Room
- March 28: "Eating Tomorrow: Agribusiness, Family Farmers, And The Battle For The Future of Food" Lecture by Timothy Wise, 6pm, Cowles Reading Room
- March 28: "Sainly 'Miracles' and Yögic 'Magic' in the Bhakti and Sufi Hagiographies of North India" Lecture by Palton Burchett, 7pm, Sussman Theater
- Every Monday April 1-May 6: Arabic Adjunct, 5:30-7pm, Meredith Hall. [Register Here](#).

## Important Dates

March 29	Last day to drop a Spring 2019 class with a W.
March 29	Faculty Development proposals for the 2019-2020 year due
April 1	Departmental Award Forms 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! 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!