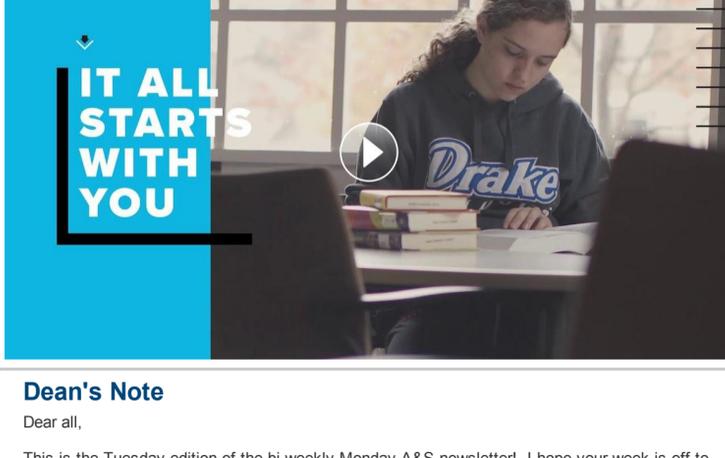




# A&S Newsletter

May 07, 2019



## Dean's Note

Dear all,

This is the Tuesday edition of the bi-weekly Monday A&S newsletter! I hope your week is off to a good start, and it's not just any week—it's the last week of classes! I have always loved this time of the semester, and not just because the end is in sight. It's crazy busy, but it's the good busy, the positive meeting. 15 weeks of exploration, hard work and experimentation culminating in the final class meeting, where one gets to synthesize everything, connect the dots, make sense of the past and look into the future... Do you feel that way, too? With these expectations, the last class meeting has always come with a slight sense of disappointment for me, but then there is another chance—the final exam! In short, I hope your last week of classes goes well!!

The last two weeks were busy. Let me recap a few things that went on. A&S council approved the revised P&T guidelines. These are the result of some three years of discussion and work by many faculty members, and I am thrilled that the revised document will be more consistent, easier to use, and updated. Thank you all for the Hercules act! You can find the link to the revised document [here](#). Please know that these Guidelines will become effective immediately, unless you opt out of them now. If you choose to go up under the old documents, you will need to let me know by May 20 (more info below). The Relays have come and gone, with glorious records broken, some sun and also cold wind, with lots of Alumni, Board of Trustees and visitors on campus. We finalized the hire of another new faculty member for fall, bringing our count of new tenure-track hires to six. May 1<sup>st</sup> was the day when tuition deposits for the fall were due (although a smaller number will still trickle in over the summer). We ended the cycle within reach of our final goal of 390 students in A&S, the exact number as of Friday, May 3 was 373. We are at 787 out of 800 for the University overall, and that is about 50 more students compared to this time last year. What a relief! Good job, and thank you for the extra work you put in recruiting our new first year students!

I am almost done with the review of all the PARs and PAEs. It was amazing to read about all the things you do in your classes, in the labs, in your research endeavors, in concert halls and on stage. It is taking me a little longer to add my comments to all of them, but that is only because I wanted to read all that you submitted.

Commencement is in 12 days! I look forward to seeing many of you all dressed in regalia on this joyful day—a big one for our graduating seniors, their friends and family, and us faculty. I am curious to experience how you celebrate this milestone!

Finally, I will have open office hours this week on Thursday afternoon, 2:30-4pm. Stop by if you can and let me treat you for a coffee!

See you soon!

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## Deans Office Hours

Dean Gerhard will be available in the Cowles Cafe from 2:30-4pm on May 9th for her open office hours.

## Short's Travel Representative Meeting

Short's Travel Representatives will be on campus on **May 8th from 2-3pm in Levitt Hall** to share tips and answer questions from A&S faculty and staff on how to use the travel site. If you have specific questions that you want to see addressed, please [submit your questions in advance here](#).

Another useful tool for the Short's Travel: travelers can install an add-on extension to their browser called FindIt that allows travelers to use their favorite travel sites while still booking with Short's Travel. Find information on how to use this tool [here](#).

## Updates to the Faculty Handbook

A&S Council approved the revised Promotion and Tenure guidelines in the Faculty Handbook during their April meeting. The sections updated were sections 3.1-3.4 and section 4.7. The Appendix encompasses the previously separate document "Guidelines for Preparing Credentials for Tenure and/or Promotion Review." Please find the updated Faculty Handbook on the website [here](#).

These guidelines become effective immediately. If you prefer to go up under the old version of the handbook, you will need to let Dean Gerhard know by May 20th. A form will be sent later today that will need to be included in this request.

There will be a second meeting for Assistant and Associate Professors today in MERED 234 from 1-2pm regarding these guidelines and to answer questions about the Promotion and Tenure process.

## Commencement RSVP

All participating faculty, please RSVP to [Kayla Jenkins](#) by **Wednesday, May 15**. The RSVP is important for determining how many chairs will be set up for faculty in the Knapp Center. For ceremonies on Sunday, undergraduate commencement will begin at 10 am in the Knapp Center. Faculty should be at the Bell Center no later than 9:30 am to put on their robes and prepare for the ceremony.

## Best Practices for Student Learning Conference at DMACC

The 2019 Statewide Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2019** at Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny Campus. The theme for the 2019 conference is **"Best Practices for Student Learning with On-Line and Web Enhanced Instruction."** The day will consist of two national keynote speakers and four breakout sessions offering insights on the theme.

Check out the [following website](#), for more information about registration.

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

This is your last chance to let us know if you are interested in this great workshop. If we don't get any more rsvp, we'll have to cancel the workshop. Let Marc know by May 10!

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.pinhoiro-cadd@drake.edu](mailto:marc.pinhoiro-cadd@drake.edu).

## Spotlights

Two Drake students received the Goldwater Scholarship, the most prestigious undergraduate award in mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering. **Colton Sleister**, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Cell, and Molecular Biology (BCMB) double major, and **Lorien MacEnulty**, Physics & Astronomy double major are the recipients of the 2019-2020 Goldwater Scholarship! They will receive a \$7,500 scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established in 1986. The award recognizes the excellence demonstrated by students in the sciences and their faculty. Since 2001, Drake has produced more than 20 Goldwater Scholars.



**Ramesh Dhussa**, associate professor of geography, gave a keynote lecture at the International Conference on Climate Change, Sustainability, and Livelihood, on March 9th, 2019 at the Nimala College in Ranchi, India.

**Professors DeLaet, Bayer, and Asante** presented at kwibuka25, the commemoration of the Rwandan genocide at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates on April 28th. The event also included comments from several genocide survivors. For more information about the event, please visit the Des Moines Register's article [here](#).



**Craig Owens**, professor of English, was appointed as the new Director for the Center for Teaching Excellence.

**Leah Kalmanson**, associate professor of religion, was elected as the Director of the Center for the Humanities.

**Jennifer McCrickerd**, professor of philosophy, was re-elected as the Director of the Honors Program.

**Kyair Butts, As'11, JO'11**, was selected as City Schools' 2019 Teacher of the Year in Baltimore, MD. Butts was a psychology major at Drake. In addition to his classroom success, Mr. Butts works with the Urban Teachers program as a lead facilitator for the Race & Equity professional learning community, training teachers across Urban Teachers' national sites. He has been recognized as Coach of the Year by the Baltimore Urban Debate League and as Most Valuable Urban Teacher and Most Valuable Participant in Community & Family Engagement by the Urban Teachers program.

**Dr. Timothy Ley, As'74**, was selected as a member of the National Academy of Science in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Dr. Ley is currently a professor in the department on oncology and genetics at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

## Reading Corner

Check out this article in the Chronicle of Higher Ed: ["The Fall, and Rise, of Reading"](#). Students often don't complete assigned reading. Professors are finding ways to solve that puzzle."

## Upcoming Events

All of these events are on the 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!

- May 7: Drake Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- May 8: Jazz II Ensemble Concert, 7:30, Turner Jazz Center
- May 9: TCP: Final Comparisons of Miracles Series, 7pm, Cowles Reading Room
- May 10: Dead Day

## Important Dates

May 10	Day free for study
May 13-17	Final evaluation period
May 17	Spring 2019 term ends
May 19	Undergraduate Commencement at 10am
May 22	Spring 2019 grades due to Student Records

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While we can compile some of this information for our newsletters 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!

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