



## A&S Newsletter

November 4, 2019



Tim Knepper at the 2019 Stalnaker Lecture

### Dean's Note

Dear all,

This newsletter is coming out a little later in the day—because Kayla, the main editor-in chief, had to go to the hospital—and gave birth to a beautiful baby girl! Amica was born on Sunday at 11:45, and both mom and daughter are doing fine. Keep them in your thoughts! The Dean's office will operate with the help of Karen MacKinnon, our administrative assistant in Meredith, so please send any inquiries/scheduling requests etc. that you would normally send to Kayla to Karen.

The faculty search season is in high gear as several departments have scheduled the on-campus interviews. We already completed our first tenure-track hire for Fall 2020 with Kieran Williams in Comparative Politics. 10 more hires to make! American politics has been on everybody's mind with some high profile events on here on campus, and it's only going to be more busy as we are getting closer to caucus day. Last Saturday we welcomed some 80 students for the Visit Day, and another 49 students for Politics Day. We know that these visits play an important role in turning prospective students into applicants—so thank you for meeting with these students and their families in overview sessions, mock classes, individual meetings and field trips. STEM and Health Professions Day is up next!

We also facilitated our fall National Alumni Council (NAC) meeting with great success. We have a number of highly engaged alumni serving on the board, and we want to continue to grow the board and our relationships with alumni across the world. Please consider nominating one of your alumni for one of the prestigious awards (see below), and continue to bring them back to connect to current students.

I hope all is going well in your classes. We made it past mid-terms and Thanksgiving is in sight! Hang in there!

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### Award Announcements from October 24th!

Thank you to all those who attended the 2019 Stalnaker Lecture on October 24th; Tim presented an excellent lecture on how to define religion. If you were not able to make it, you can watch the lecture [here](#).

Also announced at the event were four separate awards; congratulations!

- 2020 Stalnaker Lecturer: Sandra Patton-Imani, Associate Professor of American Studies
- 2019 Distinguished Engagement Award: Charles Nelson, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy
- 2019-2021 Centennial Scholar Award: Debra DeLaet, Professor of Political Science
- 2020-2023 Humanities Research Scholar Award: Lisa West, Associate Professor of English

### Stalnaker Lecture Video

Did you miss the Stalnaker lecture? Check out the [video recording](#) to catch up at your convenience!

### Advising Corner

With the early registration for Spring 2020 starting today, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- The registration times for students are based on earned hours. The registration timeline for Spring 2020 can be found [here](#).
- In general, many practical advising resources can be found at <https://www.drake.edu/registrar/registration/>, including a listing of courses restricted to certain programs during the first two weeks of registration.
- If you would like to add a waitlist to your class, please reach out to our office.

### Mental Health First Aid Training

Do you know how to help your students when they are having a crisis? Have you ever wondered how you can help them further? Sign up for [Mental Health First Aid in Higher Education](#) training lead by Dr. Christine Urish, Occupational Therapy faculty, taking place on Tuesday, January 21st, 8:30-4:30 in the Occupational Therapy Building. Mental Health First Aid is designed to give people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a crisis. The workshop is supported by the Provost office, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences. **To register for the workshop, please email [natalie.bayer@drake.edu](mailto:natalie.bayer@drake.edu) by December 18th.**

### From OnCampus:

- Campus Climate Assessment Survey begins November 5th. We encourage all faculty/staff/students to fill out this survey! For more information about the purpose of this survey, [visit here](#).
- United Way Campaign starts November 11th; we would love to see everyone contributing to our community. Please watch for more information from this year's captain, Joni Kinnan, on how you can participate!
- Open Enrollment Period for Benefits begins November 1 and will continue through December 2. The Benefits Portal is available through MyDrake. There will be a Benefits Fair in Parents Hall North on November 8th from 10:30-1:30pm.

### Reading Corner

"The Enrollment Crash Goes Deeper than Demographics: Colleges can't stop what's coming, but they can be better prepared" by Nathan D. Grawe (Nov. 1): [https://www.chronicle.com/interactives/20191101-Grawe?cid=wsinglestory\\_hp\\_3](https://www.chronicle.com/interactives/20191101-Grawe?cid=wsinglestory_hp_3) (premium content, available via Cowles). This is an essay excerpted from a New Chronicle Intelligence report, "The Looming Enrollment Crisis," 2019.

### Upcoming Events

All of these events are on the 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!

- November 7: "[Visual Disobedience: Iowa Artists Dessnet, Proposose Actualize! Reception](#)", exhibition curated by Lenore Metrick-Chen, Anderson Gallery, 5-7:30pm. The exhibit will be open through February 14.
- November 8: [Humanities Colloquium Lecture: "19th-century eclipse expeditions: the dawn of American Space Science?"](#) by Deborah Kent, associate professor of mathematics, Levitt Hall, 3:30-5pm.
- November 10: [Horn Studio's fall concert](#), Sheslow Auditorium, 12pm
- November 11: [Flute Studio's fall concert](#), Sheslow Auditorium, 7:30pm
- November 17: [Jazz 1 Winter Concert](#), Turner Jazz Center, 7:30pm
- November 18: [Jazz Combo Night](#), Turner Jazz Center, 7:30pm
- November 21-24: [Pippin](#), directed by Erin Horst, Performing Arts Hall; evening performances at 7:30 on November 21-23, afternoon performance at 2pm on November 24.

### A&S Important Dates

All of these dates are located [here](#).

- November 4: Spring 2020 course registration begins
- November 15: Second-year faculty reviews due to the Dean
- November 26: Thanksgiving recess begins after evening classes
- November 27-28: University closed beginning at noon

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