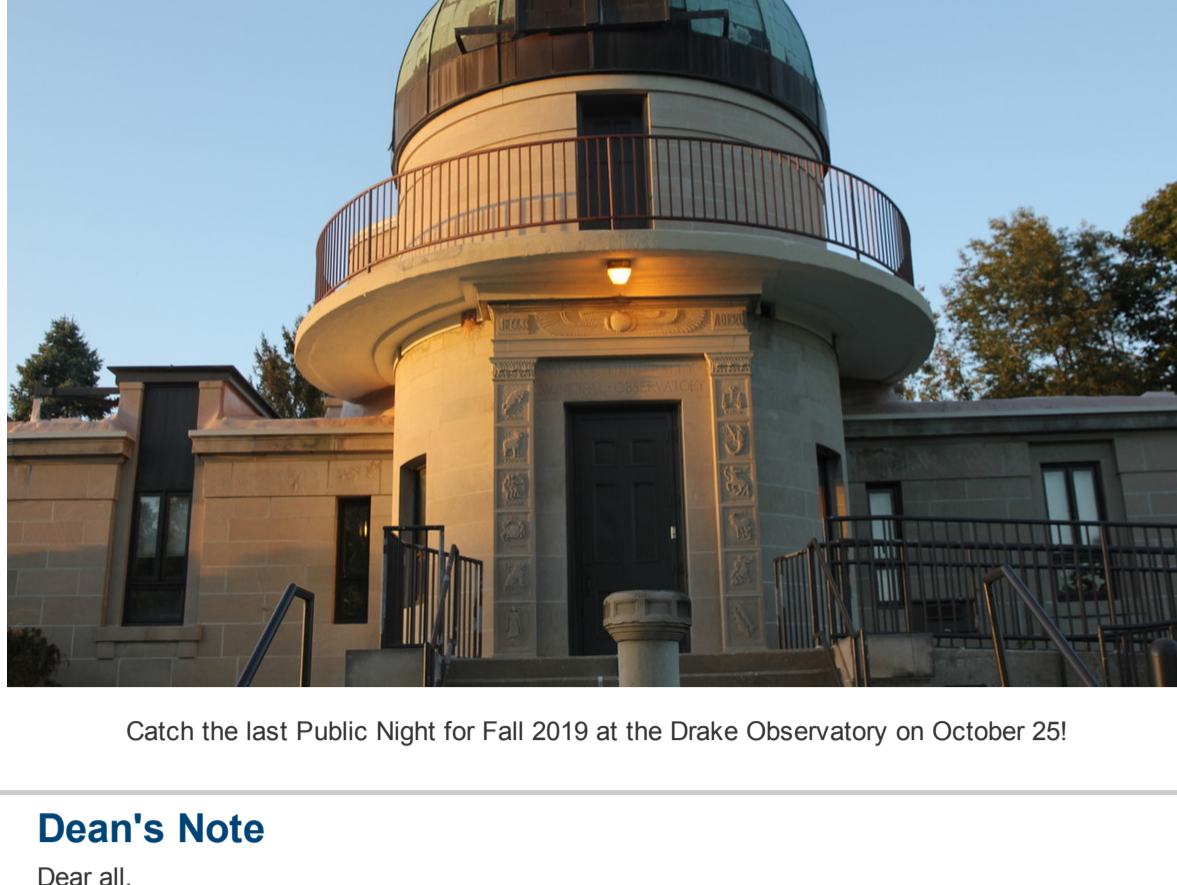




## A&amp;S Newsletter

October 21, 2019



Catch the last Public Night for Fall 2019 at the Drake Observatory on October 25!

## Dean's Note

Dear all,

It's going to be another busy week in the Arts & Sciences. On Thursday, we'll hold our signature event—the Stalnaker lecture with our 2018 Stalnaker lecturer Tim Knepper. President Mary will be there to welcome everybody, and we will announce the winners of our three biggest awards for 2019—the Centennial Scholar, the Distinguished Engagement Award and the Stalnaker Lecturer. Please be there to support your colleagues and to celebrate the Arts & Sciences! We are also hoping for a good turnout from our alumni (the NAC Board meeting is this week), and we will be livestreaming the event for those who can't be there that night. It's going to be a big evening! Please join us also for the reception following the lecture.

There are several other great events worth attending this week. On Friday, world-renown Russian pianist Sergei Babayan will perform a free concert—generously sponsored as part of the 2019 Edwin Earle Ferguson Event. Our own Deb DeLaet will give a talk on Wednesday entitled "Children's Rights as Human Rights," and we have a poet perform on Tuesday as part of the Susan Glaspell Writers and Critics Series. And then there is theatre, stargazing and Jazz—you take your pick! Check out the calendar below for more information—and please send us your info so that we can keep posting this in the newsletter.

Of course it's also crazy busy with mid-term exams, grading and grading. We have seen an uptick in mental health concerns among our students, and it is especially pronounced at this time of the semester. Do you need more guidance on how to respond to anxious students and possible warning signs? We have arranged for a faculty training on Mental Health First Aid in Higher Education led by Dr. Christine Urish on January 21st from 8:30-4:30. More information will follow.

The job ad for the budget manager position is posted on HireTouch now. President Martin waived the 120-day hiring freeze so that we are moving ahead with the search as soon as we have enough applicants. In the meantime, we have support from the Provost office to help with any budget- and hiring-related items. Please send any questions re: payments, travel, hiring, budget etc. my way, and we will take it from here. Thanks for your patience as we fill the position!

Finally, please remember that the deadline for sabbatical applications and for Faculty Development Grants is coming up soon. Where has October gone?!

Good luck for this coming week, and I look forward to seeing you at these events!

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College of Arts & Sciences'  
35th Annual  
Stalnaker Lecture*"What is Religion? Maybe No Thing at All"*  
Dr. Timothy Knepper, Professor of Philosophy/ReligionThursday, October 24  
6:30 p.m.  
Sheslow Auditorium, Old Main  
*Reception to follow in the lobby*

Does the term "religion" have reference to any thing in the "world"? If so, what? Can it be applied cross-culturally and anachronistically? or does it merely serve to support "Western realities and powers? This lecture investigates these questions and more.

Can't join us for the event? We will be live-streaming and recording the lecture. Email [ask.as@drake.edu](mailto:ask.as@drake.edu) for more information.

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and  
Legacy

The Stalnaker Lecture was established to honor the memory of Luther W. Stalnaker who served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1961 to 1974. Gifts from the Stalnaker family and eminent faculty endowed the series, and it receives continuing support from the College of Arts & Sciences. The lecturer is chosen from our faculty to award their achievements.

During the event, we will also be recognizing our faculty with other college awards.

## Advising Corner

**Post Midterm and Registration Advising:** As you are meeting with your advisees in preparation for registration and with students in your classes about their midterm grades, please encourage them to seek information about, and make decisions relative to, their academic status. The deadline by which to drop a course with a W is Monday, October 28. Requests to drop with a W after October 28 should be directed to Associate Dean Natalie Bayer and should be accompanied by evidence of an extenuating circumstance to justify the withdrawal.

**Starfish and Early Alert:** You can use Starfish (linked through MyDrake faculty and advising tools) or early alert form to share your student concerns with the Dean's office.

**Transfer Connect:** We are celebrating the National Transfer Student Week with a transfer student mixer on Tuesday, October 22, 9:00 –10:30 a.m. in the Dean's office (FAC 268). Please stop by to say hello, have donuts and coffee, and show support for our transfer students.

**Pre-Law and Pre-Med events for students:**

As you work with advisees indicating an interest in attending medical school or law school, please remind them of the following programming:

- Thursday, Oct 24, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Law Overview
- Thursday, Oct 24, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Pre-Med Overview

Both events will take place in Cartwright 213.

For students with an interest in attending Drake's Law School through the 3+3 program, Kara Blanchard, from Law School Admissions and Mary Beth Holtey will be offering a 3+3 overview on Tuesday, Oct 29, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Collier-Scripps, Rm 308.

## 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. More details on how to register will follow.

Faculty Development Grant Applications for Spring 2020  
Due October 25th.

The second call for applications for Faculty Development Grants is due October 25th by end of day. [Find the application here.](#) There are remaining:

- 3 Collaborative Grants (3 possible for 2019-2020)
- Six Development Grants (12 possible for 2019-2020)
- One Research Support Grant (3 possible for 2019-2020)

Please submit your application as a single attachment, including CV to [Kayla Jenkins](#). Reminder: a final report must be submitted to the Dean (through Kayla Jenkins) within 30 days of completion.

## Travel Grant Reimbursement Submission Change

To those who have been approved for Travel Grants this year, there is a change in process for the submission of your reimbursement forms. Please submit your completed reimbursement to your departmental administrative assistant first. Please make sure that you are following all of the guidelines outlined in the [Accounts Payable policies for reimbursement.](#)

Reminders:

- **Tap** small receipts on 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper.
- Print out of conference dates. Can obtain from website or registration information.
- Reimbursement will not be issued for receipts more than 90 days old. IRS regulations stipulate that expenses must be accounted for within a reasonable period of time. If you have registration/expenses that will be older than 90 days at the time of your conference, please submit those with a separate travel reimbursement form.
- Personal side trips (not included in overall conference/workshop/event expense) or vacations taken in conjunction with business trips are not reimbursable. When you do not return after the conference, you must get a cost comparison for airfare for the time of the conference compared to actual return date.
- The University will reimburse employees who take a taxi to or from the Des Moines airport up to a maximum of \$20 (including tips) each way. Receipt is required.
- Mileage:
  - Please provide a printout from MapQuest/Google Maps with the Travel Expense Reimbursement form to substantiate miles driven. Mileage is reimbursed at the rate of \$0.58 a mile.
  - If an employee chooses to travel in his or her private vehicle rather than by air, the reimbursable expenses will be limited to the lesser of the mileage allowance for the automobile or the expense of an economy class ticket on the lowest cost carrier. If you travel by car, you must have a cost comparison of the airfare for the time of travel.
  - Actual gas receipts should be submitted for reimbursement when a rented automobile is used for University Business.
- Air Travel
  - You must make your own arrangements using the University's preferred travel agency: University/Academic Travel: [www.shortstravel.com/drake](http://www.shortstravel.com/drake). No other methods will be reimbursed.
  - Upgrades that exceed the lowest logical airfare are a personal expense of the employee. Air travel within the state of Iowa or to Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha is not reimbursable without substantiation that it is more cost efficient than ground transportation.
  - If an employee chooses to travel by air rather than drive (i.e. drive to Kansas City, Minneapolis, etc), the reimbursable expenses will be limited to the lesser of the mileage allowance if driving or the expense of an economy class ticket on the lowest expense carrier. Employee must provide documentation regarding expense of airfare (i.e. Screen print from the University's preferred travel agency for range of airfare expense) to substantiate lowest cost airfare.

## From OnCampus:

## Opportunities to learn more about Microsoft Teams

ITS is working with departments across campus to migrate all shared files into a new software called Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams is a product that combines tools and resources such as group chat, calendars, and file sharing into one location using the Office 365 platform. Teams offers a better way to access shared files and work collaboratively.

Open Sessions are on:

- Monday, October 21, 1-2, C-S 005
- Thursday, October 24, 11-12, C-S 005
- Tuesday, November 5, 2-3, Cowles Library 201
- Wednesday, November 6, 9-10, Cowles Library 201

## Alumni Awards Submissions

The submission deadline for the Drake University 2020 Alumni Awards is Monday 11/4. If you or anyone from your college is interested in making a nomination, you can find the submission form [here](#). In addition to reviewing all submissions received this year, Alumni and Development will also include top scoring nominations from last year.

To see information on the awards and previous winners, please visit the [Alumni page here](#).

## 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!

- October 22: [Susan Glaspell Writers and Critics Series-Denice Frohman](#), poet, will perform her work, 5:30pm, Cowles Library Reading Room.
- October 23: [UN Day](#), event in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Cowles Library Reading Room. Exhibit opens at 6:30pm, 7-8pm, lecture by Dr. Debra DeLaet.
- October 23: [Arabic "Breakfast with Us."](#) Food and Arabic practice, 9:30-11, Medbury Honors Lounge
- October 24: [What is Religion? Maybe No Thing at All," Stalnaker Lecture](#) by Dr. Tim Knepper, 6:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- October 24: ["Professionalism in the Age of the Influencer," Hawley Lecture](#) by John August, sponsored by the Honors Program, 8pm, Sussman Theatre
- October 25: [Edwin Earle Ferguson Event with Sergei Babayan, guest piano recital.](#) 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- October 25 and 26: [Student Theatre Productions](#), 7:30pm, Coleman Studio Theatre. October 27: Student Theatre Productions, 2pm, Coleman Studio Theatre
- October 25: [Drake Observatory Public Night: "The Wait Factor"](#), 8pm, Waveland Golf Course.
- October 28: [Keys to Excellence recital featuring Carol Lei Breckenridge](#), 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- October 29: [Patty's Place Jazz Concert Series featuring Chad Eby and Ariel Pocock](#), 7:30pm, Turner Jazz Center

## A&amp;S Important Dates

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

- October 21: Midterm Grades due by 10 a.m.  
Last Day for student major/minor changes before registration
- October 25: [Faculty Development Grant Applications](#) for Spring 2020 due
- October 28: Last day to drop a class without extenuating circumstances
- November 1: [Sabbatical Leave Applications](#) are due to the Dean
- November 4: Spring 2020 course registration begins

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