



## A&S Newsletter

October 7, 2019



The Grand Opening of the Howard Hall second floor bathrooms!

### Dean's Note

Dear all;

This is still a Monday Newsletter! The photo above pictures a happy moment in Howard Hall, as two new bathrooms were finally installed on the second floor. And you should have seen (and tasted) the cake Sue brought! There is a lot more work to do in the building, but this was a good start.

October has arrived, and some major ensemble events are on the calendar. The Drake Choir had its first concert, Theatre put on a rebellious version of the ancient play Elektra, and the gallery has been busy with guest presentations accompanying the Women's Rights are Human Rights exhibit. A DUSCI lecture is coming up this week, and then there is our Stalnaker lecture! This is just a small number of the many events put on by you and your students. How good it is to be in the Arts & Sciences!

This week the Board of Trustees will hold its fall meeting, and I will be presenting some of our recruitment strategies for this year. In the meantime, we've already held and are gearing up for more admission days. Thanks for presenting your departments at the Academic Fair today!

I'll keep this short, since this needs to go out. Let me end by alerting you to my office hours. I will be in the Library Café on Thursday from 12-2pm. Please stop by if you want to chat about anything big or small.

Have a good week!  
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### Dean's Office Hours

Gesine will be in the Cowles Library Cafe from 12-2pm on Thursday, October 10th.

### Stalnaker Lecture 2019

**Stalnaker Lecture: October 24 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium. Lecture is by Professor Tim Knepper. "What is Religion? Maybe No Thing at All."**

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.

Timothy D Knepper is Professor of Philosophy at Drake University, where he directs The Comparison Project, a program in comparative philosophy of religion, the study of local-lived religion, and interfaith leadership. His book-length publications include *The Ends of Philosophy of Religion*, *Negating Negation*, *Ineffability*, *Death and Dying*, *A Spectrum of Faith*, and the forthcoming *Religions of Beijing*.

We are hoping to live-stream this event as well as recording it this year, so if you are not able to physically join us, you can at least enjoy the lecture!

### Advising Corner

**Starfish and Early Alert:** Thank you to all faculty who completed the Starfish Survey! If you have any student concerns, please use Starfish (linked through MyDrake faculty and advising tools) or [early alert form](#). Whatever method you choose, we appreciate you sharing your student concerns with us.

#### Advisor Workshop:

*Date & Time:* 3 – 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 10  
*Location:* A&S Conference room (FAC 268A)

*Topic:* This session will offer concrete strategies for how to help students navigate myDusis in preparation for registration (resulting in your receiving fewer emails from students during registration). Please email [Natalie Bayer](#) if you are interested in joining this event.

#### The Psychology of Mindset and Resilience: A faculty/staff development workshop with Dr. Timothy Bono:

*Date & Time:* 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 28 (light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00am)

*Location:* Levitt Hall (no RSVP required)

*Topic:* The Psychology of Mindset and Resilience

Failure and setbacks are part of any successful person's path. But how can we muster the strength to persevere when times are most trying? Join us for a presentation highlighting the latest research and perspectives from positive psychology on the topic. We will discuss resilience as a life skill, misconceptions about self-esteem, and practical strategies for rebounding from adversity, both for our students and for ourselves. Dr. Bono is a faculty member at Washington University in St. Louis, where he studies positive psychology, wellbeing, and happiness among college students.

**Mid-Term Grades:** are due by 10 a.m. on Monday, October 21. Midterm grade entry is an important step in our student success and retention efforts. Please submit a midterm grade for all first-year students in your course(s). Please also consider entering midterm grades for any student whose midterm grade is D or F.

To submit your grades, log into [myDrake](#), click on the "Grading" icon under the Faculty & Advising section, and then click on the "Mid Term Grades-Submittal Link" link. For instructions on submitting your grades via Blackboard, visit [here](#).

Students have until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28 to drop a course with a "W" using the [Add/Drop Form](#).

#### 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.

### From OnCampus:

#### Spring 2020 textbook adoptions due October 15

Submit your adoptions online via Follett Discover:

1. Log into Blackboard
2. Look for the Follet Discover link or button to launch Follett Discover
3. Submit your adoption.

#### ITS Tech Tips

**Encryption:** If you need to share sensitive data with outside contacts, you can do so through an encrypted email, just include the phrase "encrypted message" in the subject line. You can also share documents via OneDrive temporarily.

**Update your computers:** Watch for reminders to update or restart and act as soon as you've saved everything.

### Regalia Program

The Provost's Office is pleased to support tenure-track faculty in the purchase of academic regalia again this year. Specifically, \$350 will be placed on account for current full-time tenure-track and consecutive term faculty who have been at Drake six or fewer years (up through 2019-20) to purchase academic regalia (robe, hood, and tam) appropriate to discipline and institution.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please reply to [Drinda Williams's](#) email by Friday, October 18.

### Spotlights

**Nanci Ross**, professor of Biology, was named President-Elect for the the [Society of Economic Botany \(SEB\)](#), an international society of scholars who study people-plant relationships. In June 2020, Ross will take over as President at the annual meeting in Jamaica.

**Marc Busch**, professor of Biology, was awarded a multi-year Merck Investigator Studies Program grant worth \$390,000. This grant will fund his and Dr. Brian Gentry's (CPHS) research on lemming, an antiviral drug used to treat infections in compromised immune systems. For more information, see the [Drake press release here](#).

**Maria Valdovinos**, professor of psychology, was selected by the [American Psychological Association](#) as the Fellow representing Division 33-Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorders beginning January 2020. Fellow status is awarded, in part, on the basis of evaluated evidence of outstanding contribution in the field of psychology.

### Reading Corner

Dr. Bono's book, "[When Likes Aren't Enough](#)," discusses ten evidence-based strategies curriculum to increase college student wellbeing, and is used in the Adams Leadership Institute curriculum. Later this month, Drake University will welcome Dr. Tim Bono to campus as the keynote speaker for the [2019 Sussman Leadership Conference](#), where he'll speak to undergraduate student leaders about his research regarding college student wellbeing, happiness, and their connections to student success. On October 28, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Dr. Bono will offer a faculty/staff development workshop on "The Psychology of Mindset and Resilience."

### 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!

- October 7: "Women's Rights are Human Rights" Discussion with Dr. Maryann Huey, professor of mathematics, 4pm, Anderson Gallery
- October 9: Jazz Combo Night, 7:30pm, Turner Jazz Center
- October 10: "DUSCI Event: Life After Drake," Discussion with Brian Gannon (AS '12, psychology), 6pm, SCB 101
- October 10: "Women's Rights are Human Rights," Discussion with Dr. Debra DeLaet, professor of international relations, 5pm, Anderson Gallery
- October 18: Drake Opera Concert, 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- October 19: Drake Orchestra's Fall Concert, 7:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- October 24: What is Religion? Maybe No Thing at All," Stalnaker Lecture by Dr. Tim Knepper, 6:30pm, Sheslow Auditorium
- October 23: UNL 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 24: "Professionalism in the Age of the Influencer," Hawley Lecture by John August, sponsored by the Honors Program, 8pm, Sussman Theatre

### A&S Important Dates

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

- October 14-15: Fall Break
- October 16: Midpoint of the semester
- 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

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