Dear’s Note

During the summer months, the Drake Observatory will be hosting their public nights virtually! These Virtual Public Nights will take place on June 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 30, and July 4. The Observatory’s website will contain updated information regarding each event, including the date, details about the presentation, and a link to the Observatory’s YouTube channel where the presentations will be uploaded. AAS members can also listen to the conversations from the AS meeting and the HSS meeting. How exciting! I look forward to seeing you online.

Drake University College of Arts & Sciences

Thank you for all you do. Be well, be safe!

Your Dean

Faculty/Staff Spotlights!

Bb Annotate is a new tool in Blackboard Learn for inline assignment grading that became available May 1, 2020. Bb Annotate replaced New Box View for inline grading and feedback in Blackboard. Learn more about the tool by visiting the Bb Annotate Student Help Page.

Blackboard Updates

The Center for Teaching Excellence created a Fall Planning Guide. If you couldn’t attend the faculty meetings on May 13 about fall planning, you can listen to the recordings here.

Improving Student Skills

The program will provide scholarships, stipends, and enhanced learning opportunities to high-achieving STEM majors interested in K-12 mathematics (STEM) related curricula aligned with NASA Mission Directorates, with a focus on improving student skills. Details about Noyce Scholars.

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If you have any questions or concerns, you are encouraged to work with the Registrar’s Office to create the extension.

Advising Corner

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