



## A&S Newsletter

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### Dean's Note

Dear all,

I hope your week is off to a good start. As we enter the fourth week of the semester, it still feels special to see all students in our classrooms, to plan on in-person events. I hesitate to say this, but a fragile routine has settled in. Let's hope it will last! I trust you have been reading the Friday COVID updates sent out by the university. So far, the number of COVID infections on campus in combination with vaccination rates has allowed us to teach in person, and fall break remains scheduled for October 18-19. But please stay tuned for any modification to Drake's protocol. When a member in my household tested positive for the virus a couple of weeks ago, I realized how volatile the sense of "all is well" remains. I have returned to the practice of regular testing just to be safe. And I was relieved to hear the news this morning that the Pfizer vaccine might be available to children under the age of 12 before Halloween.

Last week Sue shared the salary update and her plan for a new summer and overload pay structure. The plan asks for curriculum revisions and innovation across the university that will be in line with our human and financial capital. The timeline to propose changes is tight, but we have already begun these conversations at the college and department level, and will continue to brainstorm ideas and decide on paths to pursue.

Below you will find the invite for this year's Stalnaker lecture. Please join us this Thursday, September 23, at 6:30pm to recognize outstanding scholarship and teaching. This year's Stalnaker lecturer is Dr. Maura Lyons. Her presentation on satirical collages from the Civil War era is as timely as can be!

Check out the advising corner with important reminders. The newsletter also includes a link to the application form for our newly established dean's emergency fund. Please direct any students in need to this fund, as it can help cover expenses related to their classes. The fund was established by members of our National Alumni Council in the midst of the crisis last year.

And finally, please know that faculty development funds are available this year to support you as you engage in research and teaching. Applications will be due on October 30. As planning for conference and research travel remains a challenge, we will be able to support other expenses related to faculty development.

The weather forecast has night temperatures dropping into the 40s this week. Enjoy the first days of fall!

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### Dean's Office Hours

The Dean will be available from 4-5pm on Tuesday, September 28th for open office hours. You can join her on [Zoom](#).

### Stalnaker Lecturer 2021: September 23rd Sheslow Auditorium; 6:30pm; [Livestream Available](#)

#### Cut, Paste, Repeat: Satirical Collages from the U.S. Civil War

Maura Lyons, Professor of Art History

#### Lecture Overview

We think of our fraught era as one in which visual satire reigns supreme. But similar strategies were employed more than 150 years ago. In this presentation, Dr. Maura Lyons will explore collages that spoofed leading political and military figures during the U.S. Civil War. These collages, which combine photography and other media and hover between portraiture and caricature, reveal both the power and limitations of "cutting and pasting" during a time of national crisis.

Reception to follow in the lobby; with food/beverage.

### Advising Corner

#### Starfish Progress Survey

The fall progress survey through Starfish is a great way to provide feedback on student performance and direct those students in need of additional resources to their Dean's Office for support. The progress survey will be open from Friday, Sept 17 through Friday, Oct 8.

#### Tutoring Services

[Tutoring services](#) are available for course-based support in the areas of actuarial science, accounting, biology, chemistry, economics, organic chemistry, physics, and math. The resources of the Writing Workshop and Speaking Center are also available to all students in any course.

Students are encouraged to schedule in-person when possible. Virtual options remain available for students who are unable to meet in-person.

#### Writing Workshop

Schedule an appointment at <https://library.drake.edu/writing>

The Writing Workshop's trained student assistants help undergraduates, graduates and law students who are writing papers or need assistance with individual assignments.

#### Speaking Center

Schedule an appointment: Visit <http://library.drake.edu/speaking> to schedule a personal online meeting with a tutor.

Speaking Center tutors have experience and training in speech pedagogy and are prepared to assist students when selecting and narrowing topics, organizing ideas, drafting, and revising an outline, preparing visual aids, and practicing delivery. The Speaking Center's staff also facilitates access to research and resources that can help speakers and presenters.

#### If you are an advisor to first-year student(s):

In February 2020, Faculty Senate approved a University-wide policy requiring "all first-year students [...] to have a meeting with a faculty advisor during the semester, preferably sometime before fall and spring registrations." This is now accomplished through an assignment in Bulldog Foundations, which is a mandatory course for all incoming first-year students. In the next few weeks, your first-year advisees will contact you to schedule a meeting. As a part of the Bulldog Foundations assignment, they are supposed to come up with at least three questions to ask and meet with you to discuss the upcoming registration.

#### A&S Dean's Emergency Fund for Students

If you are working with a student in need of one-time emergency aid to support their educational expenses, please direct them to fill out [this form to apply](#) for the A&S Dean's Emergency Fund. The fund was created with the generous support of the National Alumni Council to help students with financial assistance in a serious time of need. This fund is intended to be a supplemental financial resource when students are unable to meet immediate and essential expenses directly related to their education. Examples of qualifying needs include, but are not limited to textbooks, supplies, instruments, or equipment required for Drake courses.

### In Memoriam: Dr. Robert Schultz

Dr. Robert R. Shultz, 102, passed away on September 16, 2021 at Deerfield Retirement Community in Urbandale, Iowa. He joined the faculty at Drake University in Des Moines and taught piano and theory from 1946 until his retirement in 1984, serving part of that time as Assistant Dean for the Music Department.

Bob served as president of the Iowa Music Teachers Association and Civic Music Association, and was on the board of directors for the Des Moines Symphony. The Iowa Music Teachers Association awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 1983. The Music Teachers National Association awarded him the Iowa Foundation Fellow Award in 2015. Bob was an adjudicator for piano competitions, a piano tuner, a woodworker, and built Mozart pianos and an arpsichord. He wrote the manual, "The Pianoists Interpretation of Bach," used by many teachers and students.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

### Faculty Spotlights

Congratulations to **Klaus Bartschat** on receiving a three-year \$300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for his project entitled "Photon- and Electron-Driven Atomic Collision Processes: General Theory and Accurate Numerical Calculations". The funds are provided by NSF's Directory of Mathematical and Physical Sciences in the area of Bartschat's research, Molecular, and Optical Physics.

Bartschat's research work has been funded continuously by the NSF since 1991. This project deals with the interaction of light (mostly lasers) and charged particles (mostly electrons) with atoms and ions. The results are not only of importance for the understanding of fundamental collision dynamics on the submicroscopic scale, but also fulfill the urgent practical need for accurate atomic data to model the physics of stars, plasmas, lasers, and planetary atmospheres.

The funds will be used to further support Bartschat's research group, in particular the current post-doctoral researchers Kathryn Hamilton and Esteban Goetz. In addition, several undergraduate students have the opportunity for research participation. The group collaborates extensively with researchers in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

### Important Action Items:

#### Sabbatical and COVID Course Release Applications

Those who are eligible to apply for sabbaticals in AY 2022-23 have been notified. Sabbatical applications are due to Kayla Jenkins by **November 1st**, with your department chair cc'd.

As a reminder, faculty who taught in 2019-20 who have not taken a COVID course release still have the option to take two course releases in the next six years or to shorten their sabbatical clock by one year. [COVID Course Release Applications](#) are due to Kayla Jenkins by **December 1st** with the chair's section completed.

#### Friends of Drake Arts Grants

We are now accepting applications for Friends of Drake Arts faculty grants. These grants can be used for scholarship and artistic endeavors (such as supplies). Applications should include a description of the activity, a timetable, and a budget. Deadline to apply for funding in the spring semester is due November 1. Please send the FDA grant applications to Kayla Jenkins.

### Reading Corner

- ["Let's Not Return to Normal When the "New Normal" Arrives"](#)

### A&S Events

The full calendar is located at <calendar.drake.edu>.

- September 30-October 3: Drake Theatre presents *Medea*. Written by Euripedes, translated by Rex Warner, Directed by Michael Rothmayer. Coleman Studio Theatre, times vary. [Tickets located here](#).
- October 1: Jazz I and Jazz II Concert; 7:30pm, Turner Jazz Center

### A&S Important Dates

The full calendar is located [here](#).

- October 1
  - P&T Candidate 2021 recommendations due to the Dean
  - Intent to apply for promotion to professor in Fall 2022 due to Dean/Chair
- October 20
  - Midpoint of the semester
- October 25
  - Midterm grades due by 10 a.m.
  - Last day for student major/minor changes before registration

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