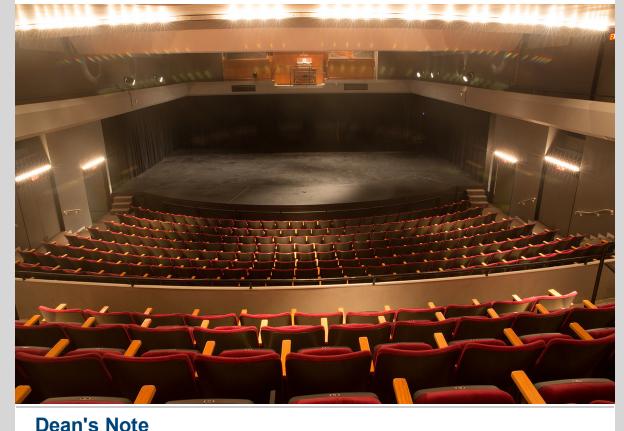




College of Arts & Sciences

A&S Newsletter

January 7, 2019



Happy New Year 2019! I hope you all had a restful break filled with joy and peace. I certainly did, even though I am somewhat in trouble with my kids whom I had promised a white Christmas

in Iowa to sweeten the move...Oh well, there is still the chance for snow days! The fall semester ended on a high note. We finalized three tenure-track searches (Choral Director, ENSS and Computer Science) and one visiting position. In the coming weeks we hope to wrap up searches in American Politics, English, Theatre, Math and Violin. We are also entering the next stage in the admission cycle, hoping to bring as many visitors to campus and to turn admits into registered students. J-Term classes begin today, and I wish those of you who teach a good start, wherever you are. The list of travel seminars is impressive! If you are on campus, stop by FAC sometime for a chat—I'd love to hear from you. I understand January is somewhat quieter here on campus and actually the time to get stuff done! Perfect time also to talk to colleagues we never had the time to connect with during the fall semester—and maybe brain about a big idea to submit (see below!). Let me know what's on your mind, and how I can help to support you. Have a good week! Gesine

A&S All-Faculty Meetings: Fridays, February 15 and April 12th from 2-4pm.

Save the Dates!

A&S Honors Convocation: Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium.

Big Ideas Process Many of you are already talking to each other and hatching big ideas, and I hope A&S will

have been doing (or dreaming to do) for a long time, so now it's about possibly repackaging

these ideas and getting them on the radar of upper level administrators and donors! The Big Ideas initiative asks faculty, staff, and students to identify and propose bold, innovative ideas that build on Drake's strengths to dramatically elevate the University—and to solve some of society's largest challenges.

submit several big ideas for consideration! These big ideas can and should build on what you

feasibility. Submitters will be notified in late winter/early spring if their Big Idea proposal is moving forward. The submission period runs from Jan. 14-Feb. 15, 2019. Big Ideas will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Top selected proposals will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in April. Those ideas that move forward will be developed into 2-3 page whitepapers and tested for external funding

 transformative impact · increases institutional recognition

- · builds off current strengths and potential
- aligns with the continuous improvement plan

· fosters campus collaboration

- For more information on the process and to find planning sheets, please visit the Big Ideas

Faculty Spotlights Maria Valdovinos, professor of

webpage. On January 14th, the planning sheet will be replaced with the submission form.

Maria helped found the graduate program at Drake in Applied Behavior Analysis, and

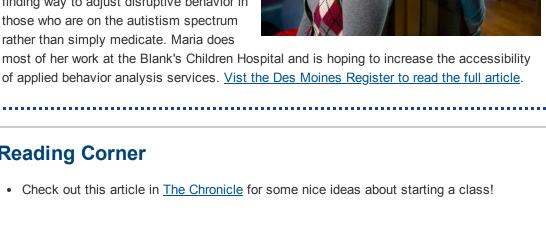
psychology, is one of the Des Moines Register's 15 People to Watch in 2019.

the this MA program will move into the

College of A&S at the end of the spring semester. Maria focuses her work on finding way to adjust disruptive behavior in those who are on the autistism spectrum rather than simply medicate. Maria does Reading Corner

Student and Faculty Awards

encourage your students to apply.



February 1st: We have two new forms of research funds for students: the International Travel Fund and the Koch Scholars. Submission Guidelines can be found here. Please

Student Awards:

• February 15: <u>E.A. Sheslow Prize for Distinguished Leadership</u>: For students in their junior year who have demonstrated leadership. April 1: <u>Departmental Award Forms due to college</u>

Consider nominating your colleagues and your students for the following awards:

Faculty Awards · February 11: Levitt Mentor of the Year: For faculty and staff to recognize their commitment to

February 15: A&S Outstanding Teacher of the Year: for faculty who go beyond the call of duty • June 1: Brown University's Lynton Awards: For pre-tenure faculty who connect their teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

February 15: Distinguished Engagement: For staff and faculty who are engaged in the community

February 11: <u>Levitt Teacher of the Year:</u> For instructors to recognize their teaching excellence

Deadline: February 8, 2019. Submit to Kayla. The Drake Research Grant offers up to \$3,000 to fund activities and materials necessary to support research undertaken by Drake University faculty on continuing appointment:

supplies (including animals), student research assistance, and when central to the research

process, travel associated with research or creative activity.

Grants

Drake Research Grant

The Undergraduate Assistantship Program involves students in project-based collaboration with faculty and/or administrative staff in order to create significant experiential learning opportunities. These opportunities offer student collaborators skills and experiences that will

Undergraduate Research Program

Deadline: February 8, 2019. Submit to Kayla.

Levitt Distinguished Professorship Deadline: February 11, 2019. Submit to Kayla.

The Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished Professorship has long been an important way to recognize and reward superior performance by Drake University faculty members. At this time, we are pleased to announce that one new Levitt Professor will be selected this year.

prepare them to advance in their education or chosen professions, while also offering administrative staff and faculty the chance to work closely with student assistants.

classroom setting and/or mentoring in an experiential learning setting, professional contributions through scholarly activity, demonstrated leadership, consulting activities, and contributions to the mission of the department, college and university.

The criteria for selection includes teaching effectiveness as demonstrated by teaching in a

All of these events are on our new University Calendar at calendar.drake.edu. You can submit

Upcoming Events

Important Dates

an event to this calendar yourself-please do so to spread the news about all the things we • January 24, 25, and 26: Little Women, J-Term Musical. All performances are at 7:30 p.m.

January 7 J-Term Begins January 18 Senior Scholar Status requests due January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; University closed

End of J-Term

Spring 2019 term begins

College elections begin

PARs due to Dept. Chairs

Sabbatical Leave Reports due (for calendar-year sab)

January 28 January 28 January 30

January 25

January 31

Submit News

A&S Newsletters

While we can compile some of this information from reports and official Drake news, we want to be able to share what everyone is doing! Please share your ideas on how to make the newsletter better as well as news around campus. If you or your students are doing something really exciting, SUBMIT YOUR NEWS!

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