

# A&S Newsletter

November 5, 2018



## Note from the Dean

Dear colleagues,

I hope your week is off to a good start. Our community is still hurting from the tragic death on our campus one week ago, and I thank you for the support you have given our students and each other. The next two and a half weeks are going to be busy ones, before we finally get a breather over Thanksgiving holiday (I always think Thanksgiving comes way too late in the semester!!) Check out below the amazing things your colleagues and students have done, and what A&S has in store for this week. Truly inspiring and energizing!

I will hold open office hours this week Thursday, from 2:30-4:30 in the Library Café. Stop by if you wish to have a more informal and unscheduled conversation.

Have a good week!

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## Stalnaker Lecturer 2019

On November 2nd, Robert Craig, professor of art, gave his Stalnaker Lecturer on *Engaging the Physical World: Making Objects*.

During the event, Tim Knepper, professor of philosophy, was announced as the Stalnaker Lecturer for 2019. Congratulations Tim!

The Stalnaker Lecture was established to honor the memory of Luther W. Stalnaker, who served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1941 to 1954. Gifts from the Stalnaker family and emeriti faculty endowed the series, and it receives continuing support from the College of Arts and Sciences.

[Visit this link to listen to the lecture.](#)

Also announced at the event was the 2018 Humanities Center Research Scholar, who is Eric Saylor, professor of music history.

## A&S All Faculty Meeting-November 30th

The next A&S All Faculty Meeting is going to be held on November 30th from 3-5pm in Levitt Hall. Topics to be discussed will be included in a later newsletter. Food, wine, and beer will be provided.

## Need to propose a new J-Term for 2020?

Proposals for Travel Seminars for January 2020 are due December 6th. The process has moved [online](#). Please note that all proposals start with a meeting with Maria Rohach. There will be a meeting about travel seminars on November 14th from 2:15-3:15 pm in the Drake International Conference room (1213 25th Street).

## "Leaves of Loss, Leaves of Wisdom"

Students, faculty, staff, and community members will have the opportunity throughout today to add to the installation in the Scott Chapel by writing words of wisdom on a fallen leaf. The writing prompt is simple: where do you turn when you've been dealt a heavy loss? What music, what verse, or aphorism helps you work your way through the thicket of pain called grief?

The chapel will be open all day, with leaves and markers provided, or visitors may bring their own leaves. At 7:00 p.m., our campus will come together outside of Scott Chapel to allow community members to speak in remembrance of those we have lost.

## Upcoming Events

All of these events can be found on our new University Calendar at [calendar.drake.edu](#). Any person on campus can submit an event to this calendar. Simply login with your Drake ID and select "Submit an Event." Please note that these have to be approved and may take longer than a day to appear on the calendar.

### November

- November 8-17: International Education Week. There are several events included in this week, including a lecture on urban spaces, a photo contest and an open house for Drake International. For a full list of events, visit: <https://calendar.drake.edu/iweek>
- November 9: Humanities Colloquium: Diego Zavala; Tecnológico de Monterrey, Guadalajara campus, "The Chachachá Boys: Operational Aesthetics and Transnational Film."
- November 9, "Our Town: Reclaiming the Narrative," curated by Lenore Metrick-Chen has their Gallery opening from 5-7pm.
- November 10th at 7:30 and November 11th at 3pm: "Dona nobis pacem" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Performed by all three Drake choral ensembles and a faculty/student orchestra. [Tickets can be bought online.](#)
- November 15-18: "Nice Work If You Can Get It," Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, Directed by Erin Horst. [Tickets can be bought online or at the Fine Arts Box Office.](#)
- November 16: Anderson Gallery presents a lecture from Joshua Barr, Director of the Des Moines' Civil and Human Rights Department.

## Meet the New Faculty

### Ellie Falter, Assistant Professor of Music Education

Ellie Falter comes most recently from Boulder, CO, where she earned her Ph.D. in Music Education. She previously taught PK-8th grade general music and 4th-8th grade band on the Onondaga reservation in central New York; 1st-5th grade orchestra in the Syracuse City School District; and PS-5th grade in Washington, D.C. Her diverse teaching experiences taught her to value the role of play in how students of all ages learn and make music their own. She engages in qualitative, quantitative, and historical research to develop understanding of young children's musical play and development; and teacher education.



## Faculty Spotlights

In October, Professor Amahia Mallea's first book was published by the University Press of Kansas. *A River in the City of Fountains: An Environmental History of Kansas City and the Missouri River*, proves that "having one's mind in the gutter" can lead to a career. The research for the book began with a reference to sewage in the Missouri River and developed into an urban environmental history of the Kansas Cities. Famous for its fountains (only Rome, Italy, has more), Mallea shows that every fountain is a celebration of the inextricable history of the Kansas Cities and the Missouri River and a reminder that the river daily runs through the city and its residents--from drinking water pipes to sewers.

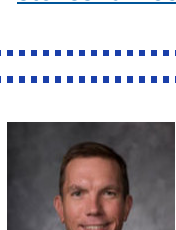


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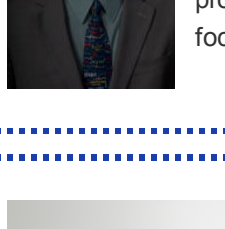
A podcast series designed by sociology professor Darcie Vandegriff profiling young adult thinking in civic engagement recently was published on all major podcasting outlets. Created by university students from the United States and Palestine, PAYCE Stories premiered two seasons of episodes. The first season feature stories about young adults in Des Moines, including several drake students. Drake story creators are also featured in the series.



To view the podcasts, visit: <https://open.spotify.com/show/0NZmae4Jb5M90ZyVIFxo4M?si=03rztcoLSLeGJINTHO7QKQ> or <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/payce-stories/id1438045374?mt=2>



Mark Vitha, Windsor Professor of Science, recently published a book titled *Spectroscopy: Principles and Instrumentation* (John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2018). The work complements his book published in 2016 titled *Chromatography: Principles and Instrumentation*. The books are intended to provide informative and affordable texts to be used in undergraduate courses focused on chemical instrumentation and grow out of his research interests.



Kevin Carlson, assistant professor of kinesiology, obtained support from the ISGC Faculty Research Innovation Program. His research interests are in biomechanics/kinesiology/anatomy as it relates to efficient and effective human movement. The title of the Research Innovation Collaboration grant is "An examination of the application of the XSens motion capture system for use in human movement education prior to, during, and following space travel." He will visit the Johnson Space Center and Glenn Research Center to explore potential collaborations with NASA researchers and learn about the Human Research Program, Human Health Countermeasures, and Exercise Countermeasures Lab at NASA.

Joseph Schneider, Study of Culture and Society, recently published the following papers: "New Media Pharmacology: Hansen, Whitehead, and Worldly Sensibility," *Theory, Culture & Society*, online version 110418 at DOI: 10.1177/0263276418806994; "Spector and Kitsuse's 'Radical' Theory of Social Problems, Forty Years On" (in Italian, online) *Società Mutamento Provocata*; "Making Claims, Making Problems, Making Morality: Spector and Kitsuse's Provocation," *The American Sociologist*, online version 090618 at DOI: 10.1007/s12108-018-9390-4.

## Student Spotlights

Lindsay Finnell (ENS) – Successfully obtained two grants for the Sprout Garden:

- \$1000 from Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation
- \$1165 from United Way of Central Iowa's 2018 community gardens mini grant

Grace Baumgartner (ENS) – Completed a project under contract to the Practical Farmers of Iowa organization on bird populations in pastures managed under a rotational grazing model. The results can be viewed at:

<http://www.practicalfarmers.org/farmer-knowledge/research-reports/2017/monitoring-birds-rotationally-grazed-pasture-2017-update/>

## Upcoming Due Dates

- November 15** Second-year faculty reviews due to Dean  
Second round of Travel Grant Applications due
- November 20** Thanksgiving recess begins after evening classes
- November 21-23** University closed beginning at noon

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## A&S Newsletters Update

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!