

A&S Newsletter

September 9, 2019



Dean's Note

Dear all,

I hope the first two weeks of classes went well for you. By now all students' schedules are set and routine has replaced the creative chaos of the beginning of the semester. I hope you are still in the "honeymoon" phase with your students, when no grades have been given and no major assignments are due yet. I am excited about the possibilities of the new academic year! Committees have had their first meetings, with new members and renewed energy. Taskforces have met and will soon provide recommendations on how to count the workload of Independent Studies, Undergraduate Research and Internship supervision. Another group of faculty reviewed the chairs' workload, and has come up with a sensible and adaptive work evaluation system. I am grateful for a group of faculty who has started to review best practices in advising for Pre-med students. GCPH has a new governance structure, the Humanities Center is now directed by Leah Kalmanson, Craig Owens took over the rudder of the Center for Teaching Excellence, and Ann Cravero is the new chair of A&S Council. Cabinet has met for the first time to set the agenda for the year, P&T mapped out its calendar for their reviews, and the 11 (!) search committees have begun the search process. The job ads are finalized and most have gone live! And this is just a small part of the many committees, initiatives and taskforces that you are all part of. Wow!

On top of all this, the first admission events for the next recruitment cycle have already taken place. The chase has started all over again! I am confident that we will entice 390 students to come to Drake next year, and I am excited about the new strategies and tactics that we will use. In our Strategic Recruitment Plan that I presented to Presidents' Council a few weeks ago, I talked about our goals and the tactics we'll employ. In addition to continuing our well-oiled current recruitment strategies we will focus on areas where we have opportunities and can grow. Take Political Science, for example. This is the year of American politics, especially in Iowa, and we want to ride this exciting wave and establish Drake as the place to study politics. Have you seen the new sign on the glass wall of Meredith? We will also increase our efforts to bring more students to Kinesiology, entice students and parents to come to Drake in a variety of Pre-med majors, with attractive pathways and accelerated options. We will market our new ABA graduate program, and we will try a little harder to attract more students to what is already our biggest major among First Year Students: OPNL. We will do all of this in close collaboration with the team in Admissions and in Marketing, but we will only be successful if we showcase what really distinguishes us: our faculty! As the yield data from admission events this past year demonstrates, students will decide to come to Drake after they talk to you, after they meet with you individually in your office or research lab, after they get to ask you questions during a phone conversation, and after they hear directly from you about the learning opportunities, the career possibilities, and the internship offers.

I look forward to seeing you at our all-faculty meeting on September 20, where we will talk about the A&S Recruitment Plan 2020, discuss goals for the year, share ideas on how to increase equity and inclusion in our classrooms, and socialize with each other—with new faculty and with seasoned faculty. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 20 from 2-4pm!

I am finishing these notes with greetings from Paris, where I am participating in the Rural History conference, an international meeting that promotes the study of agriculture, food and rural society. Have a good week and enjoy the beautiful late summer days. Who ever said the weather in the Midwest is bad? I love it!!!

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Join Us for the Following Events

Please join us for the following events in the fall semester:

A&S All-Faculty Meeting : September 20th from 2-4pm in Levitt Hall**Stalnakar Lecture** : October 24 at 6:30pm in Sheslow Auditorium. Lecture is by Professor Tim Knepper.

Advising Corner

Advising Workshop : The advisor training session for second-year tenure-track faculty is on Thursday, September 19th, 2-3pm in FAC 268 (A&S Dean's conference room). We are extending an open invitation to all A&S faculty to join in having a "refresher" on general University policies and procedures as related to advising. Please email [Natalie Bayer](mailto:Natalie.Bayer@drake.edu) if you are interested in joining this event.

Meeting with Advisees: If you serve as advisors this semester, please send an email message to welcome your entering first-year advisees, providing them with information about your office location and office hours, and inviting them for a meeting individually or as a cohort. Send a similar message to continuing advisees, welcoming them back. Sent early in the semester, your messages will hopefully help cultivate a sense of belonging and aid in creating meaningful connections with your advisees for the rest of the academic year.

When you meet with your advisees, please emphasize relevant academic deadlines (all of which can be found on the [Registrar's academic calendar](#)).

The deadline to drop a course is Monday, Sept 9 at 11:59 p.m. Following the end of the drop period, an add/drop form is required for schedule changes.

Early Alert and Validation: If you have any student concerns, please use Starfish (linked through MyDrake faculty and advising tools) or the [early alert form](#). Whatever method you choose, early alerts help identify at-risk students and share that information with advisors and other student support staff on campus. Allowing for timely intervention, this has proven benefits for retention and graduation rates.

If you did not submit your enrollment validation, please confirm the accuracy of your course roster(s) with [Mary Beth Holtey](#).

Deadline for New Courses/Course Changes for Spring 2020

New Course Proposals or Course Changes

Any permanent changes to courses, including new courses (not offered under a Special Topics course) should be submitted using the two forms on the A&S Form page. New courses and course changes for Spring 2020 should be submitted prior to **October 1st** to allow for approval by Curriculum Committee and A&S Council before registration begins. Once registration begins, changes courses can cause complications with a student's schedule (even causing a course to have to be removed from their schedule).



New Faculty Introductions: Maureen Yuen

Canadian-born Maureen Yuen is thrilled to join the dynamic faculty in the Department of Music at Drake University as Assistant Professor of Violin and Viola. She has performed, taught, and adjudicated in North and Central America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. She is a member of the College of Examiners of the Royal Conservatory of Music as well as a senior adjudicator and strings specialist for the Royal Conservatory Music Development Program (formerly the Carnegie Hall Achievement Program). In addition, she has served on the summer faculties of the Schlem International Music Festival in the Italian Alps, the National Music Festival in Maryland, USA, Music/Meadows/Mountains in Washington, USA, and the Rocky Ridge Music Center in Colorado, USA as Artist/Faculty.

Active in chamber music collaborations and coachings, she was a founding member of the English Bay String Quartet, which toured North America and the Caribbean for many years.



New Faculty Introductions: Enes Akbuga

Dr. Enes Akbuga received his Ph.D. degree from Texas State University in Mathematics Education and a B.A. degree in Mathematics Education with a focus on middle school teaching from Hacettepe University in Turkey.

His research interests include student motivation and interest, as well as current teaching practices in postsecondary settings, particularly in calculus. Previously, he worked at the University of Michigan for his postdoctoral training at the School of Education, focusing on high school mathematics teaching.

Dr. Akbuga has taught several undergraduate mathematics courses including Algebra, Calculus sequence courses and Education courses while at Texas State University. Also, during his undergraduate studies, he worked as a middle school mathematics teacher in Turkey.

Eduroam: Drake's new wifi network

ITS has launched eduroam (education roaming), a new wireless network at Drake. Faculty, staff, and students at any eduroam-participating institution can access the eduroam wireless network at over 1000 locations in over 100 countries.

The eduroam network will be replacing both DUStudent and DUFacStaff. DUFacStaff will be phased out on December 31, but we encourage you to switch to eduroam today. Log into eduroam using your Drake email address, rather than your Drake ID number. This ensures that your credentials are passed securely anywhere you connect to the eduroam network.

Learn more at www.drake.edu/its/eduroam/

Reminder: Nominations Were Due September 1st

Please nominate a colleague for one of the three college awards. Nominations for the Stalnakar Lecturer, Centennial Scholar, and Distinguished Engagement Award were due on September 1st. We extend our appreciation for these prestigious awards! We are extending the deadline until September 20th. And, your department will receive \$200 in its operating budget if your nominee is among the awardees! [Here is a link to the application guidelines for all three awards.](#)

Spotlights

Samantha Bayne, senior Law, Politics, and Society and Political Sciences double major, was a guest contributor for the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge; her blog post "From the Classroom to the Polls: The Importance of Student Voting" was published in [Forbes](#).

Reading Corner

My favorite read this summer was [Robert Seethaler, "A Whole Life."](#) This story of a man's relationship with our lives. Landscape and the value of solitude is simple, beautiful and a real escape from our busy lives. And it is a quick read—perfect for a few hours of total getaway (the Alps, anybody?!) without ever leaving our Iowa home.

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!

- September 10: Provost's Drake Social, Ray Promenade, 4-6pm
- September 11: "[Dolores](#)" film screening", Sussman Theater, 5:30pm. Hosted by Women's and Gender Studies and the Chrysalis Foundation about Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the first farm worker's union.
- September 13: "Alternative Possibilities," lecture at Observatory Public Night, 8pm, Drake Municipal Observatory, Waveland Golf Course.
- September 20: "The Human Problem," lecture at Observatory Public Night, 8pm, Drake Municipal Observatory, Waveland Golf Course.

A&S Important Dates

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

- September 9: Last day to drop a class without a "W"
- September 15: Sabbatical Reports are due
- September 20: Spring 2020 schedule entry completed to be reviewed by the A&S Dean's Office
- October 1
 - P&T Candidate 2019 recommendations due to the Dean
 - Intent to apply for promotion to professor in Fall 2020 due to Dean/Chair
 - Friends of Drake Arts grant applications due (Fine Arts Faculty only)

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