

# A&S Newsletter

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## Dean's Note

Dear all,

Mid-term is a particularly busy time, and this semester is more than living up to that reputation. We have our most prestigious event coming up this week—the Stalnaker lecture on Thursday evening with 2020 lecturer Sandi Patton-Imani. Please join us! No need to go out into the cold night for this, you can watch the lecture from your cozy living room since it is going to be a live event on MS Teams. Just click the link below at 6:30pm on Thursday. President Martin will join us and give the welcoming remarks, and Tim Knepper will introduce our esteemed colleague. And of course the 2021 Stalnaker lecturer will be revealed that night!

We had the first livestreamed choir concert last week conducted by Eric Barnum. Check out the link below to hear the beautiful voices and to see how the choir is spaced out all over Sheslow auditorium. Despite social distancing requirements and other tech challenges, the concert turned out just beautifully. Performing live choir music at this time makes Drake truly unique—a good piece of information for any conversation with prospective students!

Check out the other deadlines that are coming up. Sabbatical applications are due in our office on November 2nd. Anybody interested in teaching in the new Bright College will need to contact Craig Owens by November 2nd. Applications for a course release in 2021-22 to compensate for the extra class preparations during the pandemic are due December 1st. These course releases will need to be discussed and planned for at your department level so they can be spread out over the next few years. We'll send out an application form in the next week. And finally, registration for spring is starting on November 2nd. Thank you for offering additional J-Term classes for first year students! These special learning opportunities will help first year (and other) students stay connected over the long break. Our goal is to retain every single student!

Drake has started admitting students for the coming year. Here we go again watching carefully all admission funnel reports and activities! We are off to a good start, with slightly more applications compared to this day last year. A very good sign! We have adjusted recruitment activities and are aiming to provide a highly personalized visit to Drake, even if it is all virtual. Students and their families greatly appreciate the individual conversation with faculty as part of their virtual visit—so thank you for being available for those. STEM and Politics Day were great recruitment successes last year. We are working closely with admissions and many of you to make this experience as meaningful as it was in person. Last year we used digital advertising and social media ads for the first time and with great success. Our "click rate" was phenomenal, so we have allocated additional resources to this strategic recruitment initiative.

Finally, it is a big week for politics. Please note below Rachel's ask for help with early voting activities. I am also grateful for her coaching of how to have civil and respectful political conversations inside and outside the classroom. Good modeling is desperately needed!

Stay warm and safe. Definitely time to get out the winter gear and to drink lots of hot beverages. You know what I'm talking about!

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## Dean's Open Office Hour

The Dean's Open Office Hour will take place on Monday, November 2 from 2:30-4 in the Cowles Library Café and/or Zoom. Please stop by or use [this link](#) to join!

## Stalnaker Lecture 2020: Sandra Patton-Imani

Topic: "Queering Family Trees: Race, Reproductive Justice, and Motherhood."

Date/Time: October 29th, 6:30pm

[Virtual Event](#)

Description: Drawing on research conducted for her newly released book *Queering Family Trees*, Patton-Imani explores what we can learn about family from the lived experience of a racially diverse selection of queer mothers living in US states with contrasting laws about same-sex marriage and adoption. She explores these lives in social, political, and historical context to argue for a necessary shift in the ways we understand what counts as family.



## Advising Corner

### Post Midterm and Registration Advising

As you are meeting with your advisees in preparation for registration and with students in your classes about their midterm grades, please encourage them to seek information about, and make decisions relative to, their academic status. Requests to drop with a W after October 26 should be directed to Associate Dean Natalie Bayer and should be accompanied by evidence of an extenuating circumstance to justify the withdrawal.

- With the Registration starting next Monday, please keep in mind the following:
- The registration times for students are based on earned hours. The registration timeline for Spring 2021 can be found [here](#).
- In general, many practical advising resources can be found at <https://www.drake.edu/registrar/registration/>, including a listing of courses restricted to certain programs during the first two weeks of registration.
- Registration tips and hints to share with your advisees to make the most of an advising session and for students to register themselves for courses: [Registration Guide - Fall 2020.pptx](#).
- If you have first-year advisees, who aren't sure how to navigate registration on MyDusis, please direct them to this "how-to" [registration video](#).
- If you would like to add a waitlist to your class, please reach out to our office.

### Open Hours on Advising

Do you have questions related to academic advising, general graduation requirements, navigating MyDusis in preparation for registration advising, or campus resources to recommend to your advisees but writing yet another email seems like an insurmountable task?

Please join us for drop-in "open hours" for advisors 10-11am on Monday, Nov. 2nd:

- [Mary Beth](#)
- [Alina](#)
- [Natalie](#)

## Important Action Items:

### Sabbatical Applications Due November 2

Sabbatical applications for 2021-2022 are due to the Dean's Office (via [Kayla Jenkins](#)) and your department chair by November 2. The application, eligibility, and review process information is located in the document [here](#). Reminder that full-time faculty may choose to apply for their sabbatical a year earlier than normal if they so desire per the COVID temporary policies (please discuss with your department chair for coverage purposes). If you have questions about your eligibility, please email Kayla.

### Blackboard Ultra Instructor Training

Starting Oct. 27, all faculty will be enrolled in a Blackboard Learn Ultra instructor orientation course to introduce the new features in a scaffolded approach, and to help you transition to creating engaging courses in this new environment. ITS is planning for delivery of four training modules over three weeks this fall.

### Budget Requests

To request funds for attending virtual professional conferences and for materials for teaching blended and/or virtual classes, please fill out the [following form](#) and return to [Ashley Rasmussen](#). Full-time faculty are eligible for up to \$500 in funds for registration to virtual conferences. Requests for teaching materials will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The dean's office will submit requests to the provost's office for final approval.

### COVID-19: University Updates Page

## Socially Distanced Choir Concert-10/18/20

[Watch the concert here and subscribe for future events!](#)



## Volunteer to Facilitate Voting On-Campus

At satellite voting location will be in the Knapp Center from 9-3pm on Wednesday, October 28th. Volunteers are being asked to help with a portion of the day reminding people at the door to wear their masks. Faculty and staff would have no official role in the voting site. Please contact [Rachel Caufield-Paine](#) if you are interested.

## Innovation Studio

The Innovation Studio is now open! Chris Porter and Chris Snider are holding Innovation Hours every Wednesday from 11-1pm in Meredith 124C. [Students can sign up](#) alone or in pairs to learn how to use the Innovation studio equipment, including 3D printing, wood/tile carving machine, button-making, sticker making, and t-shirt making machines.

## Professional and Career Development Services

### Career Information for A&S Majors

### Virtual Events – Use Links to Join

**October 26, 8:00 am:** [Registration opens for the Virtual Diversity Career Fair!](#) (Interested faculty contact Chrystal Stanley)

- 40 organizations are excited to speak with our diverse students. Curious about who should attend? [Check out our Cultural and Identity Based Resources webpage.](#)

**October 27, 5:00-6:00 pm:** [Living, Working and Networking in Dallas-Fort Worth](#)

**October 28, 12:15-1:00 pm:** [Mayo Clinic Graduate and Professional Level Programs Info Session](#)

**October 28, 1:00-4:00 pm:** [Virtual Drop in Resume Critiques for Diversity Fair](#) Sponsored by F&G Annuities & Life

- Prepared your resume to impress at the Virtual Diversity Career Fair.

**October 29, 4:00 pm:** [Making the most of the Virtual Diversity Fair info session](#) Sponsored by F&G Annuities & Life

- Join the PCDS staff and representatives from F&G Annuities and Life to learn what it take to stand out at a virtual career fair.

**October 30, Noon:** [Pre-Med Overview Session](#)

- Are you on the pre-medical track? We will cover what types of courses, resources, and timelines you need to consider to be "on-track."

## A&S Diversity and Inclusion Webpage

The [College of Arts & Sciences Diversity and Inclusion website](#) provides information and resources for students, faculty, and staff. This site includes links to campus-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, information about Drake's Equity Action Partners, and a list of resources for creating an inclusive classroom learning environment. The A&S Diversity Committee welcomes question and comments related to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the College. There is a link on the website that will take you to a space where you can anonymously submit your questions or comments. The Diversity Committee will review and address these submissions.

## Reading Corner

Some food for thought on virtual advising...["Is Virtual Advising Here to Stay?"](#) from the EAB and [this article](#) was published in the NYT this morning.

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## Upcoming Events

- October 27: [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Issues in the Science and Chemistry Education](#). Chemistry Education Research Webinar series; 3pm PST
- October 29: [Stalnaker Lecture](#): Sandra Patton-Imani

## A&S Important Dates

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

- November 2: [Sabbatical Applications for FY22](#) due to Kayla Jenkins
- November 2: Spring Registration Begins
- November 15: 2nd Year faculty reviews due to the Dean