



## A&S Newsletter

April 12, 2022



### Dean's Note

Dear colleagues,

I caught myself dreading to turn on the radio this morning. The news from Ukraine are getting worse every day. Horrific accounts of attacks on civilians, of mass graves, of women and children trying to get out of encircled and bombarded cities. Millions of refugees across Europe. Russian troops preparing for a massive attack. What will happen? How the world has changed in the last six weeks. This kind of war in the middle of Europe seemed a distant memory. The world sees what is happening in real time, uses strong words to condemn the brutality, has stepped up economic sanctions and support, but the events seem to unfold and the intensification of war appears unstoppable. As a historian, we examine the past, and hope that knowledge can help us understand the present. I am grateful for our colleagues in international relations, comparative politics and history, for holding another panel on Ukraine to provide context and offer an analysis. For bringing the voices of civilian victims to our campus community (see the details of the two events below). How do we keep going in the midst of these horrific news?

It is the small and larger things that keep us going at work. The preparation for a class, the excitement during admission day, the acceptance of a research paper. The quick response to any acts of exclusion on campus, the showing of allyship. The collegiality during an in-person meeting, the cookies somebody brought. Oh, and the chat over coffee during office hours!

We have just a few weeks of the semester left. It is crazy busy, but there are lots of things on the calendar to look forward to. Honors Convocation on April 21! A&S Social at Jasper Winery on May 1! Graduation on May 15! Final paper and poster presentations, senior recitals, awards announcements. Lots to celebrate in the Arts & Sciences!

Take care,  
Gesine

### Dean's Open Office Hours

Gesine will hold open office hours on Tuesday, April 19, 4-5pm, in the Olmsted Café or on [Zoom](#). No appointment needed.

### Ukraine Follow-Up Panel

Please join faculty from the Department of Political Science and the Department of History for a second panel discussion about the ongoing war in Ukraine. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 12:30 - 1:45 in the Reading Room at Cowles Library. The Iowa United Nations Association will be streaming the event on Facebook Live.

Panelists include: Amir Busnov, Rob Collis, Debra DeLaet, David Skidmore and Kieran Williams.

Our follow-up panel on April 13 will be particularly focused on international security and international law concerns related to the war in Ukraine. Panelists will make brief introductory remarks, and a majority of our time will be devoted to audience questions and discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

### Ukrainian Voices Event

April 19th, 1-2:15 pm HI 134 and on Zoom (<https://drake-edu.zoom.us/j/81937085671>; Meeting ID: 819 3708 5671).

Dr. Robert Collis (History) is spearheading an event, with the support of the Drake University Center for Teaching and Research in the Humanities, in which several Ukrainians will join us by Zoom to tell us of their experiences of the Russian attack and occupation of their country. This is an opportunity for you and your students to hear first-person living history from people close to these events.

### Fulbright Finalists

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is an international educational exchange program that offers finalists a federally funded grant and the opportunity to spend a year researching, studying, or teaching abroad. Fulbright recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated service and leadership potential in their fields.

Please join us in congratulating these students! All four of them worked diligently on their applications last summer and fall, and they've waited patiently since submitting in early October to learn the final decision.

This year's Fulbright finalists include:

#### Finalists:

- Emily Kellogg (SoE, Elementary Ed major; Spanish minor), Spain ETA
- Katie Lajoie (A&S, IR & Spanish majors; French minor), Mexico ETA
- Kathryn Wagner (A&S, IR major; Japanese and East Asian Studies minor), Taiwan ETA

#### Alternate:

- Ben Schultz (A&S, Philosophy & LPS major; German minor), Belgium ETA

For more information about the Fulbright Program, visit <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright>.

### Poetry Reading

[The Susan Glaspell Writers and Critics Series](#) is excited to invite you to our final event for the academic year, a **Poetry Reading event w/ Anthony Cody**.

**Event Information:**

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:00pm**

**Cowles Library Reading Room.**

Anthony Cody is an acclaimed poet from Fresno, California. His debut book of poems, [Borderland Apocrypha](#) (2020) won several national awards including an American Book Award (2021) and was a finalist for the National Book Award and PEN America/Jean Stein Award. Cody's book of experimental and visual poetics explores state-sanctioned violence and the "silenced histories of borderlands."

Those with an interest in the meeting of history and literature, in poetry, in visual and experimental writing, in the American West and Southwest, in Mexican-American and border literature, and in literary engagement with racial injustices are especially encouraged to attend.

*This series is additionally sponsored by the Drake English Department and made possible by a grant from the Drake University Center for the Humanities. This event is free and open to the campus and to the public. Please plan to bring a mask to this indoor event.*

### Advising Corner

#### Registration:

Registration for summer, fall and J-Term classes determines yesterday, April 11th. Your advisees can view the registration schedule and determine when they become [eligible to register](#) for summer 2022, fall 2022, and J-term 2023 classes.

#### Change of Record Form (Please recycle any paper forms you may have):

If you're working with an advisee needing to make an update to a major/minor/concentration, please encourage them to complete the change of record request found at MyDrake > Student Records Tab > Change of Record Request. Completion of this form will send a message to the Registrar's Office who will update the student's record. The Dean's Office will then make an advisor assignment.

#### Financial Holds:

Advisees with financial holds on their accounts are urged to contact [stuacct@drake.edu](mailto:stuacct@drake.edu) to determine if a hold can be lifted to allow registration. Small holds may be eligible for a temporary lift to allow registration.

#### Course Overrides:

To assist students needing an override(s) to add your course(s), keep in mind the steps for setting a registration override – MyDrake > SelfService > Student Advising > My Advisees > Advisee Search > Registration Overrides. From here, remember you may need to set more than one override to allow a student's registration.

### Reading Corner

Here is a piece from *The Chronicle* that many of us might find relevant: [A 'Stunning' Level of Student Disconnection](#).

### A&S Events

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

- Music and the Great War Recital: April 12 at 7:30 pm at Patty and Fred Turner Jazz Center
- *Le Nozze Di Figaro* opera April 23 at 7:30 pm & 24 at 2:00 PM. Buy ticket [here](#).

### A&S Important Dates

- Student Honors Convocation: April 21st at 6:00 PM at Sheslow Auditorium
- 19th Annual DUCURS Thursday, April 21st from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Olmsted Center
- Drake Relays : April 27 - 30
- End of the Year Celebration for faculty and staff (and families) on Sunday, May 1st, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Jasper Winery.

Submit News