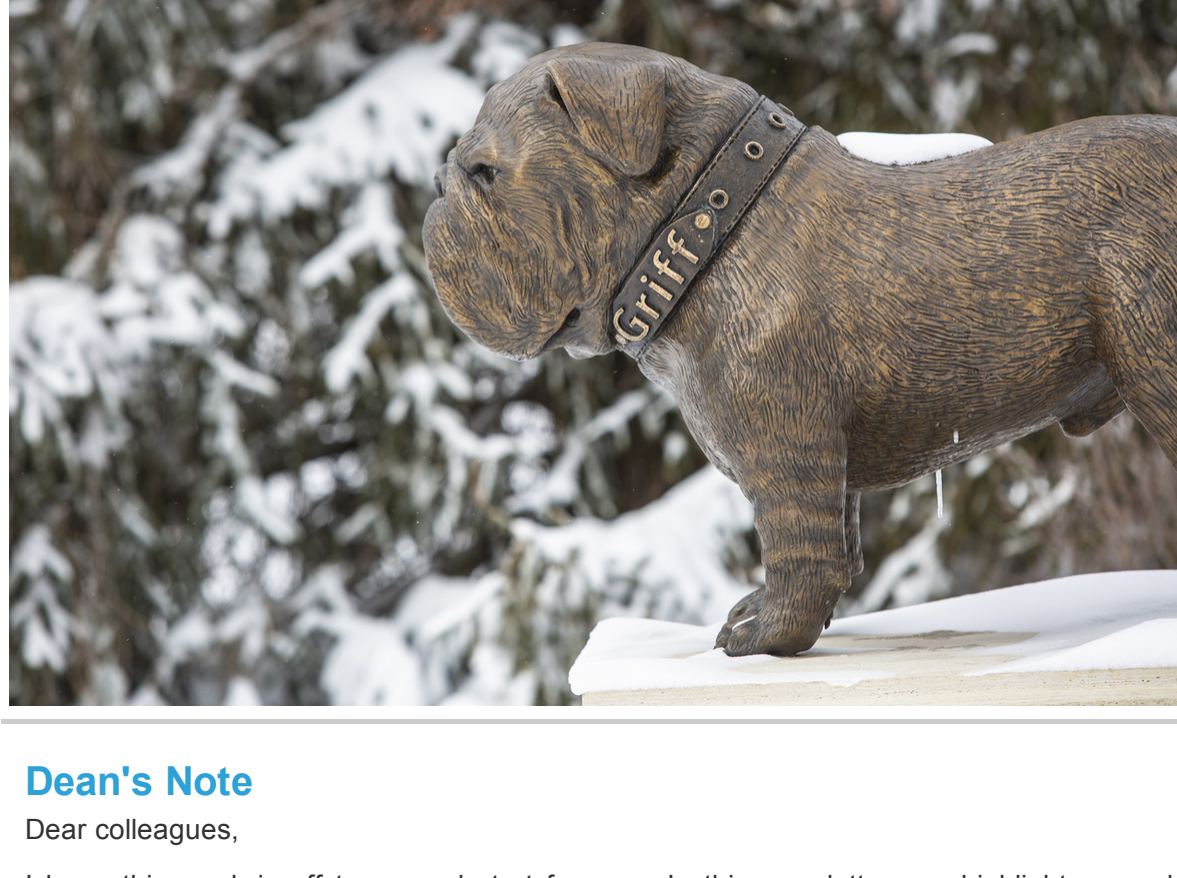


## A&S Newsletter

February 21, 2023



### Dean's Note

Dear colleagues,

I hope this week is off to a good start for you. In this newsletter, we highlight several funding opportunities still available for this fiscal year. Please check out the various links below and submit your application! We still have college funds left to support your travel to present or attend a professional conference (up to two conferences this year.) We also have added another round of faculty development grants. Send in your proposal to Karla by March 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of these grant opportunities! FDG grants can support your artistic and scholarly projects as well as the development of online courses or other teaching innovations. Please remember that all monies have to be spent before June 30. In addition to A&S funding opportunities, we have listed below grant funding available through the Deputy Provost Office and the Office of Global Engagement. And finally, here is a heads-up on two summer grant writing workshops that will be co-organized with the grants office. Mary Pat Wolford will offer targeted grant writing workshops for faculty in the natural sciences and in the humanities/social sciences. Arts & Sciences will provide stipends for faculty attending these workshops over the summer. Stay tuned for more details in one of our next newsletters!

February has been a busy month, and there are only a few moments to catch our breaths before spring break. We are closing in on our fourth tenure track hire, and are bringing to campus candidates for three more tenure track positions in the next couple of weeks. Fingers crossed they will all be successful! We have also posted three new VAP positions, in additions to renewing contracts for several continuing visiting assistant professors.

Recruitment activities are filling our calendars, and they take on a new level of intensity as we try to close in on our goal of 400 EFR in the Arts & Sciences next fall. So far, we are on track, even ahead of last year's numbers (124 confirmed tuition deposits compared to 99 at this time last year). Great job everyone! But we have a long way to go. At the same time, we are strategizing to find effective ways to mitigate any melt, as these strong numbers mean little if we lose students between now and the first week of the semester. Any outreach you can do to students who have already committed to coming to Drake will make a difference. Check in with your chairs or Associate Dean Heidi Sleister for strategies and collaboration on those two fronts. Thank you for all the time you spend on recruiting the next class of Bulldogs!

Check out the articles below on outstanding achievements by your colleagues and students. As always, we have included advising reminders and calendar invites for upcoming concerts, presentations and colloquia. So many events to choose from. Here's to the Arts & Sciences!!!

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### Dean's Office Hours

Dean Gerhard will hold open office hours on Tuesday, January 28, from 3-4pm in HOW 318 and on [Zoom](#). Just stop by --- no appointment needed.

### Faculty Spotlight

Congratulations to our English department in receiving from the National Council of Teachers of English, the **2022 Recognizing Excellence in Art** for Drake University *Periphery Art & Literary Journal*. A special congratulations to faculty advisor **Dr. Carol Spaulding-Kruse** for her mentorship and her encouragement that the journal staff pursue a submission.

Associate professor of Mathematics, **Dr. Maryann Huey**, in collaboration with Ben Schafer and Dean of the School of Education Ryan Wise, were featured in the February edition of [Business Record](#) magazine with their article [Training Tech Teachers](#). Congratulations!

### Student Spotlight

Three of our students have been named Fulbright semi-finalists! Congratulations to our semi-finalists and their faculty mentors!

- **Matthew Jordan** (Philosophy and Religion double major with Japanese minor), a semi-finalist for the **Japan Study/Research** grant
- **Grace Long** (Law, Politics, and Society and Strategic Political Communications double major with Educational Studies minor), a semi-finalist for the **Vietnam English Teaching Assistant** award (ETA)
- **Mel Sadecki** (Biology and Politics double major with Mathematics, Data Analytics, and Human Rights minors/concentrations), a semi-finalist for the **Canada Study/Research** grant.

### Student award nominations due!

#### Jan Fleming Award Applications

The [Jan Fleming Award](#) recognizes a senior fine arts student who, while at Drake University, has demonstrated a commitment to the promotion of fine arts in the community. Senior Fine Arts students should submit the [Jan Fleming Award Application](#) by March 10.

#### E.A. Sheslow Prize for Distinguished Leadership

The Sheslow Prize recognizes the achievements of students in the College of Arts and Sciences who:

- are in their junior year (graduating the following fall or spring semester; students graduating this May are **not** eligible);
- are working toward a B.S., B.F.A., B.M., B.M.E. or B.A. degree to be awarded by the College of Arts and Sciences;
- have demonstrated leadership;
- have a record of performance in student life activities or on- and off- campus employment.

Eligible nominees will be invited to submit a resume, an essay on leadership, and three supporting letters of recommendation. Nominations should be forwarded to [Karla Rincon](#) by March 10.

### Faculty grant opportunities still available!

#### A&S Development Grants Available

We have added another round of [Faculty Development Grants](#) for this fiscal year. Please submit your application to [Karla](#) by March 1.

Planning to attend a second conference this semester? Submit your [travel grant application](#) to Karla as soon as possible.

#### Provost Office Development Grants

[Drake Research Grants](#): These grants are intended to support research and creative activities not already funded by other sources, to jumpstart proposals for external grant seeking, and to provide supplemental funds to ongoing projects as necessary.

[Faculty Development and Enrichment](#): The grants are available to support a variety of development and enrichment activities related to teaching, professional development, leadership development, and collaboration. We prioritize funding that benefits teaching and pedagogy, involves community partners, or engages faculty in developing skills and capacities.

[Drake Undergraduate Student Assistantship](#): These assistantships are funded through matching funds – half comes from your department or college/school, the other half is provided by Student Financial Aid. Applications for these assistantships are due to your college/school Dean by March 18; the deans will rank these applications and forward them to the deputy provost for collaborative determination (with Student Financial Aid) of funding.

#### Grant Support for Open Educational Resources

Cowles Library, with support from the Office of the Provost, is excited to announce another opportunity for full-time Drake faculty interested in using open educational resources (OER) in their courses. OER can benefit students in many ways, including saving money and expediting access. Application and additional details: [Drake Faculty OER 2023 Grant Program](#).

**Deadline:** Applications are due by **Tuesday, February 28th, 2023**. Individuals will be notified of the status of their application by Friday, March 10. Questions? Contact the project leads: [Teri Koch](#) or [Andrew Welch](#).

### Advising Corner

#### Students and Mental Health

Many thanks to Kayla Bell-Consolver and Dr. Greg Lengel for an informative conversation about students' mental health at the latest A&S Faculty and Staff meeting! Kayla's presentation is available [here](#). The University [Counseling Center](#) offers both in person and virtual therapy options. Students now also have free access to telehealth therapy through the University's partnership with [UWill](#).

You can refer students to the Counseling Center on Starfish or let us know about their situation by completing the [Early Alert Referral Form](#).

If you are working with a student who needs regular mental health support outside of the Counseling Center, and they have financial questions about consistent counseling/therapy/psychiatry appointments, Broadlawn frequently helps community members navigate their health insurance, find gap coverage, or community coverage. Students can call Broadlawn at 515-282-2200 and select the Financial/Billing option to speak with someone who can help.

#### Spring Accommodations and Starfish Progress Survey

Spring accommodations have been added to Starfish for any student who has accommodations on file. Accommodations are established each semester on a rolling basis, so your list may change as students work with the SDS Office. Accommodations arranged later in the semester are not retroactive. For instructions on how to access your class roster of students with accommodations, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/drakeaccommodations>.

#### Missed Enrollment Validation

Report student courses to [Alina Grimm](#) or non-science courses to [Mary Beth Holtey](#). If a student didn't truly validate, they should be dropped now and not at the end of the term when grades are due. Failure to drop a student now can mean taking the student to part-time standing at the end of the term and resulting in an (often not helpful) adjustment to their financial aid.

#### Advisees Returning from Suspension Appeal or on Academic Probation

If you have an advisee(s) starting the spring semester having appealed a suspension or returning on academic probation, you would have received an email from Alina Grimm (science students) or Mary Beth Holtey (non-science students) the week of Monday, Feb 6. You can help support these students by reminding them of their academic standing and directing them to view their unofficial transcript. Many students do not consider that the most efficient way to raise a cumulative GPA and return to good standing is to retake coursework at Drake. The full probation and suspension policy can be viewed [here](#).

### Spring 2023 Center for the Humanities Colloquium Series

Join us February 24, 1-2:30pm in Levitt Hall to hear about **Dr. Kieran Williams'** recent study, of the secret police in Communist Czechoslovakia, which appeared as a chapter in the book *Czechoslovakia and Eastern Europe in the Era of Normalisation, 1969–1989*, edited by K. McDermott & M. Stibbe (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022). Dr. Williams will also talk about the practical, ethical and disciplinary dilemmas that arise when working with once-secret sources.

### Reading Corner

"Students, after all, had grown accustomed to a different course format -- and to a whole different set of policies, too." written by Beckie Supiano in the interesting piece [The Changing Classroom](#).

### A&S Important Dates

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

#### February 23:

- Culture and Society Colloquium Series, Reading Room of Cowles Library at 3:30-5:00pm

#### February 24:

- Theatre Productions, Coleman Theatre at 7:30pm
- Center for the Humanities Colloquium Series, Levitt Hall, 1-2:30pm

#### February 28:

- Drake Choir, Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines at 7:30pm

#### March 1:

- Second round of Faculty Development Grants due to the Dean's Office

#### March 10:

- Midpoint of semester

#### March 13-17:

- Spring Break

#### March 24:

- Midterm grades due by 10am

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