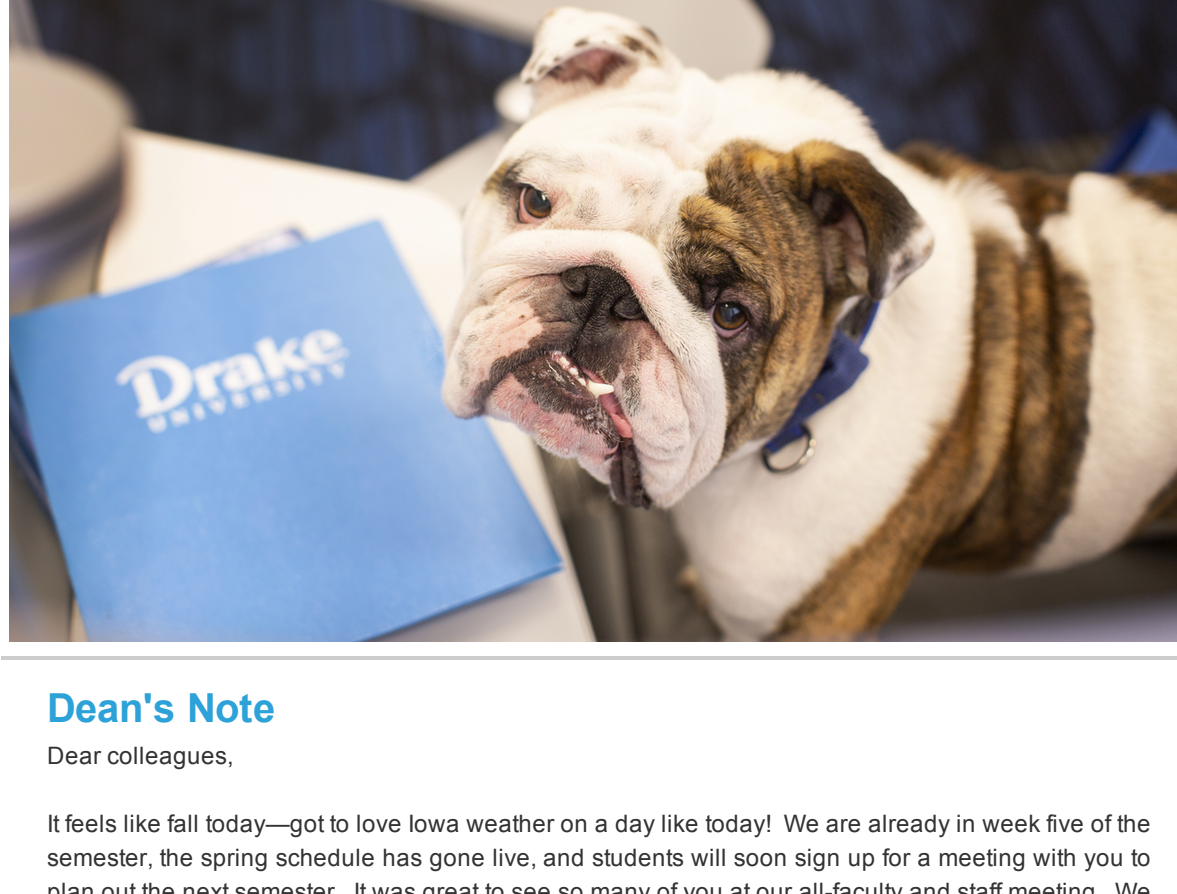




A&S Newsletter

September 27, 2022



Dean's Note

Dear colleagues,

It feels like fall today—got to love Iowa weather on a day like today! We are already in week five of the semester, the spring schedule has gone live, and students will soon sign up for a meeting with you to plan out the next semester. It was great to see so many of you at our all-faculty and staff meeting. We heard an update on The Ones Campaign, but we need more time to share ideas, ask questions and brainstorm new initiatives. To be continued at our next all-faculty meeting! Please also note that meetings have been scheduled for A&S conversations with Provost Mattison and President Martin. These meetings will start in late October and are organized by division. You should have received a calendar invite.

This newsletter contains some important news, a few reminders and upcoming events. Please note that it's not too late to nominate a colleague for the Centennial Scholar Award and the Distinguished Engagement Award. The deadline has been extended until September 28! Our first theatre production of the semester opens this Thursday with Ionesco's "Bald Soprano", and the Comparison Project kicks off its new lecture series on Thursday night.

I have some great news to share. We received a \$1 million deferred gift to establish an endowed professorship, the Mark J. Jarrett Professorship in Physics. Mark is an '84 grad with a BA in Physics, and an active member on the A&S National Advisory Council (NAC). His generous gift will have a lasting impact on our Physics program! So grateful for this large and many other gifts from our donors over the last few months.

I will hold my open office hour today, Tuesday, 3-4pm in the Shloss Lounge on the second floor in FAC, and on [Zoom](#). Stop by or drop in if you like to chat! You can also check out the new furniture—another recent gift from a generous donor.

Have a good week!
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Dean's Office Hours

Gesine will hold open office hours on Tuesday, September 27, 3-4pm, in the Shloss Lounge (FAC) or on [Zoom](#). No appointment needed.

Endowed Professorship in Physics

Mark Jarrett (Physics, '84) has pledged \$1 million to endow the Mark J. Jarrett Professorship in Physics. Mark received his BA in Physics from Drake and MS from Iowa State. Mark Jarrett is a member of the A&S National Advisory Council (NAC) and a highly engaged alumni. His generous gift will provide a faculty salary stipend and research, travel and curriculum support. Thank you to Mark for this amazing recognition and enhancement of our Physics program!

Amira Allen, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology

Amira received her Ph.D. in Sociology with a concentration in Family Studies from Bowling Green State University. She was trained using quantitative methods and has worked with datasets such as the General Social Survey (GSS), American Time Use Survey (ATUS), and the Toledo Adolescents Relationship Study (TARS). Her research focuses on work-family policies that help working parents, racial/ethnic differences in parenting, and gender. As a graduate assistant, she had the opportunity to teach her own courses (intro to sociology and minority groups). Her teaching interests include family, gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, and inequality.

Fun Fact: She has never gone trick or treating.

Peggy Lockhart, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology

Peggy has called Iowa home since 1997. She completed her B.S. at the University of Dubuque then moved to central Iowa for graduate study. Peggy has M.S. and Ph.D. from Iowa State University. She has been an adjunct professor for Upper Iowa University and Central Iowa Community College. Past research has included interviewing centenarians across Iowa as part of the Iowa Centenarian Study at Iowa State University. Peggy has personally interviewed 32 research participants aged 100 and older. She has taught online and in the classroom, and enjoys both. She has also worked in Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Fun fact: She has 56 houseplants and propagates African Violets!

Save the date!

The 38th Annual Stalnak Lecture is right around the corner! Save the date for October 13th, Sheslow Auditorium at 7:00pm. Reception to follow in the lobby.

Rodents and Primates and Bears, Oh My: Reciprocal Influences between Animals and their Environments by Professor **Michael J. Renner**.



Faculty Spotlight

Congratulations to Dr. **Carol Spaulding-Kruse** for being named this year's winner of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction! Her collection *Waiting for Mr. Kim and Other Stories* will be published by the University of Georgia Press in fall 2023. Check out [this article](#) to learn more about the collection and Dr. Spaulding's accolades.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Sydney Dvorak for presenting her research on the structure and function of plant hemoglobin at the International Conference on Oxygen Binding and Sensing Proteins held in Rome, Italy. Sydney gave her presentation together with Dr. Ryan Sturms (Chemistry). Sydney is a Sophomore majoring in BCMB with a double minor in BIO and CHEM. Congratulation, Sydney!



Advising Corner

Proactive Advising

Those of you who are advising first-year students will be getting requests for pre-registration meetings from your advisees. As was the case last year, a mandatory pre-registration meeting is a part of an assessment all first-year students need to complete in Blueprint for Success. Students prepared at least three questions to ask their advisors and will need to submit a reflection assignment about the meeting closer to the end of the semester.

As you are preparing to meet with your advisees, please utilize the A&S Academic Advising Organization on Blackboard. It offers a variety of advising resources in one convenient location.

Upcoming Midterm Grade Entry

Midterm grades are due by 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct 24. Please enter midterm grades for all first-year students. While, ideally, you also will enter midterm grades for all students in your courses, if that is not possible, please be sure to enter midterm grades for those upper-class students with a C, or below, in your courses.

This year, the timely entry of midterm grades will allow students to make decisions on whether to remain in a course(s) before the drop with a W deadline on Wednesday, Oct 26.

As you meet with your advisees, if you receive inquiries about dropping a course with a W and concern that doing so will result in being moved to part-time standing, please reassure the student that dropping with a W will not result in part-time status. Student athletes, international students and those receiving VA. benefits, should be urged to speak to the appropriate office, before seeking a W.

Complete the Progress Survey(s) by Friday, Oct 7

Progress Surveys have proven to be an efficient and effective way to gather valuable faculty input and coordinate early student intervention. The Progress Survey is now open until 10/7/2022 5:00 PM CDT to allow you to choose the best timing for providing feedback. In addition, please note that all the items on this survey, when selected, are visible to students in order to support their ability to take action. You can click [this link](#) to access the survey.

Updated Registration Screens

Drake is continuing to roll out updates to our Self Service system. The next update will be to the registration-related pages, including the schedule of classes, student registration screens, and the course catalog.

On Sept. 27, you will access registration tools, schedule of classes, and course catalog via a new Registration and Schedule link on the Registration card in Self Service or via the Student Profile left navigation menu. We have created numerous registration-related [Knowledge Base](#) articles to help you navigate this change, you can access them [here](#). Students will still be able to access the current Registration pages by clicking the Registration and Schedules (Legacy) link on the Registration card. This link will be available through February 17, 2023.

Faculty and staff will also be redirected to the new Registration landing page to access the schedule of classes and course catalog. If you do not currently see the Registration card in your Self Service screen, click the blue Discover More button. To add the card to your homepage, click the bookmark icon in the upper right corner of the card. Providing registration overrides and viewing your advisees' schedules will remain available in the current Self Service pages. For more information, view the Self Service Knowledge Base articles [here](#).

Title IX Reporting Procedures

Drake offers a number of [prevention and educational resources](#) related to sexual and interpersonal misconduct available to faculty, staff, students, and student organizations. Consider participating in one of the existing programs or speak with any of the following offices about customizing a program for a particular audience or event.

The Comparison Project

This semester features the resumption of our original and core programming, the year dialogue series, with the commencement of a four semester (two-year) lecture on "transhumanism, religion, and digital immortality."

The Comparison Project lecture series explores this and related issues, looking especially at the possibilities and promises of digital immortality, the implications of it for traditional religious philosophies, and constructive and critical responses to it from traditional religious philosophies. The series kicks off with the following events:

9/29, 7:00pm: Seth Villegas, PhD candidate, Boston University

"The Transhumanist Future is Digital"

Olmsted Center, Sussman Theater, Drake University

Do you want to practice your Spanish? Si, por favor!

Come practice speaking in Spanish with conversation facilitators from Bolivia and Argentina. Students, faculty, and staff of all levels are welcome to join Kate and Ana at the at the Cowles Library during the following days and times:

Monday / Lunes 4:30-5:30 pm – Library 234a
Tuesday / Martes 4:30-6:30 pm – Library 234a
Wednesday / Miércoles 6-7 pm Library 045
Friday / Viernes 4:15 – 5:15 pm - Library 045

There are no Conversation Hours during University holidays and finals week. For accommodations or questions email: inbal.mazar@drake.edu

Funding Opportunities for Students

If you have students who need financial support and are not sure what opportunities they can apply to, here are some options:

The [Dean's Emergency Fund](#) is intended to be a supplemental financial resource when students are unable to meet immediate and essential expenses directly related to their education. Examples of qualifying needs include, but are not limited to textbooks, supplies, instruments, or equipment required for your Drake courses. Applications are accepted on the rolling basis.

[Student Travel and Research \(STAR\) Fund](#): Applications for STAR Funds are accepted on a rolling basis, and should generally be submitted at least one month prior to the first date of travel. These funds are reserved for special and significant opportunities that are not part of the regular ongoing academic programming at Drake.

[Friends of Drake Arts Student Travel Fund](#): Fine Arts students majoring in art, music, or theatre are eligible to apply for Friends of Drake Arts STAR funds to support special and significant opportunities that are not part of the regular on-going academic programming at Drake.

If you have questions, email ask.as@drake.edu.

Faculty Development Grants

The College of Arts & Sciences would like to support your teaching and research! A&S Faculty Development Grant applications are due Friday, October 28. Two new funding categories (support for grant writing and developing an online course) and the application form available on our college [website](#).

Reading Corner

"Even as many colleges try to recreate some version of a pre-pandemic environment on campus, they're also navigating issues that have arisen more recently." Read more about [What 'Back to School' Looks Like This Fall!](#)

A&S Important Dates

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

- September 27: Spring 2023 Schedule of Classes available in MyDrake
- September 29:
 - The Bald Soprano, Coleman Studio Theatre at 7:30pm
 - *The Transhumanist Future is Digital* lecture by Seth Villegas, Sussman Theater, 7pm
- September 30:
 - P&T recommendations are due to the Dean
 - Intent to apply for promotion to professor in Fall 2023 due to the Dean and Chair
- October 8: Admissions: Fall Saturday Visit Day
- October 13: 2022 Stalnak Lecture: Michael Renner, Sheslow 7pm
- October 17-18: Fall Break
- October 17: Graduation Applications due for December 2022 graduates

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