

## A&S Newsletter January 2024

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**Nominations for Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award Due Feb. 15. [More Information Here](#)**

### A Note from the Dean

Dear colleagues,

I hope the spring semester is off to a good start for you. The second semester always commences with a bang, there is no grace period after the quietness (and freeze) of January. I love seeing everybody back on campus, the buzz in the hallways and classrooms, the frantic preparation for the first class meetings. Even the Library Café is open again when a caffeine boost is needed! Reach out to your dean's office if there is anything we can do to support your work.

While J-Term was quiet here on campus, I've heard stories about the many adventures January had in stock. I've seen pictures of your J-Term travel seminars (check some of them out below!) and look forward to finding out more about them. There is also no time to rest for faculty and students in the Fine Arts. The Art & Design Department opens their faculty show this week, while the Music Department is getting ready for their annual opera production on February 17 and 18. Secure your tickets for [Die Fledermaus](#) now, it's going to be amazing! It's also that time of the year when we build summer and fall schedules. Changes to the Drake Curriculum approved by Faculty Senate will impact our course offerings for new incoming students. If you get any questions from continuing students about the changes, please reassure them that their current plan of study is still valid—no adjustments are necessary. If they have questions, please encourage them to reach out to their dean's office and advising specialists.

I am thrilled to announce another call for applications for our [A&S Faculty Development Grants](#) and [Faculty Travel Awards](#). We have funds left to support research and development activities taking place yet this fiscal year. We will be able to support reimbursable non-personnel costs—the same rules apply as in the previous round. Submit your application before the March 1 deadline!

Please read on for additional deadlines and advising reminders. We have an all-faculty meeting coming up on February 16th to connect about curricular and program changes. The recruitment cycle is entering its second phase as we aim to turn admitted students into committed Bulldogs. We know that our best chance at that is when we get prospective students to visit campus and meet with faculty, staff and current students. Anything you do to make their visit an exciting and engaging campus experience will greatly increase our yield of students. Thank you for all the work you do recruiting our next class of first year and transfer students!

Please note that my next open office hours are on February 6 from 3-4 PM at Cowles Library Cafe. Stop by if you want to chat. If that time doesn't work for you, please reach out to schedule another time to meet. I look forward to hearing from you.

Good luck with your classes this week!

Gesine

**Gesine Gerhard, Ph.D.**

Dean, College of Arts & Sciences



**Coffee With the Dean:** Gesine will be holding office hours on February 6 and March 6 at the Cowles Library Café from 3-4PM. Come and have a chat and a coffee on Gesine!

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Feb 5** [Qualtrics](#) form due to indicate preferences for the A&S committees for the next academic year

**Feb 7** J-term final grades due by 10:00am

**Feb 15** [First, third, fourth and fifth-year tenure-track faculty reviews](#) due to the Dean

**Feb 15** [Nominations](#) for A&S Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award are due

**Feb 16** Summer and Fall 2024 schedules are due to the Dean's Office

**Feb 16** All Faculty and Staff Meeting, 2:00-4:00pm, Cowles Library Reading Room

**Mar 1** Admissions: Spring Admitted Student Day

**Mar 1** [Travel Grant Applications](#) are due (3rd deadline)

**Mar 1** [Faculty Development Grants](#) are due (2nd round)

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## **It's Election Season!**

**Which college committees would you like to serve on in 2024-25?**

Thank you for serving the college this year! As we prepare for spring elections for next year's A&S P&T, Council, and Cabinet committees, please indicate your committee service preferences (or request to be exempt from committee service) by completing this [very short Qualtrics survey](#) by Monday, Feb. 5.

## **Admissions Highlights for Spring 2024**

In addition to individual prospective student visits this spring, we look forward to welcoming admitted students to campus during Admitted Student Day (ASD) group visits on Fridays (March 1, March 22, April 5, April 12) and Saturdays (April 13, April 20). Thanks in advance for sharing with admitted students the distinctive features of our programs and how we can help them reach their goals. Last spring, 74.5% of students who attended one of the ASDs enrolled at Drake this year!







## JMC Unleashed: Tackling the Complexity of AI

Jennifer McCrickerd was recently featured in Blue Magazine. In the article, ***AI Unleashed--Facing the Tough Questions***, she explores the ways in which AI is changing the academic landscape, her classroom experiences in teaching AI Ethics ("Does the act of learning still matter?") and its place in the history of technological innovations, from the printing press to artificial intelligence, smart devices and ChatGPT. Check out the article [here!](#)

## A Busy J-Term: Highlights from Across Campus and Beyond

Arts & Sciences faculty and students were hopping this J-Term! Our A&S social media intern Rebecca posted a lot of great content about J-Term classes. Travel seminars included Theatre History in London, Heritage and Holocaust in Central Europe, Auditioning in New York City, Zoo Biology in Des Moines and Orlando, Cuba and Mexico: Caribbean Dreams, Art and Anatomy in Renaissance Italy: the Birthplace of Modern Medicine. Rebecca also posted photos of on-campus classes AI Ethics, Textile and Fibermaking, and Bookbinding Workshop.

Check out all details and like us on ArtSci Social Media! [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#)



















## **Our Students are Going Places! \*96.8% Accomplishment Rate for A&S Undergraduates!**

Accomplishment Rate: 96.8% (268/277)- based on information from 92.3% of our Aug. 2022, Dec. 2022, and May 2023 graduates) [National average is 85.7% (based on NACE knowledge of 56.7% of graduates)]

Here's what our A&S graduates are doing: 27.1% continuing education, 64.6% working (91.6% full-time and 8.4% part-time), 0.7% fellowship, 0.7% volunteering, 3.6% not seeking employment, 3.2% still seeking employment.

\*Accomplishment rate is defined as the percentage of graduates who are employed, enrolled in graduate or professional school, involved in an activity related to professional goals (internship, volunteerism, residency, fellowship, or pursuit of second bachelor's degree), or elected not to pursue professional goals at this time.





## Advising Corner

**J-TERM 2024 GRADES:** J-term 2024 grades are due by 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, Feb 7.**

**ADD/DROP DEADLINES:** Students have through 11:59 p.m. **Sunday, Feb 4** to add a course and through 11:59 p.m. on **Sunday, Feb 11**, by which to drop a course (without a W). If a student adds your course to their schedule, you will receive an automated confirmation email. Likewise, if a student drops your course, you will receive an automated confirmation email.

If you are allowing a student to add your course after Feb 4, **the student must use the [add/drop form](#) to add your course.** Once completed, the form should be directed to [studentsupport.as@drake.edu](mailto:studentsupport.as@drake.edu)

**REGISTRATION OVERRIDES:** You can complete registration overrides for students seeking a seat in your course. Please see these [instructions](#) on setting overrides. In some instances, a student may need more than one override, i.e., a pre-requisite is not met and the course is closed; both overrides need to be set to allow the student's registration. Setting registration overrides helps students to add coursework over weekends and afterhours, so as to have more immediate access to Blackboard materials. Setting the override does not register the student. The student must still take action to register by entering the course CRN. If you have a course(s) with a waitlist, please be mindful in allowing other students into that course as a seat offer(s) may have been extended. You do not wish to exceed the seating capacity in your classroom.

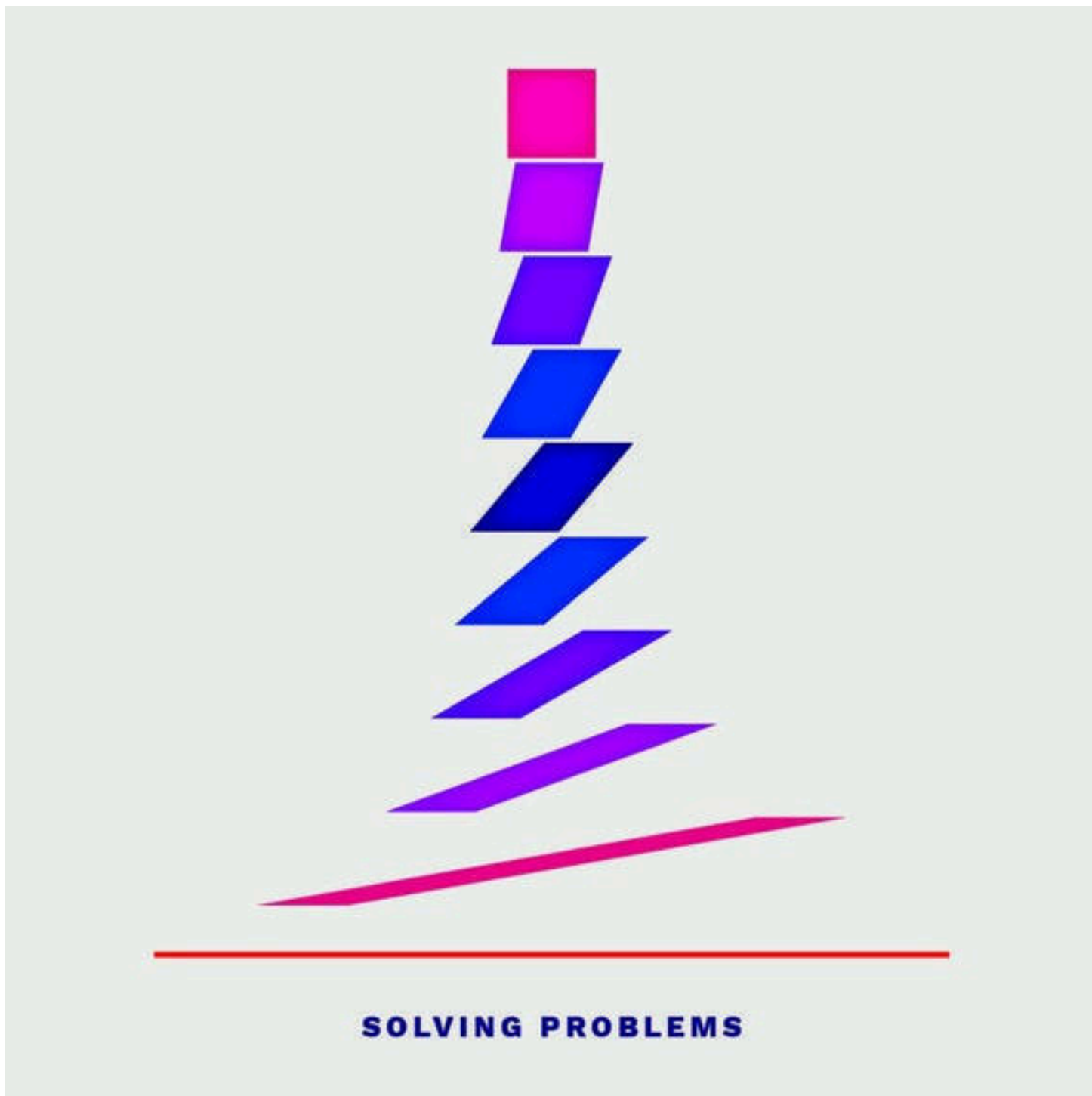
**WAITLISTS:** A limited waitlist function will continue **through noon on Friday, Feb 2**, allowing the student(s) on an existing waitlist to register for an open seat. Students will not be able to waitlist for new sections during the first week.

**RESPONDING TO STUDENTS OF CONCERN:** If you are concerned about a student in your course, please

raise a flag in Starfish which will prompt the appropriate office to follow-up. Another option is to complete the [early alert form](#). The form feeds directly to the dean's office and facilitates our proactive outreach to students who need assistance and connections to key college and university resources.

**WELCOMING BACK STUDENTS:** Please consider welcoming advisees to the spring semester with updated information on office hours and other relevant information.

## Upcoming Events



[Solving Problems: Drake Art & Design Faculty Exhibition](#)

*February 1, 5-7 PM | Anderson Gallery, Harmon Fine Arts Center*

Celebrate the opening of Drake's faculty exhibition, "Solving Problems." Showcasing both finished and unfinished work, the Art & Design faculty will present a look into how they each approach solving problems.

Participating faculty include: Maria Cervantes, Phillip Chen, Robert Craig, John Fender, Jamey Hart, Edward Kelley, Sang Lee, Maura Lyons, Claire Sedovic, and Neil Ward, many of whom will be at the reception on February 1 from 5-7 PM in the Anderson Gallery, and can answer questions about their work. Light refreshments will be served.



*Untitled [Northern soldier on picket duty in the snow], hand-colored glass lantern slide, 3 in. diameter (image); 4 x 7 in. (frame)*

**Mark Your Calendar for Associated Programs:**

Solving Problems: Mini Artist Talks *with Robert Craig, Edward Kelley, Sang Lee and Neil Ward*, Feb 15, 5-6:30 pm

How to Display Nineteenth-Century Magic Lantern Slides for a Twenty-First Century Audience *with Dr. Maura Lyons*, Feb 22, 12-1 pm



# Die Fledermaus

Drake Opera Theatre  
Presents

Sung in English

Saturday February 17th 7:30 pm  
Sunday February 18th 2:30 pm  
Harmon Fine Arts Center



## Drake Opera Theatre Presents Die Fledermaus

February 17 and 18 | Harmon Fine Arts Center Performing Arts Hall

We are thrilled to present a new production of Johan Strauss' beloved classic *Die Fledermaus*, performed in English. The Drake University Symphony Orchestra, led by Dr. Isaiah Feken, will join forces with Drake Opera Theatre for the first time in over a decade. Performances will be February 17 and February 18 in the Harmon Fine Arts Center Performing Arts Hall.

[Get your tickets today.](#)

## Like A&S on Social Media!



Please check out and like/love/share posts on A&S Facebook and Instagram! We're excited to have UCM intern Rebecca Ehn's help with social media this semester. Recent posts include highlights of several of our travel and on-campus J-term courses, faculty and student spotlights, and information about a few A&S majors! We would love to spotlight faculty, students, staff, and alumni this semester and feature your programs- please send your suggestions to [heidi.sleister@drake.edu](mailto:heidi.sleister@drake.edu) and [jennifer.cooper@drake.edu](mailto:jennifer.cooper@drake.edu). Thanks!!

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