

Today is January 8, 2016

Dates

January 18 is a holiday - Drake offices are closed and there are no classes
January 25 is the first day of classes for the spring semester

Feedback for the SOE Associate Dean

Please take a few minutes to offer feedback for the SOE Associate Dean, Catherine Gillespie (copy and paste the link if it doesn't automatically take you to the three question open-ended survey).
Thanks very much.
http://drake.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_42b8FkiIgrluKQI

Faculty development and enrichment grant

Congratulations to Doug Stillwell, Assistant Professor in Education Leadership, who has been awarded a Drake University grant to attend the Carnegie Foundation Summit on Improvement in Education this spring.

J term course evaluations

Paper J-Term course evaluation packets have been distributed to faculty mailboxes.

STEM Festival

The Drake STEM Festival will be held April 14 from 6-8 p.m. in the Knapp Center, with set-up beginning at 5 p.m. We need exhibitors to host activity-based booths. While the target audience is PreK-8 and families, the event draws participants of all ages, making this a fun and educational metro-area event.

It's a great time for instructors to engage students or entire classes in hands-on, STEM-related exhibits. The STEM Hub at Drake can help with booth ideas and can reimburse for materials used during the evening. We'd love to fill the Knapp Center with Drake instructors and students!

STEM is everywhere, and here are a few ideas for incorporating the festival into what you already do:

Build it into a lesson-planning curriculum for the entire class.

Move the meeting class to the festival time.

Incorporate your academic research/special interest into an activity or display.

Fulfill service learning requirements.

Have a student group you work with present.

Turn your favorite lesson into a display or activity that piques interest

in learning more.
Click [here](#) to register for exhibit space! Please contact Dr. Sarah Derry at sarah.derry@drake.edu for more information.

Doctoral student wins award

Susie Lubbers, Drake Ph.D. Education Doctoral student (Cohort 2014), was awarded the Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, in November 2015 at the Excellence Award Appreciation Dinner. The award is based on teaching excellence, effective advising, scholarship, and service to Morningside College and carries a \$10,000 stipend as well as \$2000 in professional development funds.

Any faculty member from Morningside College is eligible to apply for the award and must compile an extensive portfolio with detailed information on each of the criteria above for appraisal by outside evaluators hired by the college. As a finalist for the award, Lubbers was interviewed by evaluators who also observed her teaching methods in class.

Lubbers is in her 10th year as a faculty member in the education department at Morningside College. She highlighted her Drake doctoral research on the "Training of Instructional Coaches at the Secondary Level" from Dr. Sally Beisser's DOC 396 *Advanced Qualitative Research* course in her portfolio in support of her scholarly activity for the award.