

Today is May 12, 2017

Commencement

Tomorrow is Spring 2017 commencement. Faculty should be robed and in the Bell Center for the undergraduate ceremony around 9:15 am and by 1:30 for the graduate ceremony. There will be a doctoral hooding walk through in the Knapp Center at 1 pm, so doctoral students and advisors should plan on coming early to the graduate ceremony.

Final Grades Due Wed 5/17 10 am

As before, if you are an instructor in the SOE and plan on entering grades after noon on Monday

Sally Beisser chosen as a Levitt Distinguished Professor

The *Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished Professorship* has long been an important way to recognize and reward superior performance by Drake University faculty members. Only one new Levitt Professor was selected this year, and it was given to Sally Beisser, Professor of Education. Congratulations, Sally!!

The criteria for selection included teaching effectiveness as demonstrated by teaching in a classroom setting and/or mentoring in an experiential learning setting, professional contributions through scholarly activity, demonstrated leadership, consulting activities, and contributions to the mission of the department, college and university. In addition to the title, Levitt Professors receive a \$5,000 annual supplement to their salary. The initial appointment is for five years. During the fifth year, performance is reviewed to determine whether continuation as a Levitt Professor is merited.

Laura Kieran honored

Laura Kieran received honorable mention in the 2017 Drake University Engaged Campus Awards Emerging Leadership category. Congratulations!

2017 Evaluation/Feedback for the Associate Dean

Tired of giving student grades? For a change of pace, please take a moment to grade the SOE Associate Dean, Catherine Gillespie, and offer her anonymous feedback:

http://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6xkTztsWv2Mqbbf

Teacher Appreciation

<http://educationpost.org/i-was-every-teachers-nightmare-until-mr-john->

5/15, please email catherine.gillespie@drake.edu to avoid reminder emails.

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Summer 2017 Semester

Some summer classes start on Monday! Instructors: remember to validate your class roster (everyone should be accounted for - nobody in the class not on the list; nobody on the list not in the class) through BlueView.

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Note that applicants for a coaching endorsement (initial or renewal) now need CPR:
<https://iowaboee.wordpress.com/>

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Expect the SOE

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership

Drake University Head Start was among the first to receive the Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership grant two years ago. Partnering with seven child care centers in the Urban Core of Des Moines has increased the quality of programming for Early Head Start children (birth to three) in the form of environments, materials, and practices; the workforce knowledge base has grown as has their professionalism through instructional coaching and early childhood classes. Family engagement supports families as they move to self-sufficiency and learn the skills to be their child's most important teacher. As a result of the successful implementation of the grant, Drake University Head Start has been invited by the National Center for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships (jointly administered by the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Head Start and Office of Child Care) to present to new EHS-CCP grantees at the "Early Head Start Expansion and Partnership Planning Meeting". The focus will include fiscal implications, professional development, and family engagement as we discuss "Partnerships in Practice: Lessons from the Field". Monica Garner, an Early Childhood Program Coordinator with Drake University Head Start, and Laura Trainer, Owner/Director of Wonder Years Academy will participate in the presentation and a video about best practices and lessons learned over the past two years.

newsletter
occasionally during
the summer, maybe
once a month. Send
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the newsletter to
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