

**Today is September 14, 2018**

### **From the Dean**

SOS! Save our staff! We have several staff who occasionally (and some regularly) work hours that are different from 8-4:30. Supervisors approve these schedules but it may surprise some of you who need assistance. (For example, Anita will now be taking several Fridays off.). Whenever possible, if you could give our team advance notice for major printing, financial and other labor-intensive tasks, they would be grateful.

Newly forming Staff Advisory Council! Thanks in advance to Claudia Murphy, Valerie Thacker, Monique Rodriguez, Kerwin Dobbins, Cheri McDaniel, Doris Brunette and Jean Hansen.

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Dean, Drake School of Education

### **Use my.drake.edu; Blueview is going away**

Make sure you are using my.drake.edu instead of Blueview. Blueview is going away on September 20.

### **SOE Scholarly Writing Group**

The SOE Scholarly Writing Group has been brought back to life by Dr. Laura Kieran. Join others for a protected hour of scholarly writing on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am in Collier-Scripps Room 120, Starting September 19. Come whenever you can and stay as long as you can.

### **All in this Together Book Study Group**

The All in this Together book study group will be meeting at 12:30 on Tuesdays in C-S 311, starting September 18. Come when you can.

### **Community Engaged Learning Grants**

CEL Mini-Grant Funding is available on a limited basis to support community engaged learning courses. Mini-grants typically range between \$25-\$200. Past funding has gone to support supply drives, printing costs for marketing or research reports, materials for projects, etc. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. More information can be found at

<https://www.drake.edu/community/learningservice/instructorresourcesupport/fundinglogisticsforms/>

Reach out to [amanda.martin@drake.edu](mailto:amanda.martin@drake.edu) with questions.

### **Eleven Leadership Lessons from Abraham Lincoln**

In this Harvard Business Review article (excerpted from a new book, Leadership in Turbulent Times, Simon and Schuster), historian Doris Kearns Goodwin analyzes Abraham Lincoln's decision to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Here are the precepts she draws from Lincoln's fateful decision – broadly applicable to leaders in other venues:

- Acknowledge when failed policies demand a change in direction.
- Anticipate contending viewpoints.
- Know when to hold back and when to move forward.
- Set an example.
- Understand the emotional needs of the team.

- Refuse to let past resentments fester.
- Control angry impulses.
- Protect colleagues from blame.
- Keep promises.
- Gauge sentiment.
- Establish trust.

“Lincoln and the Art of Transformative Leadership” by Doris Kearns Goodwin in Harvard Business Review, September-October 2018 (Vol. 96, #5, p. 126-134), <https://bit.ly/2MMB9QC>; see Memo 366 for a summary of a book by a different author on Lincoln, listing other leadership qualities.

### **Finland's Education Minister Discusses New National Curriculum and PISA Scores**

By Madeline Will (@madeline\_will)

This fall, Finland rolled out a new national curriculum that emphasizes interdisciplinary and student-centered learning.

This is a significant education reform for the Nordic country that has become internationally known for its strong school system after its students have scored at or near the top of international exams for years (although in the last two Program for International Student Assessment cycles, Finnish scores have slipped).

<https://mobile.edweek.org/c.jsp?cid=25920011&item=http%3A%2F%2Fapi.edweek.org%2Fv1%2Fblog%2F59%2Findex.html%3Fuuid%3D60273>

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