



# The RAY SOCIETY at Drake

FALL 2019 | CLASSES, EVENTS, AND SOCIALS



Expand  
your mind.  
Extend  
your network.





Learn something new.

Have fun doing it!

## About the RaySociety

The RaySociety is a volunteer-supported program of Drake University, dedicated to all persons who seek opportunities for lifelong learning to enrich their lives in a collegial environment of sharing and fellowship. The society provides opportunities for intellectual, social, and cultural stimulation and growth. The RaySociety name honors two distinguished graduates of Drake University, Robert D. and Billie Ray, former governor and first lady of the state of Iowa.



## How it Works:

Non-credit educational opportunities are offered in the Fall and Spring semesters to a growing membership of lifelong learners. Instruction is provided by volunteers from Drake University faculty and the community at large. Events and socials for members are offered regularly and add to the social fabric of the society.

### Membership Options

Annual RaySociety membership extends from July 1 through June 30. A fall and spring catalog will be issued to all members.

- Annual membership \$50 per person
- 2-year membership \$95 per person
- 3-year membership \$140 per person
- Lifetime membership \$2,500 per person

*Benefits of Lifetime Membership: no annual renewal fees, no standard (\$30) class registration fees, 75 percent tax deductible, option to pay in annual installments over a three-year period.*

### Membership Benefits

- Connection to a community of enthusiastic learners in a vibrant university atmosphere
- Access to 50+ diverse courses from Drake faculty, community leaders, and experts in their field
- 10+ members-only lectures, activities, and socials throughout the year at no additional cost
- Campus parking privileges
- Borrowing privileges at Drake's Cowles Library
- Reserved seating at Drake's Bucksbaum Lecture series
- Invitations to Drake-sponsored lectures and activities
- Monthly e-newsletter (printed for those without email)

## Volunteer Opportunities!

There are multiple opportunities to support the RaySociety by sharing your time and talents. All current members are welcome to participate! Options include:

- Host Team
- Set Up/Support Team
- Program Committee
- Events and Socials Committee
- Membership & Marketing Committee
- RaySociety Council

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# Important Information

## Class Registration

- Classes are open to RaySociety members only.
- Registration is processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A registration form and a business reply envelope are enclosed for your convenience.
- You may also choose to use the registration link on our website, [drake.edu/raysociety](http://drake.edu/raysociety).
- Each participant should register separately.

A registration confirmation will be emailed to you once your registration has been processed (within 7-10 business days). Should you register for a class that is full and no longer available, you will be notified and added to a wait list. If you're unable to be added, a refund will be processed and mailed to you.

## Registration Refunds

Registration refunds will be issued only when cancellation is received no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the activity or by printed registration deadline, when applicable. Refunds will not be issued for partial participation in any class or activity.

## Class Cancellations

In the case of inclement weather, the RaySociety will follow the same cancellation policy as Des Moines Public Schools: if district schools cancel, we will cancel.

When possible, staff will notify the class list of cancellation via email. Please watch your emails on bad weather days. Should our instructor need to cancel/reschedule, you will be notified via email.

## New Members

- A free RaySociety nametag will be issued to all members upon joining. Lifetime members receive a specially designated nametag that is distinguishable from those of annual members. Replacement nametags will be issued for a fee of \$10.
- New members who join during the Spring semester will be given one free standard course (\$30 value).

## Class Locations and Campus Map

Most RaySociety classes are held during the day, Monday through Friday, on the Drake campus. Courses or class meetings are held off campus as necessary (venue selection is dictated by course demand, when possible). A class reminder with the location will be emailed 7–10 days prior to the start of the activity or class. Please read your reminder carefully for any change in details.

## Member Communication

- The RaySociety uses email as the primary method of communication. If you've provided an email address in your membership form, it will be used. If you do not have an email address, member information will be mailed through USPS, but may result in a delay in communication.
- RaySociety members will receive an e-newsletter at the end of each month, highlighting upcoming RaySociety and campus activities.

# Important Information

## Parking Privileges

- All current RaySociety members will be issued a RaySociety parking permit valid in specified campus lots printed on the permit. A map of these lots will be provided with the permit, and mailed to you before your first class.
- If you have a persons-with-disabilities plate or placard, you may park in the designated spots in any Drake parking lot, but you must display both your RaySociety *and* persons-with-disabilities placard/plate.
- Your parking pass is valid for the entire 2019-20 academic year. Replacement parking tags will be issued (if available) for a fee of \$10.

*You are responsible for any parking citations incurred.*

## Shuttle Service

NEW FOR 2019-20: Shuttle service will be provide for RaySociety member use. The shuttle will transport participants from designated campus lots where RaySociety permits are valid to class locations on campus. Details regarding shuttle pickup locations and timing will be included in each class reminder email, sent 7-10 in advance of class start date.

## Library Privileges

- As a member of the RaySociety, you have borrowing privileges at Drake's Cowles Library. To get your library card, visit the Cowles Library information desk.
- For directions and hours call 515-271-2113. Your card must be shown each time you visit Cowles Library for access and check-out privileges.





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**Simon and Garfunkel: Poet/Musicians of Folk-Rock (Part 1)**  
**with Carl Johnson**  
**Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24**  
**1:30—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

This course will examine all of the songs on Simon and Garfunkel’s five studio albums as poetry, and how the words are enriched by the music. Each session will study one of their albums as a step on their journey to becoming the quintessential proponents of what came to be known as folk-rock.

**Carl Johnson** conducts the Des Moines Community Orchestra and teaches at all levels. He earned his bachelor’s degree in music at UCLA and his master’s degree in instrumental conducting from Drake. Carl has over 45 years of experience teaching music at all educational levels. He has taught a variety of music and film classes for the RaySociety.

**Jon Anderson White Riverboat Lunch Cruise**  
**Wednesday, September 4**  
**12—2:00 p.m.**  
Rathbun Marina - 21646 Marina Place,  
Moravia, IA 52571  
COST \$40 / LIMIT 50  
Registration deadline August 22

Enjoy a private floating lunch on Lake Rathbun with your fellow RaySociety members! In what’s sure to be a memorable afternoon, you’ll take in the view on a riverboat resplendent in the style of the Golden Era of river travel, with a décor of gold Chiavari chairs under a gilded pressed tin ceiling, custom carpet, solid oak rope columns and Royal Blue walls. Lunch will be provided by Trellis Catering, and a cash bar will be available for participants.

Participants should plan to provide their own transportation to the Rathbun Marina, and arrive no later than 11:45 a.m. for a 12:00 p.m. departure.

**Art: A Glimpse into the Net of Indra with Ignatius Widiapradja**  
**Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

This is a three-part lecture series about how Art, throughout history, has allowed us to glimpse into the complex and multi-faceted natures of reality. The first session explores how the arts from the prehistoric and archaic society through the present time show the evolution of perceived realities. The second session discusses the inherent characteristics of basic visual images and their relationship to symbols. The last session is about the power of art for good and evil.

**Ignatius Widiapradja** is an Emeritus Associate Professor of Art at Drake University. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts cum laude from University of Texas in 1983, and Master of Fine Arts suma cum laude from Southern Illinois University in 1985. He taught at Drake University from 1985 till 2014. From 2013 to 2016, he was the Chief Creative Officer at MT Jewelry in Bandung, Indonesia.

**Strategy for Advanced Mah Jongg Players**  
**with Margie Davidson**  
**Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**1—3:00 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30 / LIMIT 16

If you have played mah jongg regularly for at least two years and want to hone your skills and develop more effective offensive and defensive strategies, this class is for you. We will share our ideas, thoughts and strategies and discuss in detail each element of the game, starting with the Charleston through the beginning game, the mid game and the end game. Each class session will include discussion time and time to play. Our fourth session will be a no-stress, mini-tournament!  
NOTE: This is NOT a beginning class. Bring your own 2019 National Mah Jongg League card.

**Margie Davidson** spent her career in varied professions ending with 23 years at Drake, in academic advising and the office of student records before retiring in 2012. Always a gamer, Margie’s retirement

plan included learning mah jongg in a RaySociety class in 2012. She became enchanted with both playing and helping others learn the intricacies of the game. In addition to teaching with the RaySociety she has taught mah jongg with Des Moines Community Education and Senior College, and competes in local tournaments. Margie designed this class with lots of help from her mah jongg buddies!

**Water Aerobics**  
**with Darlene Strachan**  
**Fridays, September 6 – November 8**  
**9—10:00 a.m.**  
Bell Center Pool, 1421 27th St.,  
Des Moines, IA 50311  
COST \$30 / LIMIT 25

This 10-session class features stretching and dynamic exercises, music, games, dance, volleyball, and good-natured people! Bring a towel and your swimsuit. Exercise equipment such as water buoys and noodles are provided at the Bell Center. You do not need to know how to swim to participate in this class. All fitness levels are welcome. Join us!

**Darlene Strachan’s** love for water aerobics started years ago as a participant. Now you will find her in the pool as a student, as well as on the deck teaching at Prairie Life Fitness Center. Darlene’s goal is for everyone to have fun while getting an energetic workout!

**Grotesques of Des Moines Tour**  
**with Jan Fleming**  
**Sunday, September 8**  
**1:30—3 p.m.**  
Bus pick up: 3206 University Ave.,  
Des Moines, IA 50311  
COST \$7 / LIMIT 56  
Registration deadline: August 29

Come discover the remarkable Grotesques and other carvings on buildings in Des Moines. Des Moines and Iowa have stone carvings that rival any found in Europe! A bus will take us to see the 28 faces on the Polk County Court House; the imposing rams’ heads on the Performing Arts Building on Locust; the gargoyle-like creatures on the Suite of 800 Locust and the other amazing carvings in the Des Moines area. Jan Fleming will guide the tour and offer history and connections with other carvings around the World.

**Jan Fleming** is the author of *Song of Iowa* and *Rejection-It Doesn’t Exist*. After receiving her masters in music from Northwestern University, Jan sang opera, oratorio, recital and concert in Chicago, Washington DC. She obtained her Master of Science in Education from Drake University and taught special education in Des Moines area schools, and directed The Harbour in Dubuque. She received her master’s in clinical social work from the University of Iowa. She has been cited as a preservationist for historical architecture in the City of Des Moines.

**Contemporary Issues on Campus**  
**with Keith Summerville, Tom Logan, Erin**  
**Lain, Tony Tyler, John Smith**  
**Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

**Monday, September 9**  
**Keith Summerville – Enrollment Landscape**  
Higher education is being roiled by demographic challenges, increasing price sensitivity, and aggressive recruiting from flagship public institutions. This course will explore the enrollment landscape facing Drake University and will outline some innovative steps the University has taken to meet the challenge.

**Keith Summerville** received his undergraduate degree in environmental science from Westminster College and his PhD from Miami University. Keith is currently the Levitt Distinguished Professor of environmental science at Drake University and his teaching interests include restoration ecology, conservation biology, agroecology, and environmental policy. He currently serves as the Deputy Provost for enrollment management at Drake.

**Monday, September 16**  
**Tom Logan - Drake Greek Life After a Century – Social and Legal Issues for the Next 100 Years**  
This session explores current issues facing the Greek Letter social societies at Drake University, including the relationship between sororities and fraternities at Drake and other colleges and universities across the U.S. We’ll explore current legal issues for the host institutions and the societies’ national governing bodies.

**Tom Logan** is a former partner of Hopkins & Huebner Law Firm in Des Moines, specializing in civil litigation. Following thirty plus years of practice, he served as national general counsel to Sigma Alpha

Epsilon, one of the largest social fraternities, where he directed risk management and litigation issues.

**Monday, September 23**  
**Erin Lain and Tony Tyler - Equity and Inclusion in Higher Education: Drake Edition**  
This course will take a dive into Drake’s definition of Equity and Inclusion, and current initiatives on campus. Participants will gain some understanding of the experience of diverse students on campus, and learn about the ways Drake has responded to incidences of hate on campus in the past and recently.

**Erin Lain** is the Associate Provost of Campus Equity and Inclusion and a Professor of Law at the Drake Law School. **Tony Tyler** is an Assistant Dean of Students at Drake University and works to support 15 multicultural student organizations and Equity and Inclusion initiatives on campus.

**Monday, September 30**  
**John Smith - Big Ideas: Transforming Drake’s Promising Future**  
Big ideas are transformational, single-concept ideas that build on the strengths of Drake University. The initiative calls upon the campus community to define Drake’s future and position the University as one of the leading institutions of higher education. The Big Ideas initiative represents a new, more inclusive approach to how Drake will plan for our future, and in turn, the ideas generated will direct the University’s fundraising priorities over the next several years.

**John Smith** has served Drake in Admissions, Alumni Relations, Gift Planning, and Development. In 2006 he assumed the role of Vice President for Advancement. Smith has seen Drake through the lens of a student, staff member, spouse of an alumna, administrator, and most recently as a parent. Smith is leading the Big Ideas initiative for the Drake community.

**Great Readings Discussion Group**  
**with Bruce Martin**  
**2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month starting**  
**September 10 (meets year-round)**  
**6:30—8 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST: FREE\* / LIMIT 30

Bruce Martin will lead the discussion of various “great readings.” These readings will come from an anthology of literary selections by authors from various time periods and cultures. The fall term will include fiction by Virginia Woolf, John Fowles and

Philip Roth. \*The anthology is available upon request for \$35 (payable to the instructor). You can order a copy by contacting Bruce at 515-288-3427 or bruce-kmartin85@gmail.com. You are encouraged to obtain the anthology prior to the first meeting of the group.

**Bruce Martin** is professor emeritus, English, and the Ellis and Nelle Levitt Professor of English at Drake. He taught at Drake from 1967 to 2006, offering courses in 19th and 20th century British literature and in literary theory. In 1986–1987, he held a Fulbright lectureship at the National University of Singapore, where he later served as visiting professor of English. Subsequently he was awarded Fulbright lectureships to South Korea and Madagascar. He is now contentedly retired and actively involved in reading for pleasure, travel, and various musical activities.

**Understanding the World**  
**with David Kaufman**  
**Session 1: Wednesday, September 11 at**  
**9:30—11 a.m.**  
**Session 2: Tuesday, October 22 at 2—3:30**  
**p.m.**  
**Session 3: Tuesday, November 12 at 2—3:30**  
**p.m.**  
**Session 4: Thursday, December 5 at 2—3:30**  
**p.m.**  
Temple B’nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Ave.,  
Des Moines, IA 50312  
COST \$30

Rabbi David Kaufman leads a monthly discussion of current world events with an emphasis on the Middle East. With the world changing around us, there will always be interesting new developments to discuss. Rabbi Kaufman will give his analysis of these topics and invite questions and comments from the class.

**David Kaufman** has been the Rabbi of Temple B’nai Jeshurun, a Reform Jewish congregation in Des Moines, since May 2003. He received his ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati in 2001 and he holds master’s degrees in Hebrew literature from HUC-JIR and in the history of Judaism from Duke University. Rabbi Kaufman did his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he graduated with a double major in religious studies and political science.

**Causes and Solutions: Youth Homelessness in Iowa with Toby O’Berry**  
**Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25**  
**1—2:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

More than 1,500 youth annually are at-risk of or are currently homeless in Central Iowa. Iowa Homeless Youth Centers help homeless/at-risk youth get back on a path towards self-sufficiency. Join staff from IHYC as they lead a comprehensive class on the causes of youth homelessness and also the solutions for ending youth homelessness in Polk County. This will be an interactive course with the opportunity to tour the IHYC Youth Opportunity Center during the third session. Class activities will involve participating in a poverty simulation and hearing from homeless youth about their experience overcoming homelessness and how IHYC helped them get back on their feet.

**Toby O’Berry** is the Director at Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. He leads the day-to-day operations of the IHYC team. IHYC works with 650+ at-risk or homeless youth each year. Toby received his bachelor’s degree in management from Luther College and his MBA from the University of Denver.

**Saving Democracy—Volunteer Research at Vote Smart with Walker McKusick, Annie Petersen, and James Wypych**  
**Fridays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Vote Smart -1153 24th St,  
Des Moines, IA 50311  
COST \$30

This is an opportunity to help Vote Smart save democracy. Vote Smart provides unbiased information on elected officials and candidates to American voters. Throughout the course, you will learn about and perform your own research. Each class will be dedicated to a specific aspect of how Vote Smart accomplishes its mission, including research, data entry, and publishing research. All you need is an understanding of how to use a computer and willingness to set aside partisan beliefs.

**Walker McKusick** is the National Director of Vote

Smart. He is originally from Charlottesville, VA, where he graduated from the University of Virginia with degrees in History and Economics. After graduation, he taught History and Politics in England for a year as a U.K. Teaching and Resident Fellow. He joined Vote Smart in 2015.

**Annie Petersen** is the Director of Officials Research at Vote Smart. Annie grew up in the Des Moines area, where she developed an early interest in U.S. politics. She graduated from the University of Iowa in 2013 with a degree in Journalism and International Studies, and she joined Vote Smart in the spring of 2017.

**James Wypych** is the Director of Elections Research at Vote Smart, and joined the Vote Smart team in March 2017. Originally from Wellington, New Zealand, James studied at Drake University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations in December 2016.

**Economic Roundtable with Tom Root**  
**Session 1: Friday, September 13 at 2—3:30 p.m.**  
**Session 2: Friday, October 18 at 2—3:30 p.m.**  
**Session 3: Friday, November 15 at 2—3:30 p.m.**  
**Session 4: Friday, December 13 at 2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

As the large number of declared democratic presidential candidates are visiting Iowa, the strength of the economy will be a topic of much interest and debate. This year’s Economic Roundtable will continue the discussion surrounding the sustainability of the current economic expansion. We will explore the political proposals from both sides of the aisle and try to cut through the rhetoric and look at the economic facts. Topics will include U.S. trade policy, the impact of the tax reform now that the new policy has been in effect for a reporting season, the Federal Reserve’s possible interest rate decreases, the influence of the executive branch in monetary policy, economic proposals from the presidential primary candidates, Brexit, and the news of the day.

**Thomas Root** holds four degrees including a PhD in economics from the University of Kansas. Root

has been teaching in the primary area of finance in the College of Business and Public Administration at Drake since 1999. In addition to being an active member of the academic community, he maintains a close connection to the private sector through both consulting and the delivery of certificate programs taught to area business leaders through Drake’s Center for Professional Studies. Root also holds a visiting professorship at Makerere University Business School (MUBS) in Uganda.

**Des Moines Talks with Maria Filippone, Dan Chibnall, Romonda Belcher, and Bruce Gerleman**  
**Tuesdays, October 1, 15, 22, 29**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

**Session 1: Experiences Working in Gaza with Maria Filippone**  
Maria Filippone is a physician, yoga teacher, and co-founder of Des Moines Young Artists’ Theater. Maria recently earned her 200-hour RYT yoga teacher certification. She also co-owns Noce, Des Moines’ premiere jazz club, is a mother to three girls, and has been pursuing a life-long dream of learning Arabic. Maria loves to garden, write, dance and travel. Her favorite place to visit is the region of Palestine and Israel. Maria volunteers in Gaza as often as possible, offering medical education, mental health care and teaching yoga to the local community.

**Session 2: Fake News, Filters, & Falsehoods: Navigating Information Overload in the 21st Century with Dan Chibnall**  
Fake news is only one symptom of a larger shift in how we create, consume, and converse about information in our high-speed, technology-rich culture. We will discuss, explore, and critically think about misinformation, news consumption, social media, the rise of memes, and the fall of logic. You will learn how to raise your awareness of the newest problems surrounding types of information and how to be a better consumer, sharer, and creator of information.

**Dan Chibnall** is the STEM Librarian and Assistant Professor of Librarianship at Drake University. He researches and teaches courses on topics relating to science communication, science fiction, misinformation, and information behaviors. Dan also currently serves as the President of the Iowa Library Association and advocates on behalf of libraries statewide.

**Session 3: Trauma! What Trauma? with Romonda Belcher**  
This session will identify trauma and how it affects behaviors. You will recognize why it is important to be trauma-informed and how to prevent the re-victimization of those you encounter. We will discuss resiliency in the face of trauma and compassion fatigue in your chosen professions. Attendees will participate in two assessments, the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire and a Compassion Fatigue Self-Test.

**Romonda D. Belcher** is a District Associate Judge in Iowa Fifth Judicial District, currently presiding over juvenile cases in Polk County. As a graduate of Drake Law School, Judge Belcher has dedicated over 24 years of public service in the legal field. She interacts daily with individuals who have experienced trauma, and she provides judicial training on being trauma-informed.

**Session 4: Downtown Development, Historic Preservation, World Trade, BBQ and Fish with Bruce Gerleman**  
Bruce Gerleman—developer, entrepreneur, and restaurateur—has played a significant role in downtown Des Moines development. Learn how he purchased a \$15,000,000 mall with no money down, quietly acquired 17 downtown properties, and then renovated entire blocks of the Court Avenue District. Hear the stories of the Martin Hotel, Juke Box Saturday Night, The Kaplan Hat Company, International Trade Center of Iowa, The Rock Island Depot, Jethro’s BBQ, and Splash Seafood Bar and Grill.

**Bruce Gerleman** has a degree in business administration from Wichita State University. His first job was marketing mattresses, but he had a goal to work for himself. Bruce purchased his first apartment building at 22, and has historically renovated more than 20 buildings across the nation. He’s acknowledged as the first person in Iowa to complete a Certified Historic Renovation according to US Department of Interior standards. His company, Gerleman Management, Inc. employs nearly 800 Iowans.

**Iowa Caucus: A 2019 Progress Report with Dennis Goldford, Dave Price, Brianne Pfannenstiel, Doug Gross, and Tom Henderson**

**Wednesdays, October 2, 16, 23  
10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

Blame it on Jimmy Carter. Forty years ago, the nation recognized that the “Road to the Presidency” runs through Iowa. Currently, the race for the Presidency is well underway. Candidates have been crisscrossing Iowa, looking for the key that will propel them to their Party’s nomination and ultimate victory in 2020. History proves that it’s not so much winning the Iowa Caucus, as it is surviving and meeting expectations, that can make the difference. But, without a strong showing in the Iowa Caucus, most candidates quickly fall by the wayside. Join us as we learn about the history of politics in Iowa and our nation, size up the candidates from the point of view of professional journalists following the campaign and sit down with local “pros” to get their perspective on what’s happening as we get closer to that eventful day when, after more than a year of campaigning in our state, Iowans turn out on a cold January night to show their preferences.

**Session 1: Dennis Goldford**  
Dennis Goldford is Professor of Political Science at Drake University, and was the Flansburg Fellow at the Harkin Institute. He is co-author of *The Iowa Precinct Caucuses: The Making of A Media Event, 3rd ed.*, and he serves as a political analyst for KCCI-TV and Iowa Public Radio.

**Session 2: Dave Price and Brianne Pfannenstiel**  
Dave Price is WHO-TV’s political director and weekend anchor. He began his career in radio, then transitioned to television, working as a reporter, anchor, and assignment manager. Price’s work has been recognized with national Emmy and Edward R. Murrow awards, as well as dozens of state and regional honors. His new book is *Caucus Chaos Trump*.

Brianne Pfannenstiel is the *Des Moines Register’s* chief politics reporter. She joined the *Register* in 2015, and has covered four legislative sessions, a multitude of presidential campaigns in the 2016 caucus cycle, and most recently, the governor’s race. Pfannenstiel graduated from the University of Kansas in 2010.

**Session 3: Doug Gross and Tom Henderson**  
Doug Gross received his BA from Iowa Wesleyan College and his JD from Drake. He is a member of BrownWinick law firm. Doug has extensive campaign experience in Iowa, including involvement in numerous successful gubernatorial, congressional, and state legislative campaigns. Among other positions, he served as Chief of Staff to Governor Terry Branstad and Administrative Assistant to Governor Robert D. Ray.

Tom Henderson has his undergraduate and law degrees from Drake and is an attorney and member at Whitfield & Eddy Law. He is an active participant in Democratic Party politics, and his leadership positions in the party have included 19 years as Polk County Democratic Chair, a member of the Iowa delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1996 and 2000, and Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party Rules Committee.

**Inside Terrace Hill and the Iowa State Capitol with Dana Vasey**  
**Wednesdays, October 2, 16, 23, 30  
2—3:30 p.m.**

Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30 / LIMIT 35  
Registration deadline: September 25

**Sessions 1 and 2 - Terrace Hill, The Palace on the Prairie that captivated two Iowa millionaires**  
In 1869, six hundred of the wealthiest most influential people in Iowa and America would pass through the massive entrance of Terrace Hill. The highly sought after invitations were compellingly simple:  
*Mr. & Mrs. B.F. Allen  
At Home  
Friday Evening January 29, 1869 7 12 O’Clock  
Terrace Hill*

On this glittering night, one of the attendees was a young F.M. Hubbell. His family would one day call this magnificent mansion home for eighty years. Step back in time and learn more about the residents of this incredible historic landmark. Our second class will include a private tour of the Governor’s mansion and gardens, including the newly renovated swimming pool built by the Hubbells.

**Sessions 3 and 4: Beneath the Golden Dome**  
If it’s been a number of years since you stepped foot in our State Capitol, you are in for a delightful surprise. The years of painstaking restoration have

placed Iowa at the top of the list of America’s most beautiful capitols. Our first meeting will allow you to sit in comfort while you learn the ins and outs of building and maintaining a 19th century Renaissance style building. You will learn about the gilding of our dome, the fire of 1904, and the talented restoration artists that have turned back the hands of time in the most beautiful fashion. Our second class will include a private tour and some fascinating glimpses into Iowa’s past.

**Dana Vasey** has more than 20 years experience giving guided tours and group talks on Terrace Hill, and its residents, the Iowa’s State Capitols and the USS Iowa. Her love of history and depth of research surrounding people and events of early Iowa will make for an interesting and entertaining journey through the past.

**When Disaster Strikes: The Emergency Management Response with A.J. Mumm**  
**Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24  
10—11:30 a.m.**  
Polk County Emergency Operations Center  
1907 Carpenter Ave., Des Moines, IA 50314  
COST \$30

Every day disaster strikes somewhere in the United States, and often those disasters strike close to home. Join us as we learn more about the important role Polk County Emergency Management plays in bringing together those first responders needed to meet the needs of affected parties. Be it fire, flood, tornado, explosion, or any other emergency—officials respond in a planned and coordinated effort. We will learn from Polk County Emergency Management staff, as well as from first responders who make up part of this team effort.

**Session 1:** The WHY, WHAT and HOW of Local Emergency Management  
**Session 2:** Building Partnerships For Success—Traditional Response Agencies  
**Session 3:** Building Partnerships For Success—Support Organizations Addressing Other Needs  
**Session 4:** Real Life Case Studies

**A.J. Mumm** has been the Director of the Polk County Emergency Management Agency since 2004. He has served in the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department as Chief Planner. Mumm was a firefighter and EMT with the Ankeny Fire Department for more than 12 years. He

is a graduate of Drake University and Iowa State University.

**The Best Movie Year Ever? with Tom Beell**  
**Thursday, October 3, 10, 17, 24  
2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

Nearly everyone agrees that Hollywood produced more great motion pictures in 1939 than ever before or since. But there were other seminal years when filmmakers topped themselves. We’ll explore some of those years as well as 1939 and see if movies are indeed “better than ever.”

**Thomas Beell’s** connection to motion pictures began at 16 when he managed a neighborhood movie theatre in Tacoma, Washington. After joining the faculty of the Greenlee School of Journalism at Iowa State University, Beell taught film courses while reviewing movies for the *Ames Tribune* for 20 years. He later co-hosted a movie show on WOI radio for 15 years. Currently, he presents a weekly movie/music show on KHOI, a community radio station in Ames.

**Whiteness and Race with Godfried Asante**  
**Fridays, October 4, 11  
2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$20 / LIMIT 40

This course will critically interrogate whiteness as a racial category. For instance, what is whiteness? Who is white? What does it mean to be white in the U.S.? How did white become a racial category? Why is whiteness invisible to many white people? How does whiteness intersect with class and gender to produce social and economic inequality? This discussion-based class will ponder these questions through readings and thoughtful engagement with each other.

**Godfried Asante** is an Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at Drake University. Godfried has a PhD in Intercultural Communication from the University of New Mexico with an emphasis on LGBTI rights in Africa. His research interests focus on social identities such as race, class, gender, and sexuality in transnational contexts.

**Grand Time Workshop: Making a Halloween Costume Together with Jolie Pelds**  
**Saturday, October 5**  
**12—4:00 p.m.**  
Science Center of Iowa - 401 W Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy., Des Moines, IA 50309  
COST \$20 / LIMIT: 15 child participants\*  
Registration deadline September 26

Spend some time with your grandchild making and creating not only unforgettable memories, but also a costume to wear for Halloween. Staff from the Science Center of Iowa’s Innovation Lab will help guide you in sewing, fusing plastics, using a laser cutter, soldering, sew-able circuits and more to create a unique, one-of-a-kind costume. This workshop aims to show you the power of making things based on your own ideas and designs. No previous experience as a maker is necessary. Children can bring an existing costume to hack or build a new one from scratch. Lunch will be provided.

\*Registration requires at least one grandparent (or other adult) per child participant. More than one adult may participate per child. The \$20 registration fee is per child participant to cover cost of materials (ex: 2 grandparents with one child = \$20).

**Jolie Pelds**, Director of Innovative STEM Teaching at the Science Center of Iowa, began her education career as a high school science teachers. She expanded that experience by teaching at the college level, as well as the homeschool setting. Jolie has worked with teachers across the state of Iowa to embed a makerspace in their learning environment.

**Drake vs. Valparaiso Football**  
**Saturday, October 5**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
Drake Stadium – 2719 Forest Ave., Des Moines, IA 50311  
COST \$11  
Registration deadline September 26

Come out to see Drake football face Valparaiso. Be seated with your fellow RaySociety members, and enjoy a light concession package included in the price of your ticket.

**Eating an Elephant in Small Bites: Downsizing for Seniors with Tisa Johnson**  
**Monday, October 7**  
**OR**  
**Tuesday, October 8**  
**2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST: FREE / LIMIT 40 PER SESSION

Examine a lifetime’s worth of belongings and memories and why it can be challenging and overwhelming to make decisions about letting “stuff” go. Whether downsizing by choice or by circumstance, we will discuss the difficulties and the opportunities traveling lighter provides. More practically, we will share different philosophies and strategies seniors might employ in their decision-making process, and provide encouragement and support for getting started or keeping on.

**Tisa Johnson** has owned and operated Senior Transitioning Services since 2015. A former social worker, she recognizes the many practical and emotional factors involved in making a later-life move. She and her team seek to make big transitions as smooth as possible by handling logistics such as packing, unpacking and setup of a new space, emptying a previous home, and the often innumerable other details.

**Revisiting the Vietnam War with David Skidmore**  
**Fridays, October 11, 18, 25**  
**11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

Despite the bravery and sacrifices of the men and women who served, the Vietnam War remains a byword for failure and folly in American foreign policy more than five decades after the fact. This course will explore three questions: Why did the United States commit itself to armed intervention in the affairs of a small country on the other side of the planet? How did “the best and the brightest” of America’s foreign policy establishment so mismanage U.S. involvement in Vietnam across five presidencies? Have we learned the right lessons from the Vietnam War? For each question, we will examine the still raging debates among scholars and political observers over what went wrong.

**David Skidmore** is a Professor of Political Science at Drake University and author of several books and numerous articles on American foreign policy. He has taught a course on the Vietnam War yearly since 1986.

**Jay N. Darling: Pilot for an Afternoon Excursion with Sam Koltinsky**  
**Monday, October 14**  
**2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST: FREE

You are invited to take a journey into the present. Jay N. “Ding” Darling is the pilot, and Drake University is the destination. Let’s see what Darling has in store for us with his whimsical and creative itinerary!

**Sam Koltinsky**, award-winning documetarian, started his 25-year film career after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 while living in Germany. Upon his return to the United States, Sam produced a documentary series in Southwest Florida entited *Untold Stories* for PBS. During this time he met Jay N. Darling’s grandson, Kip, and wife Andrea in 2004. What has transpired since that time has been a culmination of research, two Darling documentaries, a nationwide traveling exhibit, acquisition of Darling-related artifacts, and—most of all—fulfilling of promises made to both a mentor, and friend.

**Talk and Tap with Des Moines Performing Arts**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 22**  
Location and time varies  
COST \$50 or \$15\* / MINIMUM 20 / LIMIT 30  
Registration Deadline: August 29

**Session 1: Dance programming at DMPA with Eric Oimscheid and Tap-based movement workshop with Paula McArthur**  
Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
1-3:00 p.m.  
Des Moines DanzArts Studio - 2150 Delavan Dr., Suite 8, West Des Moines, IA 50265

**Session 2: Performance and Talk**  
Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
6:30 p.m. – Pre-show DANCEtalk  
7:30 p.m. – Curtain, performance of DORRANCE

DANCE  
Des Moines Civic Center 221 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA 50309

Explore the Dance Series at Des Moines Performing Arts through this two-session course that includes an informational presentation, active participation, and a performance experience. During these sessions, you will learn more about the booking process and education programming of the Dance Series, participate in hands-on tap-based movement activities, and see DORRANCE DANCE. Fee includes performance ticket. No dance experience necessary to participate. Participants are required to attend both sessions.

\*NOTE: \$50 per participant (includes performance ticket and workshop fee; \$15 for those who already have performance ticket).

**That’s Amore! with Drake Opera Theater**  
**Friday, October 18**  
**7:00 p.m. pre-performance talk**  
**7:30 p.m. concert - Sheslow**  
**Auditorium, Old Main, 2507 University Ave., Des Moines, IA 50311**  
COST: FREE

Come enjoy a recital dedicated to the Italian repertoire with Drake Opera Theater. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from Drake Opera Theater Director Stefano Vignati before the concert.

**Journey Through Book Land: “Watson, the Game is Afoot!” with Rod Henshaw**  
**Mondays, October 21 and 28**  
**2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$20

*This course will inaugurate the Journey Through Book Land series, which will cover a variety of topics dealing with popular and genre fiction.*

Created in 1887 by Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes, and his companion Dr. John Watson, continue to be the most enduring fictional characters of all time. Enormously popular from the outset, the sixty original story adventures of Sherlock Holmes, written by Conan Doyle, along with adaptations and extensions across virtually all forms of media, are the basis



of an encompassing global cultural phenomenon. Why do Holmes and the stories endure and continue to thrive? In conjunction with the Sherlock Holmes Exhibit in Cowles Library, this course will be a hands-on and multi-media investigation of Conan Doyle’s creation through the character of Sherlock Holmes, the context and setting of the stories and the cultural bonds that Holmes has inspired. “I hear of Sherlock Holmes everywhere...” were the prophetic words spoken by his brother Mycroft, as recorded in the story “The Greek Interpreter”.

**Rod Henshaw**, Professor of Librarianship, served as Dean of Drake’s Cowles Library from 1996 to 2018. He also served in leadership positions at Penn State, and Emory University. In addition to his duties at Cowles, he is now serving as Director of the Iowa Academic Library Alliance. Drawing on a lifetime of Librarianship, book collecting, and immersion in book culture, Rod will take us on a journey through this portion of Book Land. He is an active Sherlockian, and a member of science fiction fan culture.

**Famous Mathematical Problems with Alexander Kleiner**  
**Mondays, October 28, November 4, 11, 18 10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

Lectures will introduce ideas from mathematics through famous problems. Examples include problems posed by the Greeks and solved in the eighteenth century, Fermat’s last problem, the Four Color Problem, etc. Also, the role of problems in the development of mathematics such as Hilbert’s and Millennium Problems. No specific background is assumed, lectures will be directed towards those who have an interest in mathematics and a memory of being in high school algebra and geometry.

**Alexander Kleiner** has a PhD in Mathematics from Texas A&M and taught mathematics at Drake from 1969 to 2012. He has a long-standing interest in the History of Mathematics and taught the material in this course multiple times.

**The Science and Politics of Climate Change with David Courard-Hauri**  
**Wednesdays, October 30, November 6, 13, 20 10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

This course is designed to answer your questions about local and global climate change, such as: given that climate has always changed, is it really caused by humans this time? What are we still unsure about, and what does that mean going forward? What can we do about climate change, and how might that affect the economy? The format will be a prepared lecture with plenty of room to explore questions you bring with you.

**David Courard-Hauri** has taught Environmental Science and Sustainability at Drake for nearly 20 years. He has helped to organize and write annual “Climate Statements” communicating expected impacts on our state, co-signed by hundreds of scientists across Iowa. He has a PhD in Chemistry from Stanford and an MPA from Princeton.

**Ancient Shipwrecks Under Ancient Seas with Dan Davis**  
**Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1 2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$20

Have you ever wanted to drain the Mediterranean and investigate all the ancient shipwrecks lying about? Fortunately, diving and robotic technology have enabled access to this untouched museum of nautical treasures. In part one of this two-part course, we explore the most famous ancient wrecks discovered with scuba. In the second lecture we discuss the emerging field of deep-water archaeology, the fantastic discoveries that have been made in the Aegean and Black Seas, and the future of the discipline.

**Dan Davis** is a professor of classics at Luther College with 25 years of experience as a marine archaeologist. Dan specializes in ancient maritime trade, ship construction, and deep-water archaeology. A

native of Des Moines, he earned a bachelor’s from the University of Iowa, a master’s from Texas A&M, and a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin.

**The Prediction, Discovery, and Conformation of Black Holes with Sam Wormley**  
**Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25 2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

This course will cover:

- The final development of Albert Einstein’s General Relativity in 1916
- Karl Schwarzschild’s solution to the General Relativity equations in 1916 that predicted the possibility of black holes
- Early astronomical observations of invisible massive objects in binary star systems
- Astronomical and gravitational observations confirming black holes
- Particle physics and quantum mechanical phenomena associated with black holes
- Black holes’ apparent role in the evolution of galaxies and the universe

**Sam Wormley** is a retired Associate Scientist and Principal Investigator, CNDE/IPRT/AL at Iowa State. For 17 years, he has also been an Adjunct Professor of Astronomy at Marshalltown Community College. Sam regularly teaches science and technology classes for OLLI at Iowa State and the RaySociety.

**Iconic Des Moines Area Restaurants**  
**Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.**  
Location varies  
COST \$70 (Lifetime members \$40) / LIMIT 35

An icon can represent an item of devotion—much like a religious picture with great meaning. In restaurant lingo, an icon is an eating establishment with real “staying power.” It is well-established, with a history that covers generations. The local restaurant scene has changed dramatically in recent years. Restaurants of all types now cover our metro area. And they come and go—victims of the whims of the eating public. In this this class, we’ll travel to four different restaurants in the metro area. Some you may be aware of, others are less known. But all are true

icons of the local “eating scene”. Join us as we travel to four Des Moines area restaurants, learn of their history and clientele, their challenges, plans for the future, and most importantly – sample their cuisine!

**Session 1: Baratta’s** - 2320 South Union, Des Moines, IA 50315  
**Session 2: Noah’s Ark** - 2400 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312  
**Session 3: Waterfront Seafood** - 2900 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266  
**Session 4: Bianchi’s Hilltop** - 2820 Hubbell Ave., Des Moines, IA 50317

**1989 Velvet Revolution in Prague with Jim Chrisinger**  
**Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20 2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

This autumn marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. The course tells the story of the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia. We begin with Czechoslovak history and culture, then describe life during the communist period (1948-1989), including the dissident movement and the role of U.S. diplomats. Using the presenter’s experiences and pictures from that time, we finish with the story of the Velvet Revolution and the aftermath.

**Jim Chrisinger** is an Iowan who served as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer at the embassy in Prague, Czechoslovakia from 1987-1990. Following, he served as the project manager for Iowa State University’s technical assistance projects in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. He is a recently retired career public servant, including 10 years in Iowa state government, with degrees from Iowa State and UC Berkeley.

**Health Insurance Landscape: 2019 with Judy Brannon, Nora Nurre, Michael Andreski, Andria Seip**  
**Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

**Session 1: Senior Health Insurance Information Program**  
Medicare can be a confusing and complicated topic. This presentation from two Senior Health Insurance Information Program volunteers will help you understand the differences between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans, changes coming in 2020 to Medicare, some of the common myths and misunderstandings about Medicare, and recent scams that attempt to defraud Medicare beneficiaries.

**Judy Brannon and Nora Nurre** are volunteer counselors for SHIIP, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program and SMP, the Senior Medicare Patrol, both part of the Iowa Insurance Division. Judy and Nora are Drake graduates and members of the RaySociety. Judy: (BSBA '75) (MBA '81) and Nora: (BSBA '85) (MBA '92)

**Session 2: Health Insurance: The Players and The Game**  
The health insurance industry is complex and often lacks transparency. This session will help you understand how the system started and evolved, how that affects today's insurance, who are the major players, what the rules of the game are, and how you can be a more informed consumer. The talk will include background on the Pharmacy Benefit Manager role and how they influence the cost of prescriptions.

**Michael Andreski** is an Associate Professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy. A practicing pharmacist for 36 years, mostly in a clinical managerial role, he moved to academia after completing a PhD in pharmaceutical socioeconomics. He teaches management and services development and researches the effects of pharmacy operations on providing clinical care.

**Session 3: The Iowa Healthcare Market**  
This session will provide an overview of Iowa's health insurance market including information about the Affordable Care Act individual and small group market and changes in Medicare Supplement plans beginning in 2020.

**Andria Seip** is the Assistant Insurance Commissioner at the Iowa Insurance Division. She has worked with IID since February 2016 and for the State of Iowa since 2010. Andria is a subject matter expert in health insurance and the ACA. Andria has her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University, a master's degree from Spertus Institute and law degree from Hamline University.

**That's Entertainment! with Pam Moody and Ben Ulin**  
**Thursdays, November 7, 14**  
**2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$20

**Session 1: The Art Form, Humor and Heart of a Professional Clown**  
Attendees can expect to learn the following: a brief history of clowning, types of clowns, clowning venues, skills employed, costuming and makeup application, and—of course—being funny!

**Pam “Sparky” Moody** has been a professional clown for 25 years. She began in clown ministry and quickly moved into public schools presenting safety assemblies in Central Iowa for 19+ years in partnership with the Des Moines Fire Department. She has clowned around the world and has been an instructor for the past 20 years at conferences and at both the University of Wisconsin and Viterbo University. She has served on the Executive Committee of the World Clown Association since 2013 and served as President 2016-2018.

**Session 2: Through a Magician's Eye: An Introduction to Creating the Wonder**  
Magicians are the scientists of the performing arts. Learning even the simplest magic tricks teaches empathy, psychology, physics, communication skills, and the importance of wonder. Ben Ulin will give a “backstage” tour into the mind and life of a professional magician. Whether you are a speaker, performer, a magic enthusiast, or just want to charm friends and family, come discover the inspirations, strategies, and philosophies of this fascinating art.

**Ben Ulin**, comedy magician, was voted one the of the funniest people in the country by Showtime Television. A headline act for corporate shows, cruise lines, and comedy clubs for over 35 years, his comedy illusion show at Adventureland Amusement Park is the longest-running theme park magic show in history.

**Physical and Occupational Therapy for Health Recovery and Maintenance with Traci Bush, Denise Kluever, and Kacey Sutter**  
**Fridays, November 8, 15, 22**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

The services of a physical or occupational therapist are not only for recovery after injury, but also are useful in maintaining health and wellness by reducing pain, improving mobility, and limiting physical disabilities. This course will feature a physical therapist and occupational therapist who will each describe their roles and practices in returning patients to their optimal health and physical functioning. Several exercises will be introduced in class to help participants experience benefits first-hand. Services offered by MercyOne Health & Fitness Center will be also be discussed.

**Traci Bush** is Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Des Moines University and has been a faculty member within the department for over 20 years. Her training includes entry-level and advanced degrees in physical and occupational therapy. Prior to joining Des Moines University, she provided rehabilitation services to patients in rehabilitation, inpatient and outpatient settings.

**Denise Kluever** is the Learning Space Coordinator for the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program at Drake University. A native of Atlantic, Iowa, Denise graduated from the College of St. Catherine with a bachelor's in occupational therapy. She received a master's in health care administration from the College of St. Francis. Denise served as an occupational therapist in many capacities at the Younker Rehabilitation Center at Iowa Methodist for 20 years.

**Kacey Sutter** is the Medical Integration Coordinator at MercyOne Health & Fitness Center. She has worked in the fitness field for over 15 years, with experience in many different areas of fitness, but has focused more of her efforts on how to stay physically active as we face different medical circumstances that may change how our bodies respond to physical activity.

**European Fascism: 1918 - 1945 with Paul Morris**  
**Tuesdays, November 19, 26, December 3, 10**  
**2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST \$30

This series of lectures will discuss Fascism in Europe from 1918-1945. It will cover not only Italy and Germany, but also the fascist regimes in Spain, Portugal, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece and the wartime puppet regimes in Romania, Croatia, Slovakia and Hungary. The course discusses the reasons why so many countries adopted fascist ideologies and governmental methods, what form fascism took in these countries, and why fascist regimes had failed in some (but not all) of them by 1945.

**Paul Morris** holds degrees in economics, business administration, management science and history. He taught statistics and quantitative methods at Northeastern University and subsequently served as the chief information technology officer at Tufts, Emory and Drake Universities. He has taught several courses for the RaySociety.

**Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage - Exploring Sustainability From the Ground Up with Kyle Yoder**  
**Friday, November 22**  
**1—2:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
COST: FREE

The environmental challenges we face today can seem daunting when considered from a planetary perspective. What does it look like to zoom in—to examine what sustainability may look like when taken day-to-day in the context of a small town committed to radical, ecologically-friendly living? Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage is an intentional community of 75 people in rural northeast Missouri dedicated to seeking practical solutions to these challenges. Solutions include vehicle sharing, straw bale housing, a renewable energy grid, local food production, neighborhood design that emphasizes engagement, equity-based governance, and more. Come see what's working—and what's not—in our radical experiment on everyday sustainability.

**Kyle Yoder** has lived at Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage for nine years. He serves on the Ecovillage's board

of directors and actively contributes to its growing database of alternative building techniques. He is especially interested in designing the “in-between”—spaces where buildings, people, and the outdoors converge.

**Yoga: It’s Not Just for Flexible People! with Mary Kay Smith**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 3, 5, 10, 12**  
**2—3:30 p.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
**COST \$30 / LIMIT 30**

Yoga has been practiced for centuries and arrived on American soil in the 1950’s. During this four-session course, we will focus on various aspects of yoga: history, types, the chakras, and meditation. After a short lecture, we will get moving and practice some yoga. Everyone participates at his or her own level; modifications will be given throughout each yoga practice. Breath work and balance will be worked on, but know that we will also be having a bunch of fun too! yoga does not have to be serious; we may break out in song and laugh along our journey as well!

Please wear comfortable clothing that you can easily move in. You do not need to have any yoga experience to enjoy this class.

**Mary Kay Smith** is a 200-hour certified yoga instructor. She teaches at Power Life and is also an ACE certified private trainer who focuses on yoga, barre, and strength training with her clients. Mary Kay received an undergraduate and a master’s degree at Drake. Her husband, John, is the Vice President for Advancement at Drake. Their son, Jake, attends Drake and their daughter, Emi, attends Butler University in Indiana. The good news is that both schools’ mascots are bulldogs so that makes life in the Smith household much easier. GO BULLDOGS!

**Nazi Hunger Politics: Food and Starvation during World War II with Gesine Gerhard**  
**Friday, December 6**  
**10—11:30 a.m.**  
Location to be announced in class reminder  
**COST: FREE**

During World War II, millions of Soviet soldiers in German captivity died of hunger and starvation.

Their fate was not the unexpected consequence of a war that took longer than anticipated. Instead, it was the calculated strategy of a small group of economic planners around Herbert Backe, the second Reich Minister for Food and Agriculture. In this class, Gesine Gerhard, Professor of History and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will explain the role food played for the Nazi regime and how it served as the foundation of a racial ideology that justified the murder of millions of Jews, prisoners of war and Slavs.

**Gesine Gerhard** is a professor of modern European history and dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Drake University. She received her PhD from the University of Iowa and her MA from the Technical University Berlin, Germany. Her research focuses on German agricultural history, food studies and food policy during World War II. She is the author of numerous articles and book chapters as well as the book *Nazi Hunger Politics: A History of Food in the Third Reich*.

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Iowa Caucus: 2019 Progress Report	\$0	\$30		
Inside Terrace Hill/Iowa State Capitol	\$0	\$30		
When Disaster Strikes	\$0	\$30		
The Best Movie Year Ever?	\$0	\$30		
Whiteness and Race	\$0	\$20		
SCI Workshop: Halloween Costume	\$20	\$20		
Drake vs. Valparaiso	\$11	\$11		
Downsizing for Seniors (pick one)				
Monday, October 7	\$0	\$0		
Tuesday, October 8	\$0	\$0		
Revisiting the Vietnam War	\$0	\$30		
Jay N. Darling	\$0	\$0		
Talk and Tap with DMPA*	\$50*	\$50*		
That's Amore! Drake Opera Theater	\$0	\$0		
Journey Through Book Land	\$0	\$20		
Famous Mathematical Problems	\$0	\$30		
Science and Politics of Climate Change	\$0	\$30		
Ancient Shipwrecks/Ancient Seas	\$0	\$20		

\*Talk and Tap with DMPA: if you already have a ticket to Dorrance Dance performance, class fee is \$15.

All \$30 standard class fees are waived as part of the lifetime membership benefit, but **lifetime members must still register** for any offerings they wish to attend.

Confirmation of your request and notification of courses that are waitlisted will be sent within 10 business days of receipt of request.

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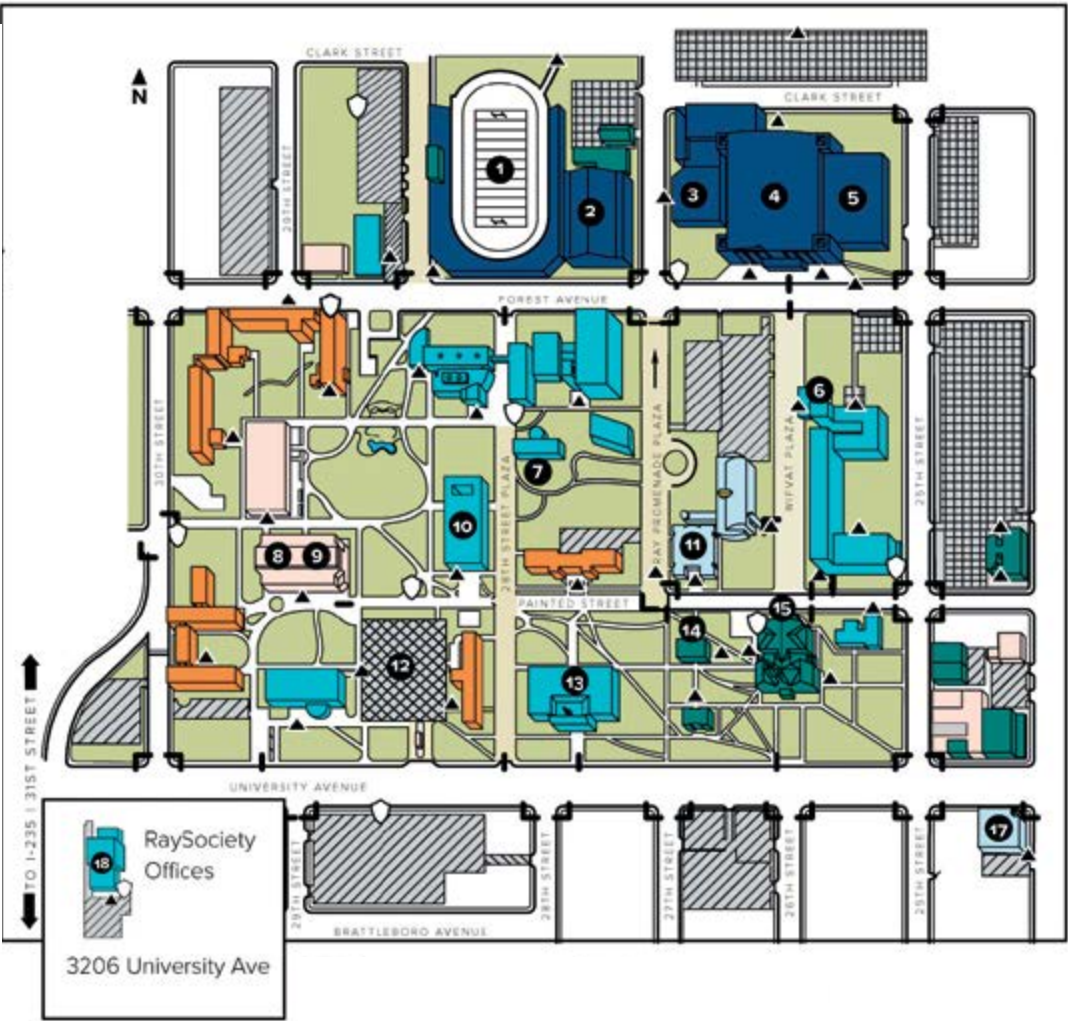
13 Cowles Library

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