



## OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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### AAC&U Presentations

Mark Schneider and Meredith Goldsmith presented on ongoing projects at Ursinus to significant audience interest. Mark Schneider presented in the discussion entitled "Beyond Food, Festivals, and Fun: Engaging Oppression, Inequality, and Hierarchy in General Education." Meredith Goldsmith presented in the discussions entitled "Development Engagement, Reinvention: Approaches to Faculty Mentoring and Growth at Small Liberal Arts Institutions" and "Humanities, STEM, and Management: New Interdisciplinary Pathways for 21st-Century Learning."

### Celebration of Faculty and Student Scholarship, Creativity, and Achievement

As we prepare for the May 2nd celebration, please be sure to send us your copies of your scholarship and creative work including both print and online publications.

### Faculty Commencement Awards

Our office will soon be soliciting nominations for three faculty awards presented to faculty at commencement. The H. Lloyd Jones Jr. Award is selected from student nominations and presented to a faculty member for distinguished advising and mentoring. The Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, also selected from student nominations, is presented in recognition of outstanding teaching in stimulating and guiding the intellectual development of students at Ursinus College. Peer nominated and selected by past recipients, the Laughlin Professional Achievement Award is presented to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to scholarship.

### Honors Deadline Passed

Honors registration forms were due to our office in December. To verify that your student(s) submitted a registration form, please check the list found [here](#).

### In Memoriam

The Dean's Office was saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Derk Visser, professor of History, who passed away on December 16, 2018 at the age of 88. The link to the full obituary can be found [here](#).

### IRB—Revised Common Rule

This is a reminder that changes to the federal regulations guiding human subjects research went effect on January 21, 2019. All IRB forms have been updated to reflect the new changes. Please use these forms for any new protocols. Visit the IRB [website](#), for more information, and the [FAQ page](#) has been created to guide researchers through the requirements and the implementation process. If you have any active studies that were affected, you were already contacted. If you have any other questions regarding your specific study, please contact the IRB Administrator, [irbadmin@ursinus.edu](mailto:irbadmin@ursinus.edu).

### Middle States Self-Study

The Self-Study report for the college's Middle States Commission on Higher Education re-accreditation will be submitted on February 8. The team visit will take place March 24-27, and faculty will be highly encouraged to participate in meetings with team members. Stay tuned for more information about the visit.

### New Faculty

This semester we welcome eight part-time faculty members. Dean Schneider is pleased to present this group of talented and accomplished colleagues to the campus community.

Patrick Blanchfield — CIE 200 Common Intellectual Experience

Tamanya Garza — THEA 006 Performance Practicum

Chris Herdelin — ECON 102 Principles of Macroeconomics

Meghan Jones — TD 130 Intro to Design

Vita Litvak — ART 104 Photography

Ian Murphy — MCS 201 Public Speaking

Daniel Nevins — ECON 202 Intermediate Macroeconomics

Sarah Pater — ART 105 Printmaking

### PhillyX

The [Fall 2019 PhillyX program](#) is accepting student applications through Friday, Feb. 22, 2019. Students can spend the fall semester living, interning, and studying in Philadelphia. Three Ursinus faculty [will offer courses in Philadelphia](#): Prof. Nzadi Keita ("Philly Word"), Prof. Cathy van de Ruit ("Health in the City"), and Prof. Roger Florka ("Race and Ethnicity in Philadelphia").

## Summer Courses

Ursinus will offer one summer session this summer from May 28-June 21. The courses offered are:

STAT 141Q - Statistics I

PSYC 100 - Introductory Psychology

ANTH/HIST 385 - Historical Archaeology Field School

Please encourage any students in need of classes to sign up. More information is available on the college [Summer Burst website](#). Anyone with questions about the academic portion of summer classes should contact Stephanie Mackler ([smackler@ursinus.edu](mailto:smackler@ursinus.edu)). Questions about other logistics related to summer classes should contact to Maureen Cawley ([MCawley@ursinus.edu](mailto:MCawley@ursinus.edu)).

## Summer Fellows Application Deadline

The deadline to apply to Summer Fellows is Monday, February 11. A completed application will include an online Summer Fellows Program Application Form, a letter of endorsement from the faculty mentor, and an additional letter of recommendation. An online application form is now available [here](#) and at the Ursinus College [Summer Fellows website](#).

## Upcoming Deadlines for Faculty Development Funding

Faculty Development deadlines are coming up! Please see the [webpage](#) for deadlines and details for small research grants, student humanities research assistants, the Pearlstine Fellowships (Feb 1), and travel funding and summer grants (Feb 15).

Are you interested in learning new digital tools and approaches than can inform your teaching and scholarship? If so, please consider applying for a Cutler Grant to attend a week-long workshop this summer. Visit the [webpage](#) or email [mgoldsmith@ursinus.edu](mailto:mgoldsmith@ursinus.edu) for more information.

Upcoming Faculty Development deadlines:

February 1: Pearlstine Fellowships; Small Research Grants; Spring Student Research Assistantships in the Humanities; Winifred Cutler Grants for Digital Studies, more information can be found [here](#).

February 15: Conference Travel Requests (Only base travel support considered); Summer Grants

February 21: Be sure to join us at the Salon when Faculty Development is the topic!

April 1: Small Research Grants; Summer Student Research Assistantships in the Humanities

May 1: VanSant Research Grant

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