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A&S September Newsletter

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School of Arts and Sciences



From the Dean's Desk



Arts and Sciences Updates

Faculty

We're pleased to announce the Arts and Sciences winners of the Faculty Awards:

Stephen Schneck Award for Excellence in Social Science Research: **Matt Green**

Griffith-Rousseau Award for Excellence in Humanities Research: **Michael Kimmage**

James Youniss Award for Excellence in Natural and Empirical Sciences: **Rachel Bartek**

John Convey Award for Excellence in Service: **Marcie Goeke-Morey**

Ingrid Merkel Award for Excellence in Teaching: **Bill McCarthy**

Lucy Cohen Award for Excellence in Mission: **Tony Gallenstein**

Five faculty seed grant proposals were funded in the July round. There are four upcoming opportunities for faculty with an October 1st deadline:

-First, [dean's funding for departmental or faculty activities](#), which can now also fund international travel for faculty as well as projects that involve student labor.

-Second, another round of [seed grant proposals](#) to support innovative faculty projects, including new courses that bridge disciplinary boundaries, interdisciplinary research projects, and pilot studies providing proof of concept to prepare faculty for extramural grant proposals.

-Third, [faculty book workshops](#) for AY24-25, in which faculty with an advanced book project can have their work critiqued by external and internal readers.

-Fourth, the [mid-career sabbatical](#), which is intended to help Associate faculty who have completed significant service and could use time to advance research in preparation for promotion.

Finance & Administration

Finance

The start of the Academic Year coincides with Q2 of our University's Fiscal Year. We recommend looking over 1ORG reports for your Fund (11) expense line to ensure departments are budgeting correctly for yearly expenditures such as copier, telephone, and printer.

All Department Chairs received an e-mail regarding PCard holders within their department. We will keep in communication as we receive applications for new cards.

Please keep in mind that all Professional Development Funding is to be used by Friday, March 7th. This is the same deadline for use of Spend Authority.

We thank you as always for your attention to budgetary matters within your respective departments!

Administration

We are looking forward to our Welcome Back Meeting for all A&S Academic Coordinators on Wednesday, September 11th at 10am, Pryz 327. During our time we will chat about future monthly meetings and topics.

Assessment

The work for the UG Program Review will be continuing this Fall. Last year, Departments completed curriculum mapping and degree requirements reviews. This year, the Dean's Office has compiled external data to further inform the process. Cindy Sanders reviewed this data and the next steps in the UG Program Review process with Chairs and UG Program Directors in August. She will also be presenting an update to all A&S faculty at the next faculty meeting.

Undergraduate

We have enjoyed meeting about fifteen new freshmen as a result of an Instagram swag giveaway we ran throughout the summer. Their morale seems high!

Graduate

During the summer semester, four students successfully defended their doctoral dissertations. Twenty-one graduate degrees were conferred on August 24 -- ten Ph.D., four M.A., one M.S., and six M.S.L.I.S. degrees.

This fall we are pleased to welcome 132 new graduate students. We have 44 in Master of Arts, 10 in Master of Public Policy, 15 in Master of Science, 32 in Master of Science in Library and Information Science, 1 in Master of Arts and Master of Science in Library and Information Science joint degree, and 30 in Doctor of Philosophy programs.

If you have students you expect to defend this semester or in the spring, please forward their names to Star Angelopoulos (angelopoulos@cua.edu). You can view the oral dates calendar and instructions here: [2024-2025 Instructions for Setting Up the Final Doctoral Oral Examination](#) (first page only), it should be emailed to Star (angelopoulos@cua.edu).

Upcoming Events

Sep 17: Provost's Fall Faculty Luncheon 12-2pm Great Rooms

Sep 19: A&S Faculty Meeting 12:45-2:15pm Great Room C

Sep 20-22: [Cardinal Weekend](#)

What's Happening in Arts and Sciences?





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