

Knox Faculty Development Newsletter

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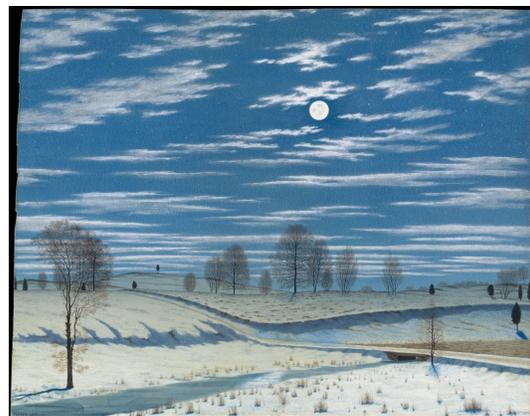
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(Link to this image and further info [here](#), and about open-access images from the Metropolitan Museum of Art [here](#).)

Fridays at Four January 25: Lynette Lombard and Tony Gant

Please plan to attend this year's first "Fridays at Four"--a beloved Knox tradition in which faculty gather to learn more about each others' work in a low-key, supportive atmosphere. As usual, wine and conversation at 4; talks begin at about 4:15. Hope you'll be there!

On the Edge of Nature: Talks by Lynette Lombard and Tony Gant

Friday Jan 25th 4pm WAC Lecture Room 213 (please note correction)

Tony Gant's statement: Shifting tectonic plates, land erosion, wind sculpting and Ice Rivers have shaped the earth we inherit. Within the tradition of shaping the earth, humans don't have a great recent track record-clear-cutting, mountaintop removal, oil spills and we now dominate the ever-changing landscape. I like to think of my works at Green Oaks as meditations on earth shaping and I hope my Land Art compels viewers to pause and reflect on the shapes we inhabit.

Lynette Lombard's statement: My paintings embody a visceral, physical and poetic experience of place. Painting out in the landscape is a shock to my system, a jolt on the nerves, a waking up to being engulfed and consumed by the natural world. It's where monsters and terror meet a deep desire to connect to a place. The places I paint have a presence, a wildness and a desolation that is where nature attempts to hold on. Painting is where the fragile and sometimes disturbing become actual, tangible and conjure a spirit of place.

Opportunities

- **Upcoming CoFR deadlines** Funding proposals for **research and creative work for the academic year** should ideally be submitted by **January 28** to be given full consideration this term; proposals for **Summer 2019** should be submitted no later than **April 8** in order to be considered during Spring term. More information, and the application, [here](#).
- **Conference travel through June 30 (first conference of the fiscal year):** Find more information and an application form [here](#); please apply no later than **March 1**.
- **Supplemental allocation for conference travel through June 30:** Please use the CTA form linked above (ignore the automatic award amount) or email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu with the information about the second conference. CoFR will make decisions about supplemental CTAs by mid to late March.

- **Save the dates: Fridays at Four, late Winter/early Spring:** Nick Gidmark (Biology) is scheduled for March 1; Greg Gilbert (Art and Art History), for March 29. If you have interest in sharing your work with a general faculty audience over lovely refreshments, email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu.
- **Tuesday Soup: beginning February 12** Faculty conversation around articles of interest. Plus soup. Watch your inboxes for time, place, and articles to read and discuss.
- **Transparent assignment mini-workshop--Monday, January 28, 4 - 5:30 pm, AH 117** What if your assignments were easier to grade? What if students knew whether or not they were doing excellent work **before** they turned it in? Clear communication about purpose, task, and criteria can make all the difference for students and for you. Bring an assignment that you'd like to workshop with a few colleagues. (To sign up, email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu.) More information about the TILT (Transparency in Learning and Teaching) project [here](#).
- **From the Stellyes Center for Global Studies:**
 - Information on applying for funding [here](#)
 - A guide for faculty leading short-term off-campus study [here](#)

From the ACM

- **Newsletter** The most recent edition of the *ACM Notes* newsletter can be found [here](#).
- **Digital mapping workshop** With funding from a Faculty Career Enhancement (FaCE) grant, a team of St. Olaf and Carleton faculty warmly invites ACM faculty and staff to participate in a four-day summer workshop titled "Fostering Humanistic Tools for Digital Mapping." The workshop will take place Thursday, July 25 - Sunday, July 28 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Additional information about the opportunity is available at <http://projects.acm.edu>, along with a link through which interested faculty who are interested can submit an application.

- **Institute on College Futures Online** How do decisions made on a college campus — about curriculum, facilities, enrollment, and financial aid, for example — play out in the college's budget and affect strategic planning? That question is central to ICF Online, a short professional development course for faculty and administrative staff that explores the economics of higher education and, more specifically, the financial challenges facing small

liberal arts colleges. Read more [here](#); email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu if you'd like to register.

- **Travel deals** The ACM has made arrangements for discounted rates for hotels in Chicago, nationally, and internationally. These options are available for faculty and staff at ACM member colleges, as well as their families, for both business and personal travel. Details [here](#).

Winter-proofing your work life

- **Helping students with mental health crises** There's a helpful article from the *Chronicle* [here](#). If you missed the new-and-improved "red folders" at the last faculty meeting, I have some spares in OM 102.
- **Helping colleagues** Thanks to Kim Schrader for suggesting this excellent article: [What is Your Responsibility as a Bystander to a Colleague Having Problems?](#)
- **Midterm feedback** If you're interested in asking students for midterm feedback, giving you time to make any necessary adjustments before the end of the term, I can help. Email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu to start a conversation about your options.
- **Aeon article on sleep** This article from *Aeon* changed (for the better) the way I think about sleep: ["The Cure for Insomnia is to Fall in Love with Sleep Again"](#)
- **[Starting the new year with self care](#)** from Inside Higher Ed--thanks to the multiple faculty members who recommended this.

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A little late for us, but some really nice advice [here](#) from James Lang (with an example from our own Cate Denial!)