

Knox Faculty Development Newsletter

Mid-to-Late Winter Term, 2019 (click links in headings to navigate to more info below or on the web)

Fridays at Four March 1: Nick Gidmark, Biology

Opportunities

- **Upcoming CoFR deadlines, plus info on conference travel allocations**
- **Save the date/call for speakers: Fridays at Four**
- **Upcoming Tuesday Soups**
- **Engaged Scholars Initiative (Illinois Campus Compact)**
- **Culture of Respect training this Friday, Feb. 22**
- **Opportunities through Stellyes Center for Global Studies**

Inspiration from around the web

- **Josh Eyler, author of *How Humans Learn: The Science and Stories behind Effective College Teaching*, on the Teaching in Higher Ed podcast**
- **From Faculty Focus: The “Big Bang” of Motivation: Questions That Evoke Wonder in Our Students**
- **From the Chronicle: The Hardest Part of Writing is Restarting**



(Photo credit: Mary Armon. Keep the faith; grass and violets will be back at some point.)

Fridays at Four March 1: Nick Gidmark

Please plan to attend this term's second "Fridays at Four"--a beloved Knox tradition in which faculty gather to learn more about each other's' 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 Form, Function, and Fishes

Friday, March 1 in E117 SMC

Nick's abstract: Fishes are nearly endless in their diverse forms, from elongate eels to tear-drop tunas to side-squished sunfishes. This multitude of forms correlates with a multitude of functions (maneuverability versus swimming speed versus agility, for example), and this form-function relationship is evident in the anatomy of the skeleton and the physiology of muscles. Here, I'll talk about two groups of fishes -- minnows and sunfish -- that my lab has been studying in recent years. We have examined muscle physiology, skeletal anatomy, and evolutionary relatedness in these groups to better understand how they vary and how they have come to be. We focus specifically on how these animals capture and process their food -- i.e. their jaws and jaw muscles. Importantly, this work is collaborative between myself and my students, so I will highlight how students have played an integral part in this research process.

Opportunities

- **Upcoming CoFR deadlines**
 - Funding proposals for **research and creative work for the academic year** should ideally have been submitted already; 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 early in Spring term.
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- **Save the date: Fridays at Four, early Spring:** Greg Gilbert (Art and Art History) is scheduled 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** Faculty conversation around topics or articles of interest. Plus soup. Tuesdays 12 - 1 in AH 219. Come when you can; leave when you must.
 - February 26: Come discuss advising challenges and/or share what's worked for you.
 - March 5: Generation Z: [The Confounding Relationship Between Smart Phones and Mental Health](#)
- The [Engaged Scholars Initiative](#) through the Illinois Campus Compact is an opportunity for faculty to connect with other scholars with a deep interest in community engagement. Interested faculty members must be nominated by their president or provost. The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 4 and requires the faculty member to prepare a letter of interest. Please contact Karrie Heartlein at kheartle@knox.edu if you have any questions.
- **Culture of Respect Training** will be offered Friday, February 22, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, in Ferris Lounge in Seymour Union. This training is designed to provide critical information about both your rights and responsibilities as an employee, and to help better understand the essential role we all play in a respectful Knox learning community. Although lunch will not be provided for this session, Dining Services is offering a \$7 lunch to all participants, available through the Hard Knox Cafe. You are also welcome to bring lunch. Water will be available and Ferris Lounge will be open starting at 11:30 am. **Registration is required** and you can sign up [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](#)