

Knox Faculty Development Newsletter

Early Spring, 2019 (click links in headings to navigate to more info below or on the web)

Fridays at Four March 29: Greg Gilbert, Art and Art History

Opportunities

- Upcoming CoFR deadlines, plus info on conference travel allocations
- Save the dates: Lehman, Miller, Heidt Fridays at Four
- An April of Tuesday Soups: Call for topics and presenters
- Save the dates: Candid Conversations on working with specific student populations

The Academic Minute: Let's put on a show!

Had there been enough of a break for Spring break workshops...

- [White fragility](#) two links here--thanks to Mary Crawford for sharing the article and (very funny) video
- [Specifications grading](#)
- [Small changes](#) to [support active learning](#)

Inspiration from Stanford University's *Tomorrow's Professor* newsletter

- A [project](#) at CSU Merced where students help students supply more useful course feedback
- [Concrete suggestions](#) for helping students become self-regulated learners



Fridays at Four March 29: Greg Gilbert

Please plan to attend this term's first "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!

Federal Art in the Midwest in the 1930s and the Meeting of Rural and Urban Cultures: A Challenge to Grant Wood's "Revolt Against the City"

Friday, March 29 in WAC 213

Greg's abstract:

This talk examines the historical complexities and ironies of Grant Wood's endorsement of the federal Public Works of Art Project in the 1930s as an advocate for a flourishing Regionalist art movement. In actuality, many of the New Deal's agricultural programs resulted in the increased dominance of modern economic and industrial forces in the rural Midwest, threatening the autonomous regionalism championed by Wood and other artists of the American Scene. These issues will be considered through the imagery of New Deal murals, which sought to encourage a sense of social unity and financial recovery through a joining of rural and urban economies. In addition, Wood's revolt against the influx of urban culture and industrialization will be analyzed through the symbolic narratives of his own Regionalist artworks.

A version of this talk was published in the Midwest Studies anthology *A Scattering Time: How Modernism Met Midwestern Culture*, Hastings College Press, 2018.



Grant Wood, *Death on the Ridge Road*, 1935

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**. (If your proposal needs more time, please email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu.) More information, and the application, [here](#).
 - **Conference travel through June 30 (first conference of the fiscal year or supplemental):** The deadline for requests has passed, but if a last-minute opportunity has arisen, apply [here](#) or email Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu with the information about the supplemental request.
 - **Conference travel for next fiscal year** A new form will roll out soon; for now, use this year's form (linked above) and make sure the dates of the conference are stated clearly.
- **Save the dates: Fridays at Four, rest of Spring Term:** Hilary Lehmann (Classics) and Alexis Miller (History) are scheduled for April 26; Todd Heidt is scheduled for May 10. If you have interest in sharing your work next year 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 in April, 12 - 1 in AH 219. Come when you can; leave when you must. Topics TBA; please contact Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu to suggest a topic or to offer to share a brief talk.
- **Save the dates: Candid Conversations this term** Information on each of these important topics will be shared with all faculty prior to these sessions. But mark your calendars, just the same. There will be treats.
 - **Monday, April 15 at 4 pm in Wilson House: International and Undocumented Students** Rebecca Eckart, Associate Director of International Student Services and Tianna Cervantez, Director of the Center for Intercultural Life, will share information and answer your questions about the different options and barriers that international and undocumented students face in completing internships, study abroad and professional life after college.
 - **Monday, April 22 at 4 pm in Wilson House: Working with Students Who Have Anxiety** Janell McGruder, Assistant Dean for Student Wellness and Director of Counseling Services, will share best practices and answer your questions about how to respond to situations in and out of the classroom.

A Knox takeover of *The Academic Minute*? Call for suggestions

AAC&U President Lynn Pasquerella is host of the radio segment [The Academic Minute](#), produced by WAMC Northeast Public Radio in partnership with AAC&U. The Academic Minute features professors and researchers from colleges and universities around the world discussing what's new in the academy and the ways in which academic research contributes to serving the public good. In addition to being broadcast widely on radio stations around the country, each segment is posted daily on [Inside Higher Ed](#) and across The Academic Minute's and AAC&U's social media portals.

The Academic Minute is seeking individual submissions for upcoming segments on any topic, and **campuses are also encouraged to submit ideas for “weekly takeovers” featuring five separate research segments from a single institution.** Recent weekly takeovers featured research from Trinity College, Swarthmore College, Arcadia University, and New York Institute of Technology.

If you'd like to nominate a colleague (or yourself) to be part of a Knox takeover of *The Academic Minute*, please contact Mary at facultydevelopment@knox.edu.