

In The Know

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Rules for In The Know

The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate faculty-related information. It is meant to augment, not replace, existing channels such as Campus Pulse, HR Communication or The Simpsonian.

Submission deadlines: Please submit any items to chesea.grenier@simpson.edu by the last day of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty Meeting Wednesday, September 13 from 12:45- 2 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

Constitution Day Lecture Wednesday, September 20 from 1- 2 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

Dept Chair & Div Head Meeting Wednesday, September 27 from 1- 2 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

Matthew Simpson Lecture Thursday, September 28 from 7- 8 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

See links below for full list of events on campus this month!

[Simpson College Events Schedule](#)

[Athletics Schedule](#)

REMINDERS FROM THE DEANS OFFICE

- Please send Chelsea your Fall 2023 syllabus!
- Sabbatical applications are due on Friday, September 15. Please reach out to Chelsea if you plan on applying.
- There are (3) p-cards available for check-out in the Academic Affairs Office. They are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please reach out to Chelsea to reserve a card.
- Please remember to email your Dept Chair and Chelsea if you are going to be absent from class.

GENERAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

As the Engaged Citizenship Curriculum (ECC) moves toward its sunset, faculty need to continue identifying artifacts for assessment in ECC courses. At the end of this fall, the Student Learning Improvement Committee (SLIC) will need instructors to submit artifacts from classes with the following designations: **The Arts** (AR), **Historical Perspectives** (HP), and **Collaborative Leadership** (CL). As you complete your syllabi for these classes, be sure to indicate any assignments you will forward to the committee for assessment of related student learning outcomes (SLOs). Also, for any courses designated in Simpson Core, be sure to identify assignments associated with SLOs for **Foundations, Inquiry, Mission, or Engaged Learning** courses. We will prompt students late in the semester to upload appropriate artifacts to their Portfolium accounts. Contact Kate Lerseth, the Chair of SLIC, or CoryAnne Hargan, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Assessment, with any questions.

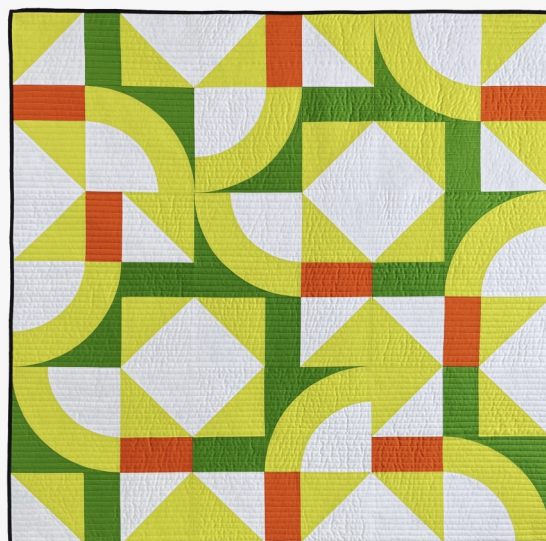
SIMPSON COLLEGE GALLERY OF ART AND DESIGN

Showing at **Simpson College Gallery of Art and Design:**
Ben Millett - Finding Pride, August 26 through September 29.

Ben Millett is a quilt artist who works out of a studio at Mainframe Studios in Des Moines. From Ben's website:

"Ben explores color and shape by applying contemporary color palettes to traditional quilt blocks, turning digital concepts into a physical reality with fabric and thread. He creates to play, to communicate ideas, to further the gay agenda, to make what he wants to see."

SCGAD is located on Howard Street, between Clinton and Detroit Avenue. Gallery Hours are 9am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.



CENTER FOR ACADEMIC RESOURCES (CARs)

CARs undergraduate tutoring services, including the Online Writing Lab, writing center, peer academic coaches, and content tutors, are open!

Students can book sessions using [WOnline](#), or they can pop into Mary Berry 109 and 111 to chance an available consultant.



FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maeve Callan, Professor of Religion, was recently featured in a CNN Health article. [Click here](#) to reach more about Professor Callan's research.

Katie Smith, Associate Professor of Sport Science and Health Education and recent graduate, Mya Gault '23, were recently featured in ACSM's Health & Fitness Journal. [Click here](#) to view their article.

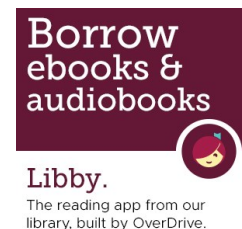


RESOURCES AT DUNN LIBRARY

Dunn Library now offers Libby!

Libby offers a large selection of nonfiction & fiction ebooks & audiobooks, thanks to our MOBIUS Overdrive Academic consortium. Instructions for adding this app to access the collection are on the [library's homepage](#); click the Libby icon. Libby accessibility features include:

- Appearance (text size & font, background lighting)
- Orientation (lock option) - holds orientation one way
- Reduce color & text variation
- Reduce motion & vibration alerts within the Libby app
- Screen Reader - Libby supports the system screen reader



Simpson College Digital Archives

The *Zenith* yearbook, *Simpsonian* newspaper, and *Simpson Magazine* & other alumni newsletters are now available in the [Community History Archive](#). You can search all items at the same time or choose a specific title, decade, or year.

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Films that matter

All Kanopy films are now available through Dunn Library. Kanopy offers more than 30,000 films, including critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning world language films, and more. Choose Kanopy from the [Database link](#) located below the Discovery search box. You can access videos both on and off campus. Kanopy works through mobile apps, and faculty can embed a film link or clips into Moodle for course use.

Library Services Update

Library services will continue in Great Hall during the fall semester. To request materials housed in Dunn, locate the item in [Discovery](#), choose your title, and click the *Place Hold* button. We will email you when the item is available in Great Hall.

CENTER FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

A Note from Mark

I'd like to thank everyone for a wonderful Fall Faculty Development Day. We had the largest attendance this year (61 attendees counted) of any faculty development day in the SCTLTC's short history, and the ChatGPT panel was the largest faculty-development workshop (52 in attendance) that we've recorded. Special thanks to Melissa Daniels, Chelsea Grenier, our staff and faculty presenters, and Kaylynn and Ben at Sodexo for their hard work to make it happen.

Fall Workshops

Check out the SCTLTC Website for a full listing of our Faculty Development Workshop Series and Faculty Learning Communities this fall. It will be updated throughout the semester.

 [Fall 2023 Workshops.docx](#)

Workshop List

Want to have calendar invites sent to you for each month's offerings? Email mark.pleiss@simpson.edu. All new faculty have already been added. Part-time and CGOE instructors are ALWAYS welcome to attend.

ChatGPT and AI Policies

Melissa and I have posted the policies that we collected from our ChatGPT panel during Faculty Development Day. You can find them under "Other Resources for Faculty" on the SCTLTC website, or you can click here and scroll down to the link under "AI and Your Syllabus":

<https://simpson.edu/internal/artificial-intelligence>

Reading Groups

Looking to lead a faculty reading group this fall? Reach out to Mark.

- Last semester I distributed many copies of Cindy Kernahan's *Teaching about Race and Racism*, and I still have a few copies. If you'd like to form or join a reading group for the book, let Mark know.
- * Mark's fall reading recommendation: *Teach Students How to Learn* (2015) by Saundra Yancy McGuire
Special thanks to Sal Meyers and Jenny Vargas for leading our summer reading groups.

NEH Workshop at Iowa State

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Regional Workshop on September 27, 2023 in Ames. The workshop is free and will be held in person from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Iowa State University Memorial Union, room 3560. This workshop will be led by Dr. Claudia Kinkela, a Senior Program Officer in the NEH's Division of Research who has served as the team lead for the NEH Fellowships Program for over a decade. Dr. Kinkela will introduce NEH funding opportunities, provide tips for writing a successful application, and talk in-depth about NEH Fellowships, which has been her main area of focus for the past 15 years. Time will be available for a Q&A session after the presentation, and a free lunch will be provided. Individual 15-minute sessions with Dr. Kinkela are available and will be scheduled between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Workshop registration will remain open until September 20, 2023. More information about the workshop and a link to the registration page may be found on our [website](#).