

In The Know

January 2024 Issue

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

First Day of Classes Monday, January 8

Faculty Meeting Wednesday, January 10 from 12:45- 2 p.m. in Hubbell Hall.

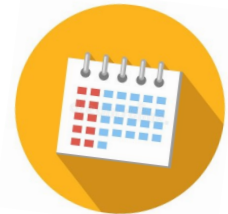
MLK Jr. Day (Day of Service) Monday, January 15

Dept Chair & Div Head Meeting Wednesday, January 24 from 1- 2 p.m. in Hubbell Hall

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

[Simpson College Events Schedule](#)

[Athletics Schedule](#)



SPRING 2024 SEMESTER REMINDERS

Reminder to report absences during first week of classes. Watch for additional emails and information from the Registrar's office.

Last day for Add/Drop is Friday, January 12, 2024 by end of business day.

Please send your spring semester syllabus to Chelsea by January 26th.

SPRING SABBATICALS

The following faculty members will be on sabbatical during the Spring 2024 semester:

- *John Pauley (Philosophy)
- *Chad Timm (Teacher Education)
- *Eduardo Magalhaes (Political Science)
- *Katherine Vance (Mathematics)



Welcome back Katie Smith, from your fall sabbatical!

SIMPSON COLLEGE GALLERY OF ART AND DESIGN

Ethan Edvenson - *Clustered Anomalies* at Simpson College Gallery of Art and Design
January 8 - February 16

Ethan Edvenson is a Des Moines artist who creates mixed media drawings. Edvenson uses variety of media, textures, and design approaches to create layers of content. The exhibit at SCAD will feature some of Edvenson's most recent work.

The gallery is located on Howard Street between Clinton and Detroit Avenue.
Open M-F, 9am to 4:30pm.



DUNN LIBRARY

Come check out the new space! Library Services is now located on the second floor. Teacher Education, CARs, and Student Support Services are located on the first floor.

Getting all collections back in exact order will take some time, so please be patient. Let us know if you can't locate what you need.

Library hours for spring semester (Jan 8–April 21):

Mon–Thur: 7:45 AM– 12:00 AM

Fridays: 7:45 AM– 4:30 PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM– 4:00 PM

Sundays: 12:00 PM– 12:00 AM

*Mon, Jan. 15 (MLK Jr Day): 6:00 PM– 12:00 AM



CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Upcoming Events:

Spring faculty development day on January 5, 2024


SOFA is coming this summer for Moodle 4.0

Annual Faculty Spring Writing Group

Sign up here!

 [2024 Spring Writing Group.docx](#)

Fall Newsletter

 [Waterfalls Issue 2 Oct Nov 2023.pdf](#)

2024 Spring Workshop Schedule

 [Spring Workshops.docx](#)



There are some upcoming professional development opportunities on Training for **Department Chairs through the Council of Independent Colleges**. These are offered through various organizations. The SCTLC will cover costs for anyone who is interested.

Council of Independent Colleges Workshops (CIC):

April 18-20, 2024 (St. Louis, MO)

May 8-10, 2024 (Jacksonville, FL)

May 20-22, 2024 (Baltimore, MD)

June 3-5, 2024 (Tacoma, WA)

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mark Ruelas, Instructor of Criminal Justice, recently authored a chapter in the soon-to-be released Criminal Justice textbook entitled "Routledge Handbook of Homicide Studies (Routledge International Handbooks). Mark's chapter is "Selected Homicide Themes in Los Angeles County" and will be released in February 2024.



CULVER CENTER

SAVE THE DATE!

13th Annual Culver Lecture -- John Della Volpe, Director of Polling for the Harvard Institute of Politics and author of [*Fight: How Gen Z is Channeling their Fear and Passion to Save America*](#)

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Hubbell Hall, Kent Campus Center

The John C. Culver Public Policy Center has secured [John Della Volpe](#), Director of Polling for the Harvard Institute of Politics and a former colleague of Senator Culver's at the Harvard IOP, to deliver the annual Culver Lecture on the evening of Thursday, April 4, 2024. *The Washington Post* has referred to Della Volpe as one of the world's leading authorities on global sentiment, opinion, and influence, especially among young Americans and in the age of digital and social media. His most recent book, [*Fight: How Gen Z is Channeling their Fear and Passion to Save America*](#), draws on his extensive youth public opinion research and focus group work over the past two decades plus.

In this presidential election year, Della Volpe will explore the contours of youth political views and engagement as Gen Z emerges as a dispositive voting bloc in American elections. Please consider adding the Culver Lecture to your spring syllabi and offering your students extra credit for attending.

Please contact Seth Andersen with any questions.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Abstract submissions for the 2024 Research and Creativity Symposium are now open!

The symposium will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Please encourage students who are doing research inside or outside of class this fall to submit their abstracts before the end of the semester.

Students are encouraged to present results from undergraduate research or creative projects (summer programs, capstone courses, etc.), results of class projects, or internship experiences.

Student abstract submission link [here](#).
Faculty class panel submission link [here](#).

Faculty and students can contact undergradresearch@simpson.edu with any questions.

