

Quarterly Newsletter
WINTER 2023

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MONTHLY PROGRAM

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“The Future of Family Court”

TUESDAY, February 7, 2023 | 9:30am – 10:45am | Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts

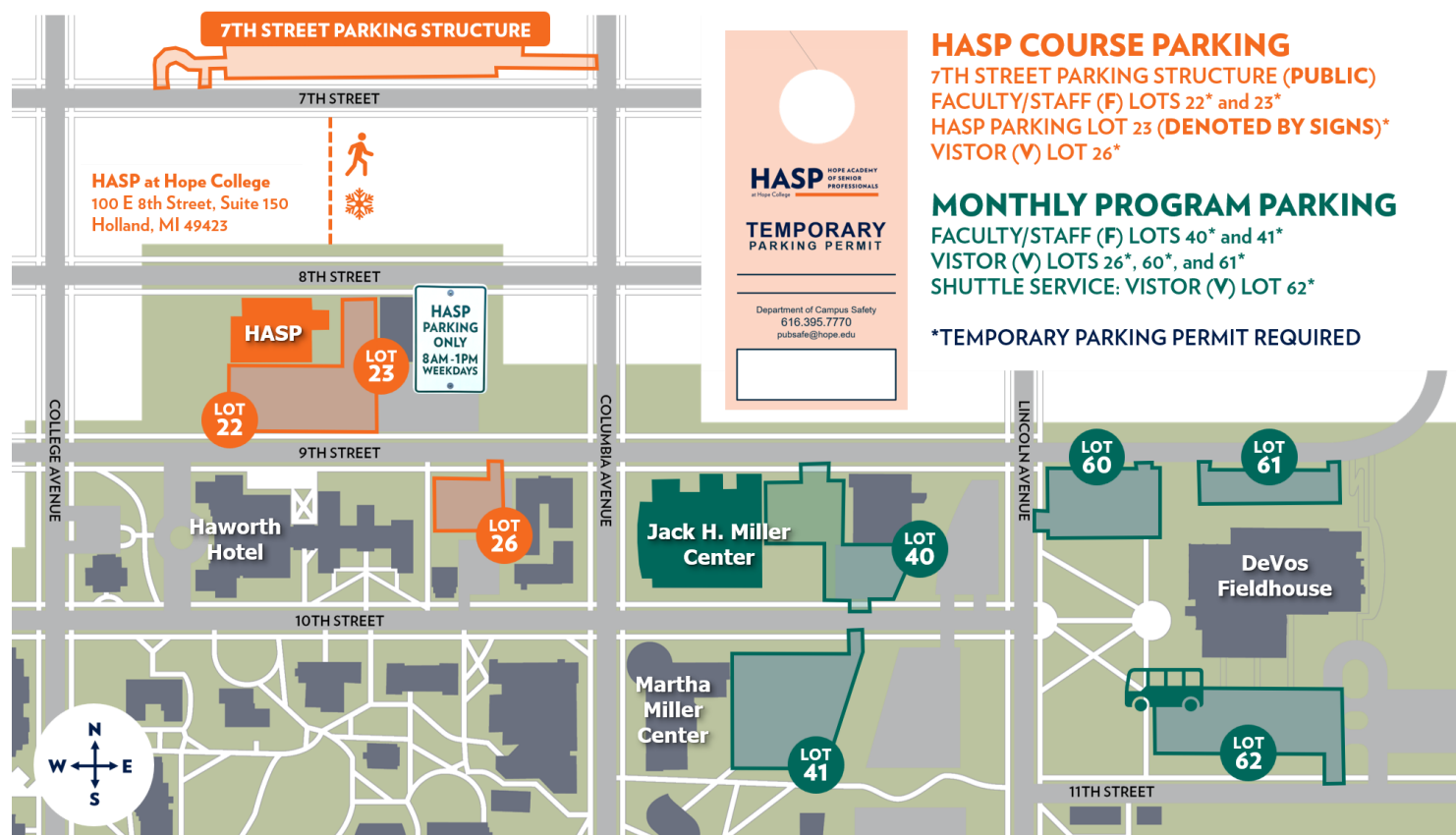
The Family Division of the Circuit Court (also known as “Family Court”) was created by the Michigan legislature, signed into law by Governor John Engler, and implemented in 1998, organizing domestic relations, juvenile, adoption, custody, child welfare, and other family-related cases under the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court. Responsible for the welfare of over 11,000 children in Ottawa County, the Family Division is anchored by the premise of “one judge, one family”, consolidating the judges, attorney referees, and court staff historically divided into different jurisdictions. Major changes are on the way for the 20th Circuit Court’s Family Division as the construction of a new justice center seeks to further consolidate the services of this essential court system.

Judge Jon Van Allsburg, Chief Judge of Ottawa County’s 20th Circuit Court, is a resident of Park Township and a graduate of West Ottawa High School, Central Michigan University, and the Michigan State University College of Law. He practiced law in Holland for two decades before his election to the 20th Circuit Court in 2004. Judge Van Allsburg has also served as an adjunct professor of business law at Grand Valley State University and Hope College, president of the Michigan Judges Association, and numerous leadership positions on local organization and community boards. In 2021, the State Bar of Michigan awarded him the Marilyn J. Kelly Award for Outstanding Judicial Service in Family Law. Judge Van Allsburg was appointed Chief Judge in 2016, and is currently assigned to the Family Division.

*Join fellow HASP members and guests at the Jack H. Miller Center from 9:00am - 9:30am
for coffee, cookies, and conversation prior to this month’s program.*

Attend virtually via the **HASP@Hope** YouTube Page, www.youtube.com/HASPHope.

MONTHLY PROGRAM PARKING GUIDELINES



MAKE IT EASY. TAKE A SHUTTLE!

Lot 62 Shuttle Service Pick-Up Schedule: **8:45am | 9:00am | 9:15am**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – UPCOMING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, March 7, 2023, ***“Reimagining America’s Schools”*** presented by RON BOGLE, President & CEO, National Design Alliance

TUESDAY, April 4, 2023, ***“The Art and Science of Ocean Acoustics”*** presented by LINDSAY OLSON, Artist

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Sharon Arendshorst, HASP President | snarendshorst@gmail.com | 616.566.0219

Our HASP winter quarter has begun with a whirlwind of office and committee activity. In addition, the HASP Board of Directors participated in two (2) workshops as the third step in the *HASP Forward* initiative. The board workshops built on the affirmations of the Appreciative Inquiry Envisioning sessions of last August and the results of the Membership Survey conducted in November (results linked [HERE](#)). The results of these first steps affirmed HASP as a strong organization with a clear desire for lifelong learning and continued social engagement. No major areas of difficulty were identified. The strengths of HASP allowed us to focus the board workshops on building toward an even better future.

The workshops were facilitated by Scott Travis, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement at Hope College and HASP’s liaison to the college.

In Workshop 1, the Board affirmed the mission of HASP as written in our constitution:

Article II – Nature and Purposes

The Hope Academy of Senior Professionals is a peer-led institute for learning in retirement constituted as a branch of Hope College. Its purposes are:

- 1) To enrich the intellectual, cultural and social lives of its members, and
- 2) To make available a wealth of wide-ranging knowledge, talent and experience to Hope College and to the greater community area.

We conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis to help us identify areas of weakness and opportunities for future work. We identified HASP values that would help us conduct our work and envision the future. The work of the day helped set the focus for the second workshop.

How do you envision HASP's future? That was the question posed to the HASP Board of Directors at the end of the first workshop. We began Workshop 2 listening for common themes and future dreams presented through a variety of media. The tone was set as we played rhythm instruments together. We heard themes presented in eloquent statements of vision and word clusters of values and hopes. We heard an original song sung to the strum of a guitar. We were carried into the future on the piano composition "Melodie" by Edvard Grieg. We saw the future in a bowl full of candy, a t-shirt, a multicultural photograph, and on a picture poster of desired outcomes. I realize this paragraph cannot capture the "you-had-to-have-been-there" experience, so feel free to ask Board members about their visions of HASP's future.

The remainder of Workshop 2 was spent in small and large group discussions focused in four areas: (1) identity and accessibility, (2) defining "peer-led," (3) financial stability, and (4) quality growth. The discussions were a fruitful beginning in the larger process of setting specific goals. Working groups of Board members have been established to continue the discussion and brainstorm next steps. Each group will present their conclusions, ideas, and action steps at the Board Meeting on March 13, 2023. The ultimate goal of the *HASP Forward* initiative is to develop a strategic plan that will chart our future direction built on our past and current strengths.

Even as we continue the *HASP Forward* process, the daily and monthly work of HASP continues: Ian and Amy are working on their office priorities, the HASP Quarterly Report will be launched, a process to clarify responsibilities between the staff and HASP committees and governing bodies will be completed, the Nomination Committee will begin its work to nominate new leaders and committee chairs, the HASP Winter course term will continue, the budgeting process for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will commence, curriculum subcommittees will begin planning for Summer 2023 term, a New Member Orientation will welcome our newest scholars, and much more. Thank you to all who contribute to making HASP a successful learning community and organization.

As we continue into 2023, I invite more of you to get involved. In the survey, many HASP members said they'd be willing to teach a class or serve on a committee if asked and given the appropriate support. I don't know who you are, so count this as an ask and know that we will provide the support! Please let a committee chairperson, Ian, Amy, or me know if you're willing to serve on a committee, teach a course, volunteer in the office, or serve as a classroom technician. If you see a place your skills might serve HASP, please offer them. We are a peer-led organization and cannot continue to thrive without you.

Let's continue to build on the strengths of HASP's past and present as we chart our future together and have fun in the process!

MEMBERSHIP

Doug Walvoord, *Membership Chair* | dougwalvoord@gmail.com | 616.405.2366

Membership renewals, reinstatements, and new applications are now accepted on a rolling basis. Please continue to share the benefits of HASP, encourage friends, family, and neighbors to join, and visit the “New Members” page of our website (www.hope.edu/hasp) to share or access the NEW! HASP online application. We are so thankful to reinstate a number of former HASP members as well as welcome a whole slew of new members to our organization in the past month.

Please join us in welcoming our newest and returning HASP members!

BARB ALDERINK

Profession: Teacher
Education: Grand Valley State University
Hobbies: Reading, gardening, home restoration

HELEN BICKEL

Profession: Insurance Agent
Education: Michigan State University, Northwest State Community College
Hobbies: Travel, reading, photography, cooking, hosting HC International students

ANDY BISSONNETTE

Profession: Judge
Education: University of Notre Dame, University of Wyoming Law School
Hobbies: Biking, gardening, Santa carving, kayak fishing, disc golf, cooking, attending live theatre

DEBBIE BISSONNETTE

Profession: Hospice and Volunteering
Education: Loyola University
Hobbies: Calligraphy, water color, books

JACQUIE COOKE

Profession: International Meeting Planner
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Walking, biking, reading, kayaking, travel

PAUL COOKE

Profession: Professor
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Golf, pickleball, kayaking, travel, biking, bible study, personal growth

BOB COPPING

Profession: Financial Management
Education: Western Michigan University, Michigan State University
Hobbies: Travel, community activities, reading

JULIE DAHLEN

Profession: Social Worker
Education: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Hobbies: Music, reading, dogs, volunteering, social justice issues, hiking, grandparenting, football

CAROLE DEFOREST

Profession: Church Activities
Education: Hope College
Hobbies: Reading, writing, historical society, church

PAT DYKSTRA

Profession: Teacher
Education: Calvin University (College)
Hobbies: Reading, traveling, church, spending time with family, volunteering

LAURIE EICHORST

Profession: Accounting and Health Services
Education: Calvin University (College), Davenport University
Hobbies: Reading novels, walking, drinking coffee, museums, going to symphony

JILL ENGLE

Profession: Education
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Reading, hiking, camping, gardening

JOHN ENGLE

Profession: Special Education
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Camping, biking, boating, hiking, travel

SCOTT ESSENBURGH

Profession: Engineering Support and Quality Assurance Management
Education: High School
Hobbies: Golf, volunteering

BOB FREY

Profession: Business Law
Education: Colorado State University, Duke University Law School, Harvard Business School
Hobbies: History, outdoors, gardening, swimming, traveling, music, theater, bridge, reading

LYNNE FREY

Profession: Teacher
Education: Northern Illinois University
Hobbies: Reading, listening to music, knitting, theater, gardening, flower arranging, bridge, cooking

PATTI GELL

Profession: Author/Journalist and Medical Administrator
Education: Kingsborough Community College
Hobbies: Hiking, decorating, reading

LARRY GENZINK

Profession: Health Administration
Education: Ferris State University, Aquinas College, Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Art, architecture, history, investments, volunteering

JOELLEN HOOGERWERF

Profession: Special Education / Rehabilitation
Education: Hope College, Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Reading, quilting, sewing, pickleball, hiking, walking, crafting

STEVEN HOOGERWERF

Profession: Pastor and Professor
Education: Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, Duke University
Hobbies: Boating, hiking, gardening, woodworking, reading

WES KIEL

Profession: Pastor and Seminary Professor
Education: Northwestern College, Hope College, Western Theological Seminary
Hobbies: Woodworking, gardening, fishing

JOYCE LOOMAN

Profession: Administration and Librarian
Education: High School
Hobbies: Racing (sportcars), reading, gardening, learning

THOMAS MAAS

Profession: Chemist and Patent Agent
Education: Northern Illinois University, Iowa State University
Hobbies: Woodworking, food, travel, rock working, golf

NANCY MACK

Profession: Professor
Education: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Hobbies: Photography, reading, singing, music, theater, sewing, clothing, quilting, biking, gardening

MARYELLEN MAIULLO

Profession: Clinical Researcher
Education: University of Massachusetts
Hobbies: Reading, hiking, walking, gardening

BRENDA MARCY

Profession: College Administration
Education: College of DuPage, National Louis University
Hobbies: Photography, guitar, reading, singing, lifelong learning

DAVE MCGINN

Profession: Sales Management
Education: Mankato State University
Hobbies: Photography, pickleball, computers, technology, reading, history, geography, travel

GINGER MCGINN

Profession: Nursing
Education: Mankato State, Grand Valley State, Michigan State University
Hobbies: Reading, sewing, quilting, houseplants

VAL METHRIC

Profession: Librarian Assistant
Education: Macomb County Community College
Hobbies: Reading, quilting, gardening

CONRAD MUTSCHLER

Profession: Business, Manufacturing
Education: Western Michigan University, Southern Methodist University
Hobbies: Woodworking, golf, volunteering

LAURIE MUTSCHLER

Profession: Nursing
Education: University of Texas at Arlington
Hobbies: Golf, anything with nature, baking

BIRGIT MYAARD

Profession: CIA Analyst
Education: University of Illinois
Hobbies: Crosswords, Scrabble, puzzles, concerts, home renovation, gin rummy, art, cross stitch

DAVID MYAARD

Profession: Government - US State Department
Education: Hope College, Thunderbird School of Global Management
Hobbies: Genealogy, walking, cigars, audio books

BRENDA PALMATEER

Profession: Teacher and Business Owner
Education: Ohio University, Central Michigan University
Hobbies: Fine arts, reading, snow skiing, cards, board games

JANE PETTINGA

Profession: Surgeon
Education: Medical School
Hobbies: Hiking, biking, traveling, family

BOB POTTER

Profession: Labor Management
Education: Calvin University (College), University of Chicago
Hobbies: Reading, philosophy, history, religion

ROSE SOUTHARD

Profession: Business and Technology
Education: Winona State University
Hobbies: Volunteering, gardening, reading, knitting

BOB STERKEN

Profession: Dentist
Education: Calvin University (College), University of Michigan
Hobbies: Traveling, sports

DEB STERKEN

Profession: Nursing
Education: Grand Valley State University
Hobbies: Volunteering

BRUCE STEWART

Profession: Dentist
Education: University of Michigan
Hobbies: Gardening, woodworking, bridge

CYNTHIA STEWART

Profession: Interior Designer
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Cooking, traveling

KAY STEWART

Profession: Office Management
Education: University of Michigan
Hobbies: Bridge, travel, reading

TERRY STEWART

Profession: Insurance
Education: Ferris State University
Hobbies: Golf, travel

LYN TANGEDAL

Profession: Art Teacher
Education: BS in Education
Hobbies: Reading, painting, walking, golf, cooking

CHRISTI TURNER

Profession: Business Analyst
Education: University of Michigan
Hobbies: Boating, reading, spending time with family, wine tasting

STEVE TURNER

Profession: Dentist
Education: University of Michigan-Flint, University of Detroit Mercy
Hobbies: Boating, wine tasting, time with family, history, current events

PETER VANDERMEER

Profession: Physician
Education: Calvin University (College), University of Michigan, Washington University of St. Louis
Hobbies: Wood working, lathe turning, sailing

DOUG VANDERMEULEN

Profession: Dentist
Education: Hope College, University of Michigan
Hobbies: Traveling, golf

DAVE VANDOORNE

Profession: Teacher, Coach, Academic Advising
Education: MA in Education
Hobbies: Cycling, traveling, reading, boating, family activities

ROSEMARY VROON

Profession: Nursing
Education: Blodgett Hospital School of Nursing
Hobbies: Hospitality, visiting family

GAIL WOODS

Profession: Professor and Research Scientist
Education: University of California, Berkeley, University of Michigan
Hobbies: Reading, nature, struggling to take care of plants (some success)

IN MEMORIAM

We honor and remember our friends as we celebrate their lives and their dedication to lifelong learning.

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?" – A. A. Milne

JEAN POSTMA (1931 – January 22, 2023)

HASP Member: 1993 – 2010

CURRICULUM

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COMMITTEE PERSONNEL UPDATE

After years of service to HASP in many capacities (including a term as Board of Directors President), **Larry Lynn** has elected to step down from his current role as Social Sciences Curriculum Subcommittee Chair, effective March 1, 2023. Larry is proud to announce the promotion of Subcommittee member **Randall Miller** to the chairpersonship. We congratulate and thank Randall for taking on this new role, and we celebrate Larry's numerous contributions to our organization.

CURRICULUM POLICY

Traditionally, HASP courses have been academic in nature. In planning for the Winter semester, several courses were proposed that pertained more to one's lifestyle (courses that might be beneficial and/or interesting to membership, but not traditionally academic). In order to preserve HASP tradition while also meeting the varying needs of members, it was decided that the Curriculum Committee would continue to emphasize academic content while also allowing occasional "lifestyle" courses into the semester mix.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND DATABASE

Since the summer, efforts have been underway to move the curriculum process to a more database-like environment. The current process of developing, approving, and scheduling courses, and generating course catalogs, etc. is well-defined and functioning well. It does, however, involve the very cumbersome management of related documents and revisions to them via email. This often makes it difficult to know where the latest version of any document resides. In a database-like environment, course-related documents will reside in one place and changes will be tracked so that the latest version of any document will always be readily available.

Toward the end of "going database", the following things have been accomplished:

- All past, electronically-available, course proposals have been loaded to a cloud repository, HASP's Google Drive. The repository includes all proposals back to the fall of 2019 and can be used by curriculum developers to research past classes, presenters, etc. If anyone knows of any electronic source for earlier course proposals, please let me know.
- The Curriculum process successfully used the cloud repository to capture and resolve proposal issues for the Winter 2023 term via the comment process available on Google Drive. This helped minimize sending copies of proposals back and forth via email and has established a known location for current proposals.
- A cumulative spreadsheet containing all pertinent data from course proposals starting with Fall 2022 has been created. The intention is that each semester's data will be loaded to this spreadsheet, thus providing an accessible, detailed, and cumulative record of courses offered. Below are several points I would like to make about this spreadsheet:
 - During the Curriculum development process, this spreadsheet will be used to "automagically" generate the course catalog and confirmatory emails sent each term to presenters.
 - If all goes as planned and we do develop a true curriculum database, this spreadsheet's data will be loadable to that database so that the history currently being accumulated will be preserved.

COURSES

Below are summaries of Fall 2022 courses/sessions by curriculum area* and modality.

Fall 2022 COURSES	ART	HUM	SMT	SOC	Totals
Total Hybrid Courses	2	6	11	15	34
Total In-Person Courses	2	4	0	3	9
Total Offsite Courses	5	0	1	0	6
Total Virtual Courses	1	0	5	1	7
Total Courses	10	10	17	19	56

Fall 2022 SESSIONS	ART	HUM	SMT	SOC	Totals
Total Hybrid Sessions	4	12	16	18	50
Total In-Person Sessions	6	15	0	5	26
Total Offsite Sessions	7	0	1	0	8
Total Virtual Sessions	1	0	9	1	11
Total Sessions	18	27	26	24	95

* Curriculum areas are as follows: ART = Fine Arts, HUM = Humanities, SMT = Science, Medicine, and Technology, and SOC = Social Sciences

During the Fall 2022 semester, the number of hybrid courses offered put a lot of stress on the office staff, as hybrid courses require almost full-time technical support while in session. As can be seen, over half of all fall sessions were hybrid. While outside technical and HASP-member support alleviated some of the hybrid workload, office staff was still heavily taxed.

Summaries for the Winter 2023 semester below show that the number of sessions overall will be lower than for fall. The number of hybrid sessions has dropped as well from 50 to 36. In discussions with Ian, this number of hybrid courses should be manageable by the office staff.

Winter 2023 COURSES	ART	HUM	SMT	SOC	Totals
Total Hybrid Courses	0	4	10	12	26
Total In-Person Courses	6	5	2	4	14
Total Offsite Courses	3	1	0	0	4
Total Virtual Courses	0	0	1	1	2
Total Courses	9	10	13	17	49

Winter 2023 SESSIONS	ART	HUM	SMT	SOC	Totals
Total Hybrid Sessions	0	6	12	17	36
Total In-Person Sessions	10	18	2	5	35
Total Offsite Sessions	6	3	0	0	9
Total Virtual Sessions	0	0	1	1	2
Total Sessions	16	27	16	23	82

Another issue of interest related to courses is attendance. Summer 2022 courses experienced a 70% attendance rate. Fall 2022 attendance averaged 77%. Given the lower number of courses offered this Winter semester, it will be interesting to see how attendance numbers fare.

By now you should have received your copy of the Winter 2023 Course Catalog. I think you will find that it is chock full of many interesting and challenging courses. Please note that the Winter 2023 semester will run from January 23 through the end of April. Registration opened on January 11th. There will be no second registration date but rolling registration will be open throughout the term.

2022 – 2023 CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs (sarahbriggs969@gmail.com) and Lynne Williams (d.lwilliams@sbcglobal.net)

Humanities: Tom Arendshorst (trshorts@gmail.com)

Science, Medicine, and Technology (SMT): Susan Couch (couch.sm@gmail.com)

Social Sciences: Randall Miller (rmiller2585@comcast.net)

SPECIAL EVENTS

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REGISTER TODAY! – UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Chicago Day of Culture

FRIDAY, April 14, 2023 | Chicago Symphony, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

[Option A] Chicago Symphony Orchestra

GET CULTURED with a trip to a performance of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Featured violinist Hilary Hahn is slated to perform Sarasate's brilliant and sultry arrangement of Bizet's Carmen and two beguiling serenades by the late Finnish master Einojuhani Rautavaara. Conductor Mikko Franck frames the program with two works by Richard Strauss: his thrilling portrait of the notorious Spanish libertine and his loving and graceful tribute to the Viennese waltz. Take a deeper dive into the music with a pre-concert conversation led by CSO personnel. Lunch and dinner are not included, but participants have over an hour to find a delicious meal in the Windy City before the event begins and the bus will stop for a quick bite on the way home.

[Option B] Art Institute of Chicago

GET CULTURED with a tour of the Art Institute of Chicago which will exhibit "Salvador Dalí: The Image Disappears" focusing on the pivotal decade of the 1930s when Dalí emerged as the inventor of his own personal brand of Surrealism. The exhibition includes 25 paintings, drawings, and surrealist objects. Also exhibited is "Gio Swaby: Fresh Up" featuring the textile-based artwork of Gio Swaby that explores the intersections of Blackness and womanhood. Of course, resident favorites also include American Gothic, Seurat's A Sunday on La Grande Jatte, and van Gogh's 1887 Self Portrait. Lunch and dinner are not included, but participants have over an hour to find a delicious meal in the Windy City before the tour begins and the bus will stop for a quick bite on the way home. **Registration Deadline: TUESDAY, February 14, 2023.**

The Life and Legacy of President Ford

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2023 | Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids, MI

Based on positive feedback from our November Monthly Program presented by Gleaves Whitney of the Ford Presidential Foundation, a special event has been organized to further explore the life and legacy of the 38th President of the United States. The event will begin with a guided bus tour of the neighborhoods where President Ford was raised, lived, worshiped, studied, played football, and later represented in Congress before concluding at his gravesite outside the Ford Presidential Museum in downtown Grand Rapids. A boxed lunch from the local Two Beards Deli will be served inside the venue before Gleaves Whitney and the museum's curator provide a behind-the-scenes discussion of museum operations and tour of the exhibits not normally seen by the public.

Registration Deadline: WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2023.

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

Detroit Architectural Tour

June 14-15, 2023 | Detroit, MI

Explore the historic buildings and landmarks of downtown and metropolitan Detroit in a two-day, one-night trip to the Motor City.

More details and registration coming soon!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

TBD August 2023 | Comerica Park, Detroit, MI

Buy some peanuts and Cracker Jacks as the Tigers chase the elusive pennant and World Series championship.

More details and registration coming soon!

Shaw Festival 2023*

TBD September 2023 | Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada

Experience three LIVE! stage performances within blissful Niagara wine country.

More details and registration coming soon!

*NOTE: International travel requires a valid passport, and for ease of passage, it is recommended that passport validity extends more than six months beyond September 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Communications Committee continues to find ways to improve “getting the word out” to HASP members. The Monthly Newsletter is now a quarterly, digital publication, with limited mailing available upon request. Printed copies are available for pick-up at the HASP Office. If you still require a mailed copy, please phone **616.395.7919** or email hasp@hope.edu to make arrangements.

Pertinent, up-to-date information on the upcoming week’s courses, special events, Hope College programs, and service opportunities, as well as important registration links and your photos will be shared via the colorful, weekly **HASP Happenings** email that is delivered every Sunday morning. Not receiving this communication? Email hasp@hope.edu to confirm you’re on the list!

EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL

The *HASP Review* is an annual anthology of writings and art submitted by HASP members, compiled and published for all to enjoy. All HASP members are encouraged to submit artwork, prose, poetry, photography, and short stories for the 2023 edition. The submission deadline is **FRIDAY, March 31, 2023**.

Please contact **Ralph Fairbanks** (rfairban@prodigy.net) for submission guidelines or to share your work.

PICTURE PERFECT

Speaking of photos, the new, peer-led **HASP Photographers** SIG meets monthly to explore and improve photography skills through instruction and practice. Join the monthly photography challenge centered on a current theme and have your work displayed on the HASP office monitor. Any kind of camera (even an iPhone) is welcome! Please contact Ralph Fairbanks if you’d like to join.

SERVICE

Gloria Goodwin, *Service Chair* | gagoodwi@yahoo.com | 845.546.6545

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: TAX PREPARATION SITES

Do you enjoy preparing your own tax returns each year? Have accounting experience and looking to give back to the local community? If so, you may enjoy volunteering at a local tax preparation site. Tax preparation services run from February 1 through April 15. No experience is necessary to volunteer as both sites provide adequate training on IRS-approved software. You can even volunteer as a greeter! Volunteers can choose days and shifts that fit their schedules.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) at Community Action House (Holland, MI)

Contact: **Susan Timmer**, VITA Site Co-Coordinator | 616.392.2368 x 108

www.communityactionhouse.org/tax-prep



AARP Tax-Aide Program at Holland Heights Church (Holland, MI)

Contact: Don Steeby, Site Coordinator | 616.403.5515

WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME

Feeling social? Meet new faces and make new friends every day by joining the HASP Front Desk Volunteer Team. **Front Desk Volunteers** work 2-hour shifts as office greeters and are asked to support the HASP staff with administrative work, hospitality, course preparation, and phone reception. Shifts are now available through December 2022. Call **616.395.7919**, or email hasp@hope.edu to sign up!

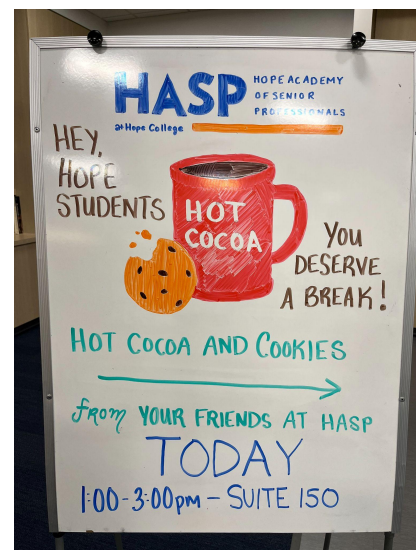
If you have joined the HASP Virtual Classroom as a participant, you have the skills necessary to serve as a **Course Technician**. And you won't be alone! You will be teamed with an experienced Course Technician to learn the simple responsibilities of this important position. If interested, please contact hasp@hope.edu for more information.

HASP SERVICE GRANTS

Do you volunteer with a local agency or organization that could use extra financial support from HASP? HASP Service Grants are designed to encourage members to use their talents in service to Hope and the community, and to allow HASP to be a supporting partner in projects championed by our members. Contact hasp@hope.edu for an application.

FINALS WEEK OPEN HOUSE FOR HOPE STUDENTS

The HASP Service Committee helped Hope College students survive exams and the final weeks of the Fall Semester with a chocolatey pick-me-up and holiday cheer. Nearly 50 students with classes in Anderson-Werkman were welcomed to the HASP office to relax with holiday music, a delicious hot cocoa bar with all the fixings, and homemade cookies supplied by Committee members. Special thanks to all who contributed and organized the event. The students really appreciated the treats!



Service Committee Chairperson **Gloria Goodwin** hosted the Finals Week Open House that treated Hope College students to hot cocoa and homemade cookies as they prepared for exams.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ian MacNeil, Director | macneil@hope.edu | 616.395.6250

Welcome to a new year and a new semester at HASP! Our community has grown by 50, and we are excited to discover and incorporate the experiences, skills, and stories of our newest lifelong learners. As you have read, there are big things on the horizon as we prepare to celebrate HASP's 35th Anniversary. Amy and I hope to see you in class, online, at the front desk, on the bus, in a committee meeting, or at a Monthly Program enjoying coffee and cookies in the near future.

READS AND SCREENS

Recent Read: ***Confidence Man (2022)***
Written by Maggie Haberman. 508 pages. ★★★★★

Recent Screen: ***Triangle of Sadness (2022)***
Directed by Ruben Östlund. 140 minutes. ★★★★★. Available in select theaters.

Take care,

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