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MONTHLY PROGRAM Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, claudia@olwenberry.com, 616.399.2538

**Date:** April 6, 2021, 9:30-10:30am

Place: HASP Virtual Classroom, hope.edu/virtualhasp

Program: Heidi E. Kraus, Ph.D., Art History and Why it Matters

This presentation will consider various aspects of art history and its practice in an accessible way by using an interdisciplinary, collaborative, object-centered approach. Kraus will discuss her teaching interests and research experiences as case studies for thematic investigation, providing examples why and how art history is relevant to global citizens living in the twenty-first century. Primary focus will be placed on her most recent work examining the impact of public art in Paris since the 2015 terrorist attacks and will consider important issues surrounding gender, identity, and place. Informed by research and based on experience, this presentation seeks to transform perceptions about art history, its relevance to society, and the importance it can play in individuals' own lives.

Heidi is associate professor of modern and contemporary art history at Hope College and director of The De Pree Gallery. Kraus received her B.F.A in graphic design from Drake University in 2002; her M.A. (2004) and Ph.D. (2010) in art history from The University of Iowa.

Kraus specializes in French art and visual culture since the Early Modern period. Her chapter on street art in Paris after the 2015 attacks was published in August 2019 in *Social Practice Art in Turbulent Times: The Revolution Will Be Live.* Kraus co-founded the Hope College Paris May Term in 2016 with her colleague, historian Lauren Janes, Ph.D. The course, "Art, History, and Global Citizenship in Paris," focuses on questions of identity and citizenship, while placing these explorations in the context of French history and art history from the French Revolution through the present day. Her current book project, *Lessons to My Students: On Art History and Why it Matters*, is contracted for publication with University of Toronto Press.

<u>Upcoming Monthly Program</u> May 4, 2021 – Shonn Colbrunn, Hope College's first executive director of the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career.

## COVID COMMITTEE MESSAGE HASP President: Barbara Stegink: bstegink39@gmail.com, 616.990.7124

The Covid-19 committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup> and as promised, we want to pass along information and recommendations from our meeting.

Director Kim Mendels met with Hope College's Campus Safety and Health Committee at the end of February. Important information gathered from that meeting revealed protocols and recommendations that are currently in place on campus and will likely remain so through the summer. This information guided the committee through discussions of major concern for HASP as we move into future terms.

First, with respect to our classrooms, we were told that the capacity in the new facility would be limited to 24 persons, and the second floor classroom, (270), would be limited to 26 persons. Social distancing would be required as well as wearing a mask, and no cookies or beverage would be served. Disinfecting and cleaning of all surfaces before and after use of spaces would be necessary and would be our responsibility. In-person presenters would also need to wear a mask and would have the option of using a plexiglass shield to present behind.

Second, our monthly meetings in the Miller Auditorium usually draw an attendance of 350 - 400 members. Currently, no indoor gatherings over 50 people are permitted on campus.

Finally, Hope buses which are often used for HASP Special Event trips, would be limited to 11 passengers adhering to the social distancing regulations.

We do know that protocols and recommendations have changed several times during the pandemic and will continue to do so as we move through the next several months. However, based upon what we know at this time and considering both the State and college's present guidelines, the Covid-19 committee has made the following decisions and recommendations which will be in place through August 2021. Please know that these are being made with concern for the health and safety of all HASP members.

# 1.) Delivery of Monthly Program meetings for summer

Recommended action: Remain remote/via Zoom through August 2021.

### 2.) Annual meeting/June 2021

Recommended action: The meeting will be held in our new classroom with necessary officers only present. Members will attend through the virtual classroom and the meeting will be recorded.

### 3.) Delivery of Curriculum courses

Recommended action: Remain remote/via Zoom for summer session June through August 2021. Fine Arts will offer some in-person, off-site courses which will be limited in number and will follow Covid-19 precautions with social distancing and mask requirements.

#### 4.) Special Events

Recommended action: Continued no bus travel during summer session (June-August). Encourage the committee to plan/sponsor a series of Covid-19 safe, outdoor, social interactions for HASP members throughout the summer months.

### 5.) Committee meetings/SIG's

Recommended action: Committee meetings should continue remote via Zoom for summer session (June-August). SIG's can meet in outdoor settings during the summer term.

## 6.) Office open/Staff onsite

Recommended action: Continue remote work with flexibility for office presence when course presenters require tech assistance and for special projects/duties as needed.

The Covid committee will be meeting again later this spring or early summer to discuss and make recommendations for the fall 2021 term. We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to offer in-person classes and programs at some point during the fall term. We encourage all our members to be vaccinated unless there is a reasonable medical concern not to do so. Reaching "herd immunity" will enable us to once again be together to learn, explore and enjoy all that HASP has to offer us as life-long learners.

MEMBERSHIP Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, verschure@sbcglobal.net, 616.392.5666

We welcome the following new members:

#### WESLEY KIEL

Profession: Pastor, Seminary Professor

Education: Northwestern College, Associates Degree, Hope College, BA, Western Seminary, MDiv/D.Min.

Hobbies: Woodworking, gardening, fishing

Mentor: Alda Van Kampen

#### JOYCE LOOMAN

Profession: Executive Secretary, Assistant Librarian, Deputy Clerk

Education: Secondary Diploma

Hobbies: Racing with Sports Car Club of America, reading, master gardener, learning

Mentor: Alda Van Kampen

### CONSTANCE (CONNIE) VANDER VELDE

Profession: Art teacher, Sub-Teacher, Interior Design, International Business, Artist Education: Hope College, BA, Georgia State, Grand Valley, Interior Design Institute

Hobbies: Painting and art Mentor: Marie Hamilton

While we are working remotely, please contact Susan Timmer, <u>timmer@hope.edu</u>, for membership assistance or questions.

### **Membership Process**

- Request information by emailing Susan Timmer <a href="mailto:timmer@hope.edu">timmer@hope.edu</a>. If you are requesting information on someone's behalf, please provide their name and email address.
- Prospective members are asked to attend a Monthly Program via Zoom prior to submitting an application (instructions to attend will be provided).
- Submit application for processing and approval.
- Sign up for classes and enjoy HASP!

#### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following HASP members:

**Ione Trap**- Ione joined HASP in 2013 after a career with Ottawa County Health Department's Family Planning Clinic and Childrens' Special Health Care program. She passed away February 24, 2021.

**CURRICULUM** Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, <a href="mailto:snarendshorst@gmail.com">snarendshorst@gmail.com</a>, 616.335.3132

## Curriculum Committee April 2021

The COVID-19 sub-committee has advised the board that HASP courses should remain online rather than in the classroom for the summer 2021 term. The sub-committees have been planning in anticipation of that recommendation and are submitting their proposals to the Curriculum Committee. There will again be a wide variety of classes from which to choose, with unlimited enrollment, since they will be offered over Zoom. We will also have several off-site, limited-enrollment in person courses on the calendar for this summer term, with social distancing/mask precautions in place. The summer term will run from June 21 to August 12.

The Curriculum Committee will review and approve proposals in April. As more of our HASP members receive the vaccine and restrictions are lifted, we invite you to find creative ways to connect with your HASP friends. Perhaps you might view a Zoom course with friends in a small group or meet for a walk to continue discussions following a particularly engaging class. It is our hope to be back in the classroom this fall, but we will base that decision on guidance from the COVID-19 sub-committee and the board.

HASP members have now experienced using Zoom for three terms. We have learned a lot! As we begin to plan toward our return to the classroom, the Curriculum Committee will be discussing how we might continue to use this technology to provide classes for those for whom it is difficult to come to the HASP classroom. Continuing with some on-line options will allow us to offer classes from presenters who do not live in the area and increase class enrollment. We'd appreciate hearing any ideas that the membership might have related to Zoom courses, in-person classes, and possible hybrid options. If you have comments or ideas to share, please contact me at snarendshorst@gmail.com and I will include your comments in our discussions.

The four sub-committees will begin meeting to plan fall 2021 during May and June. If you have ideas for courses, particular presenters, or a special term focus, please contact one of the following chairpersons.

## All committees accept course ideas and proposals year-round!

<u>Curriculum Chair</u>: Sharon Arendshorst—<u>snarendshorst@gmail.com</u> 616-335-3132

<u>Arts</u>: Sarah Briggs – <u>sarahbriggs969@gmail.com</u> 517-449-5818 <u>Humanities</u>: Judy Parr – <u>parr.judyandbill@gmail.com</u> 616-546-3424

<u>Science, Medicine</u> & <u>Technology</u>: Co-chairs, Bruce Basset—<u>bruce-b@sbcglobal.net</u> 847-542-744 and Susan

Couch—couch.sm@gmail.com 616-399-1491

<u>Social Sciences:</u> Mike Economos—<u>mikeeconomos@gmail.com</u> 269-857-1248

### To view courses from earlier semesters and/or past monthly programs please use these links:

Monthly Programs Link To Monthly Programs

OR URL: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjQBHtyOK1Er6HJtwTHawvs">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjQBHtyOK1Er6HJtwTHawvs</a>

Fall 2020: Link to Fall 2020

OR URL: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWhmaA8y1acCvBcCHfkBg60R">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWhmaA8y1acCvBcCHfkBg60R</a>

**SERVICE** Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, mreynolds@hope.edu, 616.392.2874

Spring is in the air, and so are opportunities to volunteer! Please watch your email for others.



# Greeters wanted during Tulip Time week May 1-9

Volunteers will be stationed at the windmill entrance and exit doors. The entrance volunteer will greet visitors and let a certain number enter the mill for a tour. The exit volunteer will thank visitors and direct them to the exit. Volunteers will be on the main floor--no steps to negotiate. Training is less than 2 hours during the week of April 26. Costumes are provided. Lorrie LaCombe looks forward to hearing from volunteers: please phone 616-355-1030 or email Windmill@cityofHolland.com.



# The Holland Museum is expanding their volunteer program

Holland Museum hopes to get back to a more normal schedule and is growing their volunteer/docent program. The Museum will supply training.

Volunteers will learn about Holland's past and present, share this wonderful museum with our community, and have fun! If you have questions or can help, please email Michelle Stempien michelle@hollandmuseum.org or call her at 616-796-3324.

<u>OFFICE & DIRECTOR NEWS</u> HASP Director: Kim Mendels, <u>mendels@hope.edu</u>, 616.335.0627

HASP Program Coordinator: Susan Timmer, timmer@hope.edu, 616.414.2561

## **HASP Distinguished Service Award**

Names of nominees for the HASP Distinguished Service award will be accepted via the HASP office, Attn. Kim Mendels, from now until April 23rd, 2021. Nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors at a special meeting. The name of the recipient (if any) will be kept confidential by the Executive Committee until presented by the outgoing President during the Annual Business meeting in June. Presentation of this award is not a required annual event, however, only one award will be considered annually.

The HASP Board of Directors approved the following criteria in December 2009:

The member considered for this award must display the following characteristics and qualifications:

- 1. Be a member in good standing (reference HASP Constitution and By-laws, Article III.)
- 2. Strong commitment to and promotion of goals of the Academy.
- 3. Participation and leadership in activities of the Academy.
- 4. Service to the host college and to the community.(Service on the Board of Directors or as an officer will not be a condition of receipt of this award.)

Nominations for this award must be made in writing and should include the specifics which qualify the individual for the said award.

Please use the form attached in this newsletter to submit your nomination. Nominations must be received NO LATER than April 23, 2021. Please email hasp@hope.edu if you would like to request an email copy of the nomination form.

# **2021 Nominating Committee Report**

Board of Directors Nominations for Fiscal Year '22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

# Nominees:

President: Barbara Stegink
Vice President: Brad Bright
Member at Large: Kim Buckley
Member at Large: Carol Crawford

# **Committee Chairs:**

Membership: Doug Walvoord Service: Gloria Goodwin Special Events: Alyce Doss

# **Committee Chair re-appointments:**

Curriculum: Sharon Arendshorst

Monthly Program: Claudia Berry

These members were nominated and approved by the Board of Directors at the March 11, 2021, meeting. The HASP membership will vote on President, Vice President and At Large members at our June Annual Business Meeting.

# Thank you.

HASP 2021 Nominating Committee: Debra Williamson, Ron Gerow, Pat Eldean, Shae Kobs, Steve O'Connor, Kim Mendels