

Monthly Newsletter  
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**FINAL NOTICE:** *In an effort to preserve resources, this is the final printed and mailed HASP newsletter. Printed copies will be available for pick-up at the HASP Office. If you require a printed and mailed copy, please contact the HASP Office at 616.395.7919, or email [hasp@hope.edu](mailto:hasp@hope.edu). The newsletter will also transition into a quarterly publication beginning in January 2023.*

## MONTHLY PROGRAM

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### ***“Love Can Build a Bridge”***

TUESDAY, December 4, 2022 | 9:30am – 10:45am | Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts

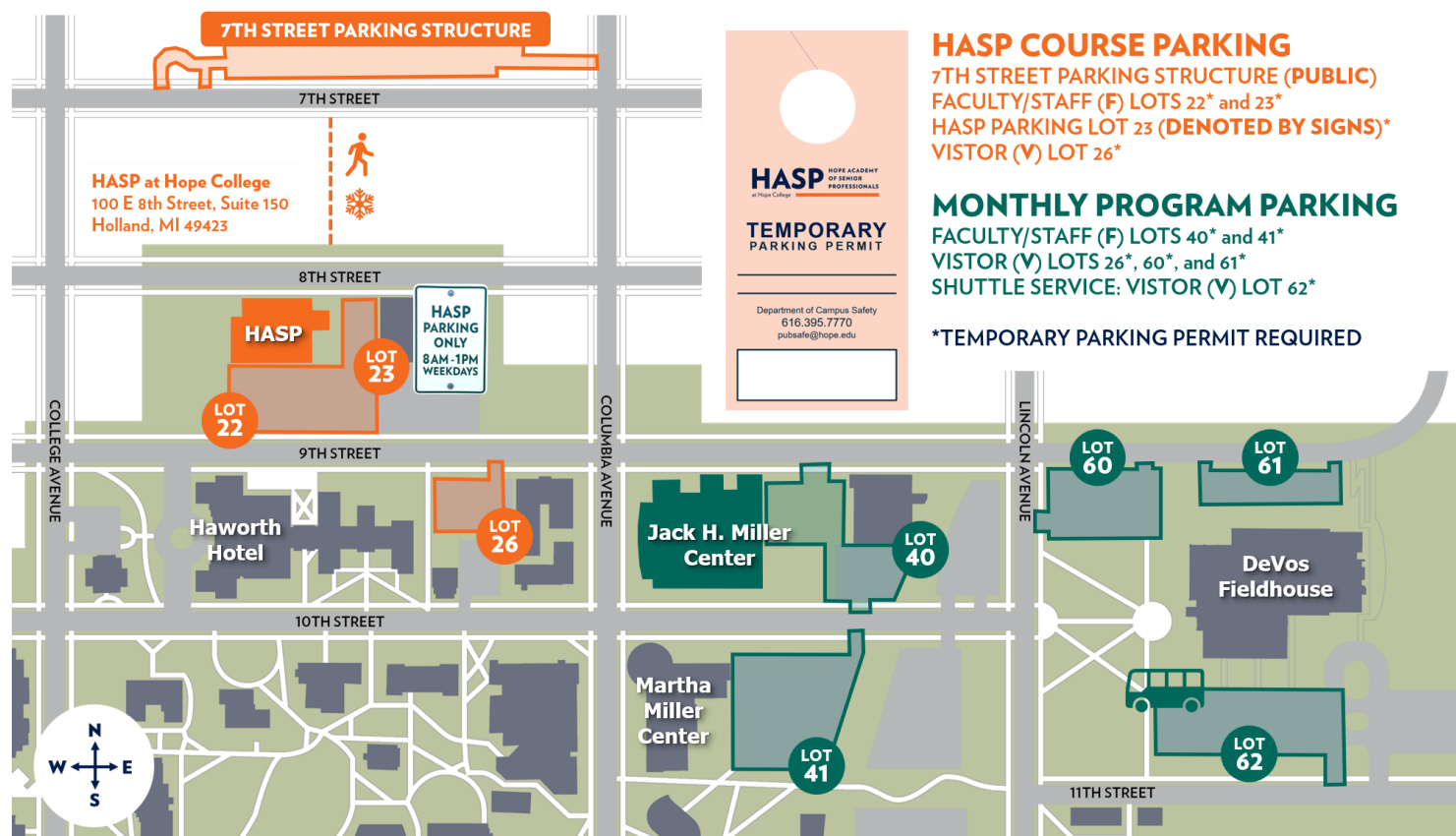
The **Holland Chorale** has served the communities of West Michigan for 63 years and draws singers from Holland, Zeeland, Hamilton, South Haven, Hudsonville, Jenison, Grandville, Grand Rapids, and Grand Haven. Founded in Holland in 1960, and the Chorale is now under the artistic direction of Dr. Patrick Coyle. The ensemble has performed at iconic venues across the globe, including Carnegie Hall, and has collaborated with regional symphony orchestras and other vocalists.

This concert will include a terrific variety of music, from classics like Randall Thompson’s “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”, to contemporary selections including “Music in My Mother’s House”, “How Can I Keep from Singing?”, and the very powerful finale, “The Awakening”. The Chorale will also perform a sampling from their upcoming holiday concert which features the music of Bach, Gwyneth Walker, and John Rutter.

*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](http://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

## UPCOMING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, January 10, 2022, *“Advancing Outdoor Education and Conservation in West Michigan”* presented by **TRAVIS WILLIAMS**, Chief Executive Officer, Outdoor Discovery Center

TUESDAY, February 7, 2022, *“Russia, Ukraine, and the United States”* presented by **KAREN PUSCHEL SEGAL**, Former Diplomat, United States Department of State

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Sharon Arendshorst, HASP President | [snarendshorst@gmail.com](mailto:snarendshorst@gmail.com) | 616.566.0219

The HASP Fall Term is drawing to a close, and in just a few weeks, we will be on our holiday winter break. Ian and Amy will receive much needed time off for rest and renewal. Thank you both for your amazing work, for your warm spirits, and for your commitment to HASP!

Today is a blustery winter day. I’m cozy and warm by a fire – a mug of hot cider by my side. I’ve just begun reading the book that the HASP non-fiction books class will discuss on December 13, *Can We Talk About Israel?* by Daniel Sokatch. The title invites me to wonder about many other topics that are difficult to discuss.

Culturally, we are transitioning from turkeys to Christmas trees, from thanksgiving to joy-filled anticipation. This month HASP members will enjoy the Holland Chorale singing at our December 6 Monthly Program, and many

members will attend the Singing Christmas Tree special event on December 3. Both performances will include wonderful music of the season.

Holiday seasons are complex. For many, below the surface of holiday cheer are feelings of loss and grief. At our ages as HASP members, we have all known loss through the deaths of family members and friends, changes in mental or physical health, and even loss of place. Holidays often hold both joy and sadness, and it's sometimes difficult to talk about the sadness.

My wish for each of us this December is that the holidays will hold wonderful memories and new joys, and also a sensitivity to, and recognition of, grief and loss – our own and those of others. So, this December, let us embrace the complexity of the holidays and embrace one another.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Doug Walvoord**, *Membership Chair* | [dougwalvoord@gmail.com](mailto:dougwalvoord@gmail.com) | 616.405.2366

Membership renewals, reinstatements, and new applications are now accepted on a rolling basis. Please visit the “New Members” page of our website ([www.hope.edu/hasp](http://www.hope.edu/hasp)) to share or access the NEW! HASP online application.

***Please join us in welcoming our newest HASP members!***

### **JEAN SEELER-GIFFORD**

Profession: Corporate Marketing  
Education: Middlebury College  
Hobbies: Bicycling, reading, theatre

### **JOHN YODHES**

Profession: Education / Coaching / Minor League Baseball Player  
Education: Kalamazoo College, Wayne State University  
Hobbies: Church deacon, volunteering

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We honor and remember the following HASP members 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*

**FRANCIS FIKE** (1933 – November 1, 2022)  
HASP Member Since 1998

**JERRY REDEKER** (1934 – October 29, 2022)  
HASP Member Since 1995

**MARILYN VANDER VEEN** (1933 – November 10, 2022)  
HASP Member Since 2013

# CURRICULUM

Helen Klein, Curriculum Chair | [kleinh@gvsu.edu](mailto:kleinh@gvsu.edu) | 616.402.9954 (cell)

By the time this newsletter is published, the Fall 2022 semester will almost be over. Statistics collected by our director Ian MacNeil so far this semester show that members have registered for a whopping 3,800 course sessions. Attendance-wise, 3,000 members had shown up for classes through mid-November. This represents an average attendance rate of 77%, comparing nicely to our attendance rate for Summer 2022 which was 72%. Other statistics that Ian has been collecting show that almost 50% of Fall classes were presented by HASP members. Given that one of HASP's original goals was to have courses taught by members, this is a rather impressive number. As time passes and the data that Ian is capturing about courses accumulates, we will be able to report more interesting and useful statistics about HASP classes.

Planning is underway for the Winter/Spring semester which will run from January 23rd through the end of April, with registration beginning on January 11th. One thing to note about this semester is that we will not be having a second registration as we have in the past several years but registration will be open all semester long.

At this point, we have 49 classes planned with a total of 82 sessions. These numbers are a bit lower than Fall numbers (55 courses with 95 sessions), but hopefully this should make it easier to choose among the great courses we are offering without overloading yourselves. And I think you will find that we have some exciting and unique offerings for you this winter including "How to Listen to Great Music: The Orchestra", "The History, Culture, and Social Practices of Chinese Tea", "Bugs in Guts: Bacteria Inside Us" and "McCarthyism: Then and Now". I hope you will be as excited about these offerings as I am.

Due to the intensity of the Winter/Spring planning process, I am postponing more discussion on HASP participation. However, in looking further ahead, HASP member **Jack Hyde** is developing a class targeted for the Summer or Fall of 2023 for which he is asking for member input. This is another great way to participate. Here is Jack's request:

A HASP course on members' firsthand experiences with immigration is being planned.  
To learn more please email Jack Hyde at [nobodyzperfik@gmail.com](mailto:nobodyzperfik@gmail.com).

Here's wishing you all a great holiday season!

## **2022 – 2023 CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

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

**Humanities:** Tom Arendshorst ([trshorts@gmail.com](mailto:trshorts@gmail.com))

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

**Social Sciences:** Larry Lynn ([oldrun09@gmail.com](mailto:oldrun09@gmail.com))

## 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 undergoing some big changes! It is currently slated to transition into a quarterly, digital publication, with mailing ceasing next month. Printed copies will continue to be 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](mailto: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](mailto:hasp@hope.edu) to confirm you’re on the list!

### **EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL**

The Communications Committee is always looking for your short stories, poems, paintings, and photos to publish in the annual *HASP Review*. Contact **Ralph Fairbanks** ([rfairban@prodigy.net](mailto:rfairban@prodigy.net)) to make a contribution.

### **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.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

Alyce Doss, *Special Events Chair* | [agdossgdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:agdossgdesigns@gmail.com) | 616.403.4325

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

#### ***Singing Christmas Tree***

SATURDAY, December 3, 2022 | 1:30pm – 6:00pm | Frauenthal Center, Muskegon, MI

**\$28.00 per person** (includes bus transportation and concert admission)

Kick off your holiday season with "America's Tallest Singing Christmas Tree", presented by the Mona Shores High School Choir and Orchestra. Over 200 enthusiastic performing arts students sing and play an eclectic mix of seasonal favorites from a wide variety of genres while standing in a 67-foot tree covered with over 25,000 lights. Performances take place amidst the backdrop of the opulent Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts. It is simply spectacular! Avoid the headache of parking and winter weather driving, and deck the halls with HASP!

*Registration deadline: WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2022.*

#### ***Eatin' Good in the Neighborhood***

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2023 | 9:45am – 4:00pm | Heritage Restaurant, Meyer May House (Grand Rapids)

**SOLD OUT!** (Email [hasp@hope.edu](mailto:hasp@hope.edu) to be added to the waitlist.)

### KEEP AN EYE OUT!

#### ***A Night Out with the Hope Musical Showcase***

FRIDAY, February 3, 2023 | 5:30pm - 9:00pm | Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts

Enjoy a plated dinner before the annual fast-paced musical spectacular featuring Hope's entire music department.

*More details and registration coming soon!*

#### ***Chicago Day of Culture***

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

GET CULTURED with a trip to a performance of the Chicago Symphony or a tour of the Art Institute of Chicago.

*More details and registration coming soon!*

## SERVICE

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### SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY ACTION HOUSE

Time to take action! There are numerous ways to volunteer with the **Community Action House** including the Food Club, Opportunity Hub, Street Outreach Program, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Resale Store, and Community Kitchen at the Western Theological Seminary. CAH has been serving the Holland area for over fifty years with the mission to provide families and individuals with food, clothing, shelter, and the opportunity to build necessary skills to achieve a stable and prosperous life.



For more information, contact or visit Community Action House.

616.392.2368 | 739 Paw Paw Drive, Holland, MI 49423 | [www.communityactionhouse.org](http://www.communityactionhouse.org)

## **HOPE COLLEGE CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Hope College **Developmental Psychology** faculty (and their students) love hosting HASP members in their classes. HASP members interested in contributing to these courses are invited to write a short, 1-page biography which students will read and use to interview you in an open Q&A. Specific opportunities listed below.

**WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2022 | 11:00 – 11:50am**

Dr. Carrie Bredow, Schaap Science Center

*3 more volunteers needed*

**THURSDAY, December 8, 2022 | 9:30 – 10:15am**

Dr. Lauren Sloane, Schaap Science Center

*5 more volunteers needed*

Professor Jane Finn of the Hope **Education Department** is looking for *two* (2) HASP volunteers (preferably, former high school principals) to interview senior special education majors as part of their final exam on **MONDAY, December 12**, from **9:00am – 11:00am**. Interview questions will be provided.

Professor Finn also needs *one* (1) HASP volunteer to help with interviews of first- and second-year students in "EDUC225: The Exceptional Child and Adolescent" as part of their final exam on **WEDNESDAY, December 14**, from **5:00pm – 7:00pm**. Interview questions will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these opportunities or have any questions, please contact HASP member **Maura Reynolds** at [mreynolds@hope.edu](mailto:mreynolds@hope.edu) or 616.392.2874.

## **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Ian MacNeil, *Director* | [macneil@hope.edu](mailto:macneil@hope.edu) | 616.395.6250

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event of inclement winter weather, it is our policy to mirror the closing decision of Holland Public Schools. If HPS is closed, the HASP office will be closed and all in-person HASP courses, programs, and events will be CANCELED. A membership-wide email will be sent by 7:00am to confirm, and our HASP office voicemail will also indicate the closing. Of course, if we are not closed, please exercise your best judgment before traveling.

### **READS AND SCREENS**

Recent Read: ***They Both Die in the End (2021)***  
Written by Steven Rowley. 326 pages. ★★★★★

Recent Screen: ***All Quiet on the Western Front (2022)***  
Directed by Edward Berger. 148 minutes. ★★★★★. *Available on Netflix.*

Amy and I wish you and your family the warmest of holiday seasons!

Take care,

