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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**MONTHLY PROGRAM** Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, [claudia@olwenberry.com](mailto:claudia@olwenberry.com), 616.399.2538

**Date:** May 4, 2021, 9:30-10:30am

**Place:** HASP Virtual Classroom, [hope.edu/virtualhasp](http://hope.edu/virtualhasp)

**Program:** Shonn Colbrunn, **Getting Students Ready for Future Work**

The Boerigter Center for Calling and Career is more than Hope College's career services offices. In the past three years, we have integrated advising, leadership development, and alumni engagement, and we are now living into President Scogin's vision of a place that prepares students for the "Future of Work."

In this presentation, Shonn Colbrunn will share five characteristics of the Future of Work as presented to Hope College's Board of Trustees:

- Doing well by doing good
- Creating communities to collaborate and innovate.
- Solving complex problems with a global mindset
- Being uniquely human in an artificial intelligence world
- Developing the skill of lifelong learning

Shonn will share stories and examples of how Hope and the Boerigter Center are delivering programs that help students thrive as they prepare to be leaders in the workforce and their communities.

Shonn Colbrunn joined the Hope College staff in 2018 as the first executive director of the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing the creation and delivery of services that help students discern their career direction, and then prepare for and pursue opportunities after college.

Prior to joining Hope, Shonn worked in a wide variety of businesses — from start-ups to global leaders — in industries such as health care, automotive and technology. Most recently, he served as a senior director of human resources for Spectrum Health, West Michigan's largest employer. At Spectrum Health, Shonn led the talent development and recruitment of the organization's 26,000 employees. Shonn is a 1994 graduate of Hope College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. He also earned a Master's degree in adult instruction and performance technology from the University of Michigan.

Upcoming Monthly Program June 1, 2021 – HASP ANNUAL MEETING, 9:30 a.m., [hope.edu/virtualhasp](http://hope.edu/virtualhasp)



Small Interest Groups (SIGs) have been mentioned several times as a way to meet other HASP members, especially those with interests similar to your own. A few SIGs, a reading group focusing on implicit bias, a writing group, and a group for gardeners were all organized as off-springs of curriculum classes. A hiking group was also formed for members who enjoy this outdoor activity. As the weather becomes warmer and more comfortable to be outdoors, this would be a good year to organize a new SIG. Ideas are numerous as groups can focus on serious discussions, perhaps inspired by a HASP course or on more of a hobby related

interest. Outdoor venues such as parks, patios, porches, and coffee shops are a few examples of places to meet.

As a member of the SIG for Gardeners, I would like to share this short description of our first gathering this year.

Just like most of our programs and activities which were canceled last year, the HASP Small Interest Group for Gardeners had to postpone a visit to the City of Holland's new Greenhouse. Fortunately, the group was able to reschedule the tour this year. A few weeks ago, 15 members of our group met at the Greenhouse and enjoyed a tour of this "state of the art" structure.

Stepping into the Greenhouse was like walking into "Spring" itself. The temperature was warm and the sun was shining through the roof and side panels of the structure. We were greeted with several flats of colorful pansies, the sweet scent of flowers, and the earthy smell of dirt.

Plants and flowers grown and cultivated here are eventually planted in city parks and used in large pots that line 8<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Holland. We learned that six large potted geraniums have served the City of Holland as "mother plants" for approximately 30 years. Each year, new geraniums grown from cuttings of the mother plants are potted and then placed in the city's two cemeteries during the summer months.



The Oz Book which is displayed on the southeast corner of Centennial Park during the summer, is stored at the Greenhouse during the winter months. This year the book's irrigation system needed repairs and the potting medium needed to be replaced. Our group was able to see the inside workings of the steel framed book panels. New potting medium was being installed and the outer covering was in the process of being replaced. Once completed, holes will be punched in the covering in preparation for new succulent plantings. During the time that the book is

on display in the park, it will be trimmed every 3 weeks by a Greenhouse staff so that it always looks neat and tidy.

This was an interesting and informative tour enjoyed by the SIG for Gardeners. We will all view the downtown pots and park plantings with appreciation for the year-round planning and work that makes our community beautiful. The tour was great, but it was very special to see members of our group in-person, even with masks, outdoors, and in the large Greenhouse. We look forward to being together during the summer months to enjoy more outdoor gardening experiences!

Interested in becoming part of SIG for Gardeners? Please email Susan Miller @ [semiller976@hotmail.com](mailto:semiller976@hotmail.com). If you are interested in knowing more about other HASP Small Interest Groups, go to Member Resources on the HASP website.

**MEMBERSHIP** Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, [verschure@sbcglobal.net](mailto:verschure@sbcglobal.net), 616.392.5666

While we are working remotely, please contact Susan Timmer, [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu), for membership assistance or questions.

### **Membership Process**

- Request information by emailing Susan Timmer [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu). 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!

**As the end of the HASP fiscal year approaches, any membership applications received before June 10 will be held in the HASP office. These will then be processed and the new members will be introduced at the July monthly meeting. New members are not recognized at the June annual meeting.**

**CURRICULUM** Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, [snarendshorst@gmail.com](mailto:snarendshorst@gmail.com), 616.335.3132

Your Curriculum Committee met twice in April to review the course proposals for the summer 2021 term which will run from Monday, June 21 to Thursday, August 12. Scheduling classes and preparing the catalog are now in process. The catalog will be available toward the end of May and registration will occur during the first week of June. Watch your HASP emails for instructions. Since summer provides more opportunity to be out and about, we are offering mostly one-session courses to allow you maximum flexibility in selecting classes. As with all Zoom classes, these will have unlimited enrollment. In addition to thirty-one Zoom courses, we have approved nine off-site classes! The off-site courses will have limited enrollment and will follow all COVID precautions. HASP members will be responsible for their own transportation to each off-site class location.

In preparing for the summer term, the sub-committees have been testing a new proposal form. The Curriculum Committee is evaluating this form for ease of use in preparing and in accessing the needed course and presenter information. Soon an updated, easy to use, new proposal form will be available on the HASP website for you to use when you submit course proposals.

Three of the curriculum sub-committees will have new chairpersons beginning July 1: Susan Couch (Science, Medicine & Technology), Larry Lynn (Social Sciences), and Amy Henrickson (Humanities). Since planning for fall has already begun, they are all already working closely with the current chairs. A special thank-you to the three retiring chairs for your many contributions toward providing our excellent HASP curriculum: Bruce Bassett (Science, Medicine & Technology), Mike Economos (Social Sciences), and Judy Parr (Humanities).

Enjoy the remaining winter/spring 2021 classes and be sure to fill out an evaluation for each course in which you participated. The sub-committees review the evaluations to help in planning future courses. They value your input and suggestions for future courses. As I have said each month, please consider teaching a course, submitting a proposal for a course, and/or naming a presenter and topic you'd like us to pursue. Planning for fall has already begun, so please contact any of the following:

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

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

Monthly Programs [Link To Monthly Programs](#)

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjQBHyOK1Er6HJtwTHawvs>

Fall 2020: [Link to Fall 2020](#)

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcQqnyCUIJWhmaA8y1acCvBcCHfkBg60R>

**SERVICE** Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, [mreynolds@hope.edu](mailto:mreynolds@hope.edu), 616.392.2874

### *The Holland Museum*



Like all of us, the Holland Museum hopes to return to a more normal schedule and wants to grow their volunteer/docent program.

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](mailto:michelle@hollandmuseum.org) or call her at 616-796-3324.

The Spring issue of the Museum's newsletter includes lots of info about the museum and is posted [here](#).

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In late March President Scogin sent out an update to faculty and staff recognizing the one year mark of COVID operations and looking ahead to fall 2021. I share a summary with you below:

- The president's update provided both encouragement and caution. We know circumstances can change drastically by the week, sometimes even by the day, and can be frustrating for planning and programming. However, Hope has been a leader as one of the first small institutions to go remote last March. Our case numbers have consistently stayed below county and national averages and our commitment to our health and safety guidelines on campus has really made a difference. We are beginning to see light at the end of the long tunnel and are surely closer to the end, but the virus and new variants still remain a threat to our community - we must stay committed.

- Assuming vaccination progress is as expected and state guidelines will allow, we are preparing for a return to a normal campus environment for fall 2021. One aspect of fall planning is the goal to welcome staff and faculty back to campus for fully in-person work by August 1 — it will be great to be together again as a community! Details about the return-to-in-person work plan are in development, and will be shared as they are finalized.
- As we look to the next academic year, let's embrace this recalibration for the fall as another bold step forward. Resuming normal operations isn't about "going back to the old way of doing things." It's about moving ahead, building upon all the innovation, creativity and expertise we generated during the pandemic.
- We are stronger than we were a year ago. And we look to the future with HOPE — a confident and joyful expectation that something good is going to happen!

The above points are certainly also true for HASP! We have learned so much and adapted so well! THANK YOU for your support and willingness to try new things and stay involved. Things will look different moving ahead, but we most certainly will build on the innovation and expertise we have gained and provide HASP programs virtually and in person to engage as many members as possible. Please feel free to reach out to HASP Board members or our COVID-19 subcommittee: Barbara Stegink, Brad Bright, David Blatt, Kim Mendels, Sharon Arendshorst/Curriculum, with any thoughts or suggestions re: HASP programs moving ahead.

We are working to provide some open office hours this summer (prior to the August 1 date mentioned above). We will have limited capacity based on college guidelines but would like to provide an opportunity for members to utilize the library or make contact with staff in person. We are working on finalizing our summer calendar now so stay tuned for further updates in your email.