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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:** February 2, 2021, 9:30-10:30am

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

**Program:** Christopher Lubbers, "Christian Privilege: What It Is & How to Use It for Good"

Drawing on the work of Paul Kivel and Peggy McIntosh, Christopher Lubbers will present evidence that a form of systemic privilege akin to white privilege exists for Christians in the US. He will wrap up his program by exploring ways that Christians can use it to fight for greater equality for all.

Christopher Lubbers, PHD Philosophy University of Florida

Born to missionary parents in Mexico, Chris moved (with his family) at age six to Holland, MI to enter the Holland Christian school system. An alumnus of Holland Christian High School, Calvin College, and University of Florida, Chris teaches philosophy at Muskegon Community College. His work on philosophy of language and metaphysics has contributed to professional journals, textbooks, manuscripts, and even a novel (*Schrodinger's Gat* by Robert Kroese). In the pre-COVID era, Chris played in the Shore Acres Disc Golf Club as a PDGA amateur and started several "Pub Theology" discussion groups exploring philosophical, theological, and political issues. An atheist since his teenage years, Chris supports non-violent movements for peace and justice.

### **Upcoming Monthly Programs**

March 2, 2021- David Teater, Executive Director of OAR, "The Opioid Crisis"

April 6, 2021 - Heidi Krause, Hope college, "Art/Terrorist the French Response"

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

We welcome the following new member:

MARY L. SHANNON

Profession: Teacher, Adjunct Instructor

Education: BS/Grand Valley State University, MA/Michigan State University

Hobbies: Writing, reading, crafting, nature, sewing

Mentor: Mary G. Shannon

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!

### **Sympathy**

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

Constance (Connie) Boersma-Connie joined HASP in July 2011 after a career as an elementary school teacher and was grateful to be known by many Hope College students as "Grandma Boersma". She passed away on January 2, 2021.

Russell H. Foy-Russell joined HASP in July 2018 after a career as a chemical engineer with Dow Chemical Company. He passed away on December 15, 2020.

Louis Hallacy II-Lou joined HASP in July 2012 after serving as Mayor of Holland and the President of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce. He passed away on January 7, 2021.

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

The winter/spring term has just begun. At this time just over 300 HASP members have registered for courses. We expect the numbers to increase as the term progresses. If you've not yet registered for your HASP winter/spring classes, please do so at [www.hope.edu/hasp/classes](http://www.hope.edu/hasp/classes). It is helpful (and saves on internal registration system fees) if you register for more than one course at a time and always at least twenty-four hours in advance of the first class. Kim will continue to send out a weekly schedule of classes on Sundays with a link to registration. Snowbirds, remember that you are able to access your courses from anywhere over zoom, and that registration remains open over the entire term!

The Curriculum Committee is excited about both the variety of courses being offered this winter/spring and our focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. We seek to provide classes that are challenging and informative. We always appreciate the curiosity and intellectual critique members bring to HASP courses. We value the respectful questions and comments of members as we all engage new material and challenging topics. May we continue to grow together in our life-long learning.

The sub-committees will begin meeting in February to prepare courses for summer and fall. If you would like to teach a class or have ideas for courses or presenters, please contact the appropriate chairperson listed below.

**Remember: All committees accept course ideas and proposals year-round!**

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**SPECIAL EVENTS** *Special Events Chair: Judie Zylman, [jazie3@gmail.com](mailto:jazie3@gmail.com), 616.566.0412*

While we are not yet ready to board the Hope College bus and travel together, there does seem to be some hope at the end of the Covid-19 Tunnel. But until that time is a reality, we will continue to offer opportunities to gather with our HASP friends through Zoom. (It is hard to believe 13 months ago I thought Zoom was the sound I made with cars playing with my grandchildren!)

As I mentioned last month, we are hosting a Valentine Trivia Night on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm. Thanks to our innovative Events Committee member, Chet Pawlak, we found out there are several holidays to celebrate in February. So our questions will include fun trivia from all the February Holidays.

Now, if you still have not joined one of our two previous events, you have really missed out. Please do not be intimidated by *TRIVIA*. It is truly a team event and you will play with 8-10 other members who are looking for an evening to connect with other fun loving people. So do not hesitate to come along this time!!

Please register by February 10th by going to: <https://forms.gle/NRRE6w4enfbozxc8>. You will receive two email reminders that will include an easy to access REGISTRATION LINK. The deadline to sign up is February 10th and the event is FREE!!

If you would like to request to be placed on a specific team, or would like to create a group, please email Susan Timmer at [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu). She will make every effort to satisfy your request.

'SEE' you soon!!!

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



Hope College's [CASA program](#) works with underrepresented elementary school students who have been referred by their school for additional educational support.

**CASA needs volunteers to write notes of encouragement and appreciation to their 50 students and 50 tutors.**

If you can write one (or more!) note, please email Maura Reynolds [mreynolds@hope.edu](mailto:mreynolds@hope.edu) or call her 616.392.2874, and she'll send you names of students and/or tutors.

The notes will be included in the learning/welcome kits sent to young students and their tutors. Since CASA can't meet in person on campus, these notes will offer some much-needed support and encouragement.

**Notes are needed by Thursday, Feb. 4** Thanks for considering this request!



Community Action House is launching a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site to offer free tax preparation services to low-income families. CAH serves thousands of these families with food, and many ask for help with their taxes. This would save families approximately \$300 in tax preparation fees.

- **No tax or business experience is necessary:** training will be provided through a partnership with Davenport University. Dates are not yet set but will occur this month.
- The site will operate via drop-offs and telephone/Zoom appointments.
- Tax preparation will be done on Monday afternoons/evenings from February through April. Volunteers are asked to take at least four 3-hour shifts during those months.

If you can help or have questions, please email Alexis [avanzalen@communityactionhouse.org](mailto:avanzalen@communityactionhouse.org)

***Are you a volunteer with a local agency that could use extra support during this pandemic? HASP service grants support projects where our members volunteer. You can find more information and an application on the website: [hope.edu/hasp](http://hope.edu/hasp)>>member resources>>service opportunities/grants.***

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **HASP Review**

Has the COVID-19 pandemic and stay at home orders provided you with more time to write and create?

The HASP Review is a compilation of HASP members' shared pieces of poetry, nonfiction, fiction or memoirs, illustrations or artwork that is published and distributed in June at our Annual Business meeting. **For 2021 we will publish one IF there are enough submissions!**

#### **HASP Review submission criteria for written pieces:**

- 1) Limit of 3 submissions per HASP member
- 2) Only items that have not been previously published elsewhere
- 3) Preferred length not more than 3 pages
- 4) Edited for accuracy in spelling and grammar. (Articles containing spelling or grammar errors will be returned to the author with a request for correction and re-submission)
- 5) Please submit electronically (MS word preferred), 12 pt. font, to: [hasp@hope.edu](mailto:hasp@hope.edu)
- 6) Please indicate with your email if it is poetry or prose (with your classification as to whether it is fiction/non-fiction/humor/memoir etc.)
- 7) Please include your name on all submitted documents.
- 8) If submitting an article with artwork/photograph, please send the original artwork/photo into the HASP office with your name, contact info, and article it is meant to be placed with (see additional information below).
- 9) Include a headshot of yourself (if this is your first submission) for final publication with the article. If one is needed, please contact the HASP office.

#### **HASP Review submission criteria for artwork:**

- 1) Please bring the original, unframed (or at least without glass) to the HASP office where we will determine the best way to either scan or photograph it (Note: framed artwork does not turn out well if covered with glass).
- 2) Artwork submitted for inclusion within the Review (non-cover submissions) will be printed in grayscale so black/white/gray submissions, or color work with much contrast work best.
- 3) Please include documentation with your artwork that includes your name, contact info, and whether you would like it to be considered for cover art, general submission, or both.

**Submission deadline is March 31, 2021, and the deadline is firm! All submissions should be sent to [hasp@hope.edu](mailto:hasp@hope.edu)**

**OFFICE & DIRECTOR NEWS** HASP Director: Kim Mendels, [mendels@hope.edu](mailto:mendels@hope.edu), 616.335.0627

COVID Committee Comments:

We understand that several of our members have received the vaccine during the first two weeks of January. More have probably received information from county health departments or other health care facilities such as Spectrum Health. We want to encourage all HASP members to register for the vaccine with at least one of these providers. At the time of this writing in the middle of January, there are no appointments available until sometime in February, so it is important to be on a list. People who have registered and are eligible, will be contacted by the provider with available appointment and location information.

Phase 1B, which began on January 11<sup>th</sup>, includes people aged 65 years and older because they are at high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19. Phase 1C will include people aged 65—74 years. These two groups may overlap.

Please visit <http://www.VaccinateWestMI.com/register> if you still need to register. You can also go directly to your county's website to do so. For HASP members who do not have access to a computer and do not have a friend or family member to help them, our committee members are here to help you. Please call us if you need assistance in getting registered to receive the vaccine. Our contact information is below.

In the meantime, our message to all HASP members is to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing in public spaces in addition to washing your hands! These are the simple ways to do our part in conquering this pandemic as we wait to have at least 75% of our population vaccinated.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

HASP Covid-19 Committee:

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