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

**Date:** November 2, 2021

**Time:** 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

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

**Program:** "Fair Maps Through Public Engagement: Michigan's New Redistricting Process"

Michigan's new redistricting process embraces the mantra of fair maps through public engagement. In 2018, voters took fate into their own hands and decided that citizens, not politicians, would do a better job of preventing gerrymandering and created the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Having crisscrossed the state twice to receive public input, the MICRC considers how to incorporate this feedback into drawing fair maps for Michigan's Congressional, House, and Senate districts.

In November 2018, Michigan voters amended the Constitution with the "Voters Not Politicians" ballot proposal, a constitutional amendment to "establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years."

The Michigan Constitution outlines specific criteria: (a) Districts shall be of equal population as mandated by the United States constitution, and shall comply with the voting rights act and other federal laws, (b) Districts shall be geographically contiguous, (c) Districts shall reflect the state's diverse population and communities of interest, (d) Districts shall not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party, (e) Districts shall not favor or disfavor an incumbent elected official or a candidate, (f) Districts shall reflect consideration of county, city, and township boundaries, and (g) Districts shall be reasonably compact.

**SPEAKER:** Edward Woods III - Communications and Outreach Director for the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) Edward Woods III leads the awareness and engagement efforts as it relates to redistricting for the Commission. In this role, Edward is responsible for the following: create and execute a multimedia and inclusive public awareness campaign about the redistricting process, collaborate with statewide organizations and community groups to engage all Communities of Interest in the redistricting process, and coordinate and respond to media inquiries. Being a lifelong Michigander, Edward has extensive experience working for governments and nonprofits in senior leadership, communications, and professional development positions. As a two-time elected nonpartisan official and advocate, Edward enjoys this unique opportunity to explain Michigan's new redistricting process.

Upcoming Monthly Programs

December 7, 2021 – West Ottawa High School Jazz Band

January 4, 2022 – Richard Ray, Hope-Western Prison Education Program

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** HASP President: Barbara Stegink: [bstegink39@gmail.com](mailto:bstegink39@gmail.com), 616.990.7124



November, it's the month to rake leaves, prune the rose bushes and put the garden to sleep for the winter. Oh, and don't forget to plant your tulip bulbs before the ground freezes! Also, locate winter boots, coats, hats, and scarfs which will be needed before long. In other words, November is a month of preparation for the coming winter season.

But November is not only about preparing for winter, it is a month of many holidays: Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), Election Day, Diwali, Veterans Day, Hanukkah and of course, Thanksgiving Day.

Just thinking about Thanksgiving congers up the aroma of turkey roasting in the oven with its savory seasoned stuffing. It also brings to mind Norman Rockwell's famous painting, "Freedom of Want" also known as "The Thanksgiving Picture" which portrays family and friends around the table engaging with each other while the *pièce de résistance* is served by the hostess. The painting was inspired by FDR's 1941 State of the Union Address known as the "Four Freedoms." FDR is also responsible for our Thanksgiving Day being designated a national holiday to be celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November every year.

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday, not only for the delicious meal of the day and the leftovers to follow, but because it is a time to be with family and friends. In the end, it is a holiday when we look forward to being surrounded by the people we care about. This year especially, we are ready to be with people again whether they are family, friends, or new guests to the crowd. We are anxious for familiar smiles, hugs, laughter, and even the same old jokes! We have missed each other in so many ways and now realize that we have missed a very special part of "community" which makes us feel complete and whole.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and I look forward to seeing you soon.

**MEMBERSHIP** Membership Chair: Doug Walvoord, [doug.walvoord@gmail.com](mailto:doug.walvoord@gmail.com), 616.405.2366



We welcome our new HASP members:

**Anne Hiskes**

Profession: Professor and Dean  
Education: Hope College, Indiana University  
Hobbies: Gardening, nature walks, travel, the environment, equity/diversity/inclusion  
Mentor: Marc Baer

**Rich Hiskes**

Profession: University Professor, Political Science  
Education: Hope College, Indiana University  
Hobbies: Cooking, fishing, bicycling  
Mentor: Marc Baer

**Kathy Kennedy**

Profession: Lawyer, Judge  
Education: DePaul University, Northwestern University  
Hobbies: Poetry, natural world, camping, hiking  
Mentor: Member at Large

**Mike Dalman**

Profession: Elementary Teacher, Principal, Township Clerk  
Education: Hope College, Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State  
Hobbies: Reading, Education, Elections  
Mentor: Tom Huisman

**Judith Schoonover**

Profession: Occupational Therapist, Assistive Technology Professional  
Education: Western Michigan University, Chapman University, George Mason University  
Hobbies: "Maker" activities (assistive devices), writing for prof. publications, reading, cooking  
Mentor: Virginia Weenink

**Judy Tuttle**

Profession: Education-Elementary School Principal  
Education: Grand Valley State University, Western Michigan University  
Hobbies: Reading, day hiking, swimming  
Mentor: Gail Weigel

**Terri Spence**

Profession: Sales, Substitute Teacher, Medical Clerical  
Education: Ferris State University  
Hobbies: Reading, antiques, personal health, learning, organization  
Mentor:

**Nancy Icabone-Berg**

Profession: Art Educator, Middle School Administration, Elementary Education  
Education: Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State Univ.  
Hobbies: Naturalist certification/guide, gardening, professional artist, book illustrator  
Mentor: Carol Crawford

**Would you like to refer a friend to HASP? We've made it simple for potential members to get started!**

**Have them visit [hope.edu/hasp-new-member](http://hope.edu/hasp-new-member)**

\*If a potential member is unable to access the online form they can request personal assistance by contacting Susan Timmer at [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu) or 616.395.7919 x2.

**Requirements for Membership:**

- Be of retirement or semi-retirement status
- Show evidence of broad, humane interest, intellectual vitality in inquisitiveness, and a willingness to contribute to the enrichment of the lives of fellow members, Hope College students, faculty and staff, and members of the surrounding community
- Participate actively in HASP programs and classes

Note: You do not have to be a Hope College alumnus in order to become a member of HASP!

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

During November the Curriculum Committee will meet to review and approve the courses developed by the four curriculum subcommittees for the Winter/Spring 2022 Term. We will also discuss the future direction of the HASP curriculum by reflecting on our past, our present, and our future hopes. We invite you to be a part of this process by emailing your thoughts on the following questions to the curriculum chair, Sharon Arendshorst ([snarendshorst@gmail.com](mailto:snarendshorst@gmail.com)). Your responses will become a part of the Curriculum Committee's discussion as we reflect on our future direction.

1. What were the strengths of the HASP curriculum and presentations during the years prior to COVID that you'd like to see continued or reinstated?
2. What changes were made during the COVID terms that you'd like to see continued or further developed?
3. What direction or specific changes do you envision for the HASP curriculum in the coming years?



Each of the four curriculum subcommittees oversees particular subject areas for which they are responsible.

The Fine Arts Subcommittee includes courses in:

- The visual and performing arts, architecture, gardening/horticulture and landscape architecture

The Humanities Subcommittee includes courses in:

- Creative writing, literature, film, philosophy, religion, languages, and cultures

The Social Sciences Subcommittee includes courses in:

- Anthropology, business, economics, education, history, law, justice, political science, psychology, sociology, social work, and global studies

The Science, Medicine, and Technology (SMT) Subcommittee includes courses in:

- Biology, chemistry, physics, computers, environmental issues, health, medicine, transportation, and geography

Often courses do not fit only one category. In those cases, we cross-list the courses in the curriculum catalog. Occasionally, the Curriculum Committee identifies a focus for a particular term and each of the subcommittees contributes one or more courses from their area that relate to that focus.

Presentations such as travel experiences or specific community organizations are not suited to development as HASP academic courses. Such ideas may be referred to the Noontime Series or Monthly Program for consideration.

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

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Science, Medicine, & Technology (co-chair) Susan Couch, [couch.sm@gmail.com](mailto:couch.sm@gmail.com) 616.510.0970

Social Sciences Larry Lynn, [oldrun09@gmail.com](mailto:oldrun09@gmail.com), 616.617.8944

#### In-person Class Reminders:

- Masks are required and there is no coffee/cookies service available right now
- Please do not come to the classroom if you are not registered to attend in-person! We cannot accommodate walk-ins.
- The classroom is carefully arranged for a max of 50 persons and social distancing - please do not move tables and chairs around!
- The tables are arranged with either a single chair, or two chairs per table (every other) so that if you are attending with a spouse or a friend in your trusted circle you may share a table.
- There is a designated table/chair for the tech support person with a laptop and camera. This can not be moved.

#### **NOON SERIES**

“Noon Series” are occasional third Friday of the month offerings at NOON in the HASP classroom for which there is no charge. We will send out a registration link though as the time gets closer so that we do not exceed the 50 person classroom limit. Mark your calendars and watch your future emails for more details!

#### **Friday, November 19, 12 noon**

Dr. Gregory Bassett, French Horn concert

#### **NEEDED**

HASP members with Labor Union experience: This coming winter, the Social Sciences Curriculum Committee would like to offer a class on unions and the labor movement. Two sessions will cover the history of unions and current developments. We are considering adding a third session which would be a panel discussion comprised of HASP members who have had union experience either as members or as members of management dealing with unions. If you have had such experience and would be willing to participate on such a panel and/or help develop valid questions for the discussion, please contact either:

Carol Crawford at [ckacz53@gmail.com](mailto:ckacz53@gmail.com) or Helen Klein at [kleinh@gvsu.edu](mailto:kleinh@gvsu.edu).

Click here: [Fall Curriculum Guide](#), or type the following into your browser:

<https://hope.edu/offices/hope-academy-senior-professionals/resources/fall-2021-hasp-catalog.pdf>

#### **SIG-Gardeners**

Tour the Hope College Greenhouse!

DATE: Thursday, October 28th

TIME: 3:30PM

Our guide will be Professor Tom Bultman of the Biology Department. This greenhouse supports teaching and research, so the plants that are growing there are not your usual landscape plants. Please RSVP via email to Susan Miller, [semiller976@hotmail.com](mailto:semiller976@hotmail.com) and you will receive follow-up information regarding the greenhouse location and other details. 🌻 Susan Miller

**SERVICE** Service Chair: Gloria Goodwin, [gagoodwi@yahoo.com](mailto:gagoodwi@yahoo.com), 845.546.6545

### Volunteers Needed in Developmental Psychology Classes

Faculty who teach developmental psychology *love* having HASP members visit their classes every semester! This is a fun opportunity to talk with Hope students and answer their questions.



Dr. Kristen Hunsberger [online class]: 6 HASP volunteers needed

- Tuesday, December 7 8:00-9:20am

Dr. Lauren Slone [online classes]: 6 HASP volunteers needed for each class

- Tuesday, December 7 12:00-1:00pm
- Tuesday, December 7 1:30-2:30pm

Dr. Carrie Bredow [in-person class, Zoom is an option, if volunteers prefer]: 6 HASP volunteers needed

- Wednesday, December 8 11:00-11:50am

Volunteers are asked to write a short (one page) biography which students will read beforehand; students often base their questions on the information in our biographies.

If you're able to volunteer, please contact Maura Reynolds [mreynolds@hope.edu](mailto:mreynolds@hope.edu) or 616.392.2874.



### Volunteers needed in the Gift Shop at Holland Hospital

The Gift Shop offers a range of items such as children's gifts, women's clothing, home décor and greeting cards. All the proceeds of the gift shop go to scholarships for college students studying in the healthcare field, and for patient care items requested by department managers.

Available times:

Second and fourth Saturday of the month (Times are flexible.)

First, third, and fifth Sunday of the month (Times are flexible.)

Tuesdays from 9 am to Noon (working with another volunteer)

First and third Wednesday of the month (4 to 7 pm)

First and third Thursday of the month (9 am to 12:30)

**NOTE:** *Volunteers do have to go through New Volunteer Orientation and will be required to have the flu shot and TB testing, both provided by the hospital.*

If interested please contact [Debra Chesney, Volunteer Coordinator, Holland Hospital](#) at 616 394-3140.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Special Events Chair: Alyce Doss, [agdoss@comcast.net](mailto:agdoss@comcast.net), 616.403.4325

The HASP Special Events committee continues to schedule exciting “happenings”.

On September 27-29, the **Lincoln site trip to Springfield, IL** was a great success!

A HASP favorite, “ **Closing of the Grand Hotel**” is scheduled for Oct 30-Nov 1. All openings are taken but you can register for the waiting list.

The November 17, guided tour at the **Gilmore Car Museum has been cancelled**.

Watch for winter events and join other HASP members in future happenings.

### **Important Reminders Regarding HASP Special Events**

Paper Registrations:

To help save paper and streamline our recordkeeping, we will no longer be including registration forms in the newsletter. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO REGISTER ONLINE or need assistance registering for an event, please contact Susan Timmer, [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu), 616.395.7919 extension 2.

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### **Classroom Tech Support:**

Unfortunately finding a student worker has proved impossible this fall. We are considering training just a few HASP members to provide tech support for our hybrid classes. If you are fairly comfortable with Zoom, Powerpoint, and technology in general and would be willing to assist with courses occasionally - after some training - please contact HASP Director, Kim Mendels, [mendels@hope.edu](mailto:mendels@hope.edu)

**\*Please take note of the request for feedback on the three questions in Sharon Arendshorst’s curriculum report earlier in this newsletter! We want to hear from you. Thank you in advance!**

### **Fall Office Hours:**

Please note that HASP office hours are from **9am-4pm. Mon-Thurs., and 9am-Noon on Fridays**. Now that we have returned to onsite work and are hoping to resume more “normal” office hours, *we kindly request for you to contact us via the HASP office only, 395.7919 during these hours and avoid calling or texting our cell phones unless it is an emergency.*

\*Special note: Additionally, the week of Nov. 22 the office will close at NOON on Monday and Wednesday, and be closed Thanksgiving day and Friday, Nov. 26.