



# A&S Newsletter

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Tim Knepper at the 2019 Stalnaker Lecture

## Dear Note

The newsletter is coming out a little later in the day—because Kayla, the main editor-in chief, had to go to the hospital—and gave birth to a beautiful baby girl! Amica was born on Sunday at 10:00 AM, and both mom and daughter are doing fine. Keep them in your thoughts! The Dean's office will operate with the help of Karen MacKinnon, our administrative assistant in Meredith, so please send any inquiries/scheduling requests etc. that you would normally send to Kayla to Karen.

The faculty search season is in high gear as several departments have scheduled the on-campus interviews. We already completed our first tenure-track hire for Fall 2020 with Kieran Williams in Comparative Politics. 10 more hires to make! American politics has been on everybody's mind with some high profile events on here on campus, and it's only going to be more busy as we are getting closer to caucus day. Last Saturday we welcomed some 80 students for the Visit Day, and another 49 students for Politics Day. We know that these visits play an important role in turning prospective students into applicants—so thank you for meeting with these students and their families in overview sessions, mock classes, individual meetings and field trips. STEM and Health Professions Day is up next!

We also facilitated our fall National Alumni Council (NAC) meeting with great success. We have a number of highly engaged alumni serving on the board, and we want to continue to grow the board and our relationships with alumni across the world. Please consider nominating one of your alumni for one of the prestigious awards (see below), and continue to bring them back to connect to current students.

I hope all is going well in your classes. We made it past mid-terms and Thanksgiving is in sight! Hang in there!

Best regards,  
Derek

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## Award Announcements from October 24th!

Thank you to all those who attended the 2019 Stalnaker Lecture on October 24th; Tim Knepper presented an excellent lecture on how to define religion. If you were not able to make it, you can watch the lecture here.

Also announced at the event were four separate awards; congratulations! n. rh ae acety itzativTim

