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Awards Season is Coming!

In early-to-mid January, Chairs & Directors will receive calls to nominate faculty members for various LSA teaching awards: the **Imes & Moore Mentorship Award**, the **Matthews Underclass Teaching Award**, the **Individual Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education**, and the **Department Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education**. Like last year, there will also be a call for nominations for the new **Individual Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education in Race & Ethnicity Instruction**. Created in 2017, this award recognizes faculty members who are exceptionally dedicated to the educational experiences of undergraduates in courses that serve the LSA R&E degree requirement.

The deadline for nominations will be in late February. Get a head start now on thinking about outstanding instructors your unit might like to nominate!

LearnSpeakAct: LSA Blog: Liberal Arts in the Moment

Check out our new posts:

"How to Build a People's University" by Emily Price, Kate Silbert & Gregory Parker

"Failing Flint: lessons from the Flint Water Crisis" by Karyn Lacy



And in honor of the last symposium of the LSA Bicentennial Theme Semester for Winter 2018:

"Crisis Democracy: Moral Struggle in American Politics" by Luis Flores



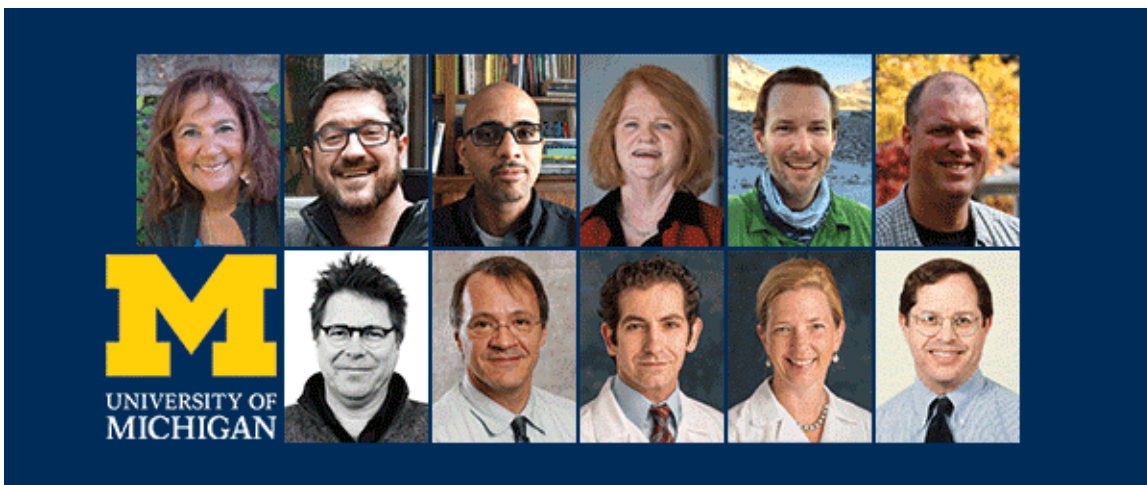
Crisis Democracy

The final symposium of the Winter 2018 LSA Bicentennial Theme Semester happens this week, with multiple events on December 6-7. For more information, visit the [LSA Bicentennial Theme Semester site](#).

The "Michigan Horizons" theme has been a tremendous opportunity to do some collective thinking about the future, and served as the perfect counterpoint to the Fall 2017 theme, "Making Michigan". Congratulations to the organizing team led by Howard Brick and Gregory Parker.

What's The Next Theme Semester?

Interested in planning a theme semester? The call for proposals will be included in the January 2018 UGED newsletter.



From the desk of Matt Kaplan:

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite nominations for the 2018 Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize. This award honors innovative teaching approaches that incorporate creative pedagogies. In 2018, up to five faculty projects will receive prizes of \$5,000 each.

Students, faculty, GSIs, department chairs, directors, deans, and staff members are invited to submit nominations for the prize. Faculty self-nominations are also welcome. Nominations are due by **Tuesday, January 30, 2018**.

Examples of innovative teaching approaches include new approaches to creating inclusive classrooms, new uses of instructional technology, new ways to engage students in the learning process, new approaches to student collaborations, or new methods for replicating the advantages of a small course in a large lecture.

This program is open to faculty on the University's Ann Arbor campus.

For more information on nomination and selection processes, please visit the [CRLT website](#).

Sincerely,

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Museum of Natural History Celebrations

Finally, we want to remind you that December 30, 2017, is the last day that the Museum of Natural History will be open to the public in their current Ruthven location, before relocating to the new Biological Sciences Building in 2019. Celebrate and honor the last day and night at the Museum with these two events:

Last Day at the Museum

Saturday, December 30
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Fun-filled Last Day at the Museum in the historic Ruthven Museums Building and celebrate the many memories create in this treasured building. Free family-friendly event.



Last Night at the Museum Gala Reception

Sunday, December 31
9:30 p.m.—1:00 a.m.

Celebrate and honor the last night at the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History in the Ruthven Museums Building before we move next door to the new Biological Science Building. Adults only - 21 and older.



Wishing you all a smooth end to the fall semester and a very happy, and hopefully peaceful, holiday season. We'll see you back in January.