

FANTASTIC FACULTY NEWSLETTER



JEFFREY VANDE ZANDE, Professor of English

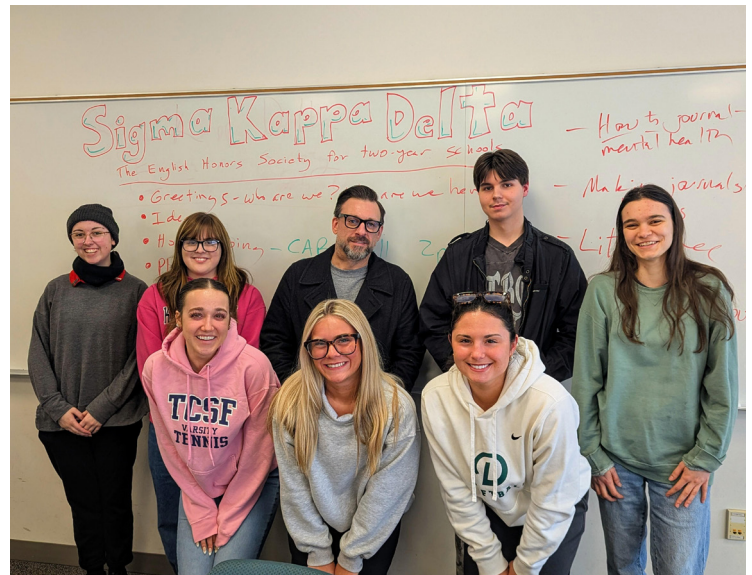
Professor of English Jeffrey Vande Zande's book, "Blood of the Witness Tree" received a positive review in The Drake (a nationally distributed fly fishing magazine).



MARK BROWN, Professor of English

Mark Brown of the English discipline helped a group of students reactivate Delta's long-dormant chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National Honors Society for Two-Year Schools. In their first meeting, the charter

members planned a "Literature of Liberation" book group, a system for distributing reading study tips for the final month of Winter semester, a series of writing prompts for campus creative writers, and a campus open mic for National Poetry Month. The students are looking forward to all these activities, and Mark is excited to be of help as their advisor.



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AMY FRENCH, Professor of History

Dr. Amy French, Professor of History, filmed a documentary, *A Light on the Lakes*, where she was the guest expert historian on the Industrial Revolution, workers, famous Michigan Masons like Henry Ford and Hazen Pingree, and other aspects of Michigan history in the late 19th/early 20th century. Michigan Masons celebrate their 200th anniversary in May of 2026, so the film reflects the last 200 years of history and how Michigan Masons and its members were impacted by it (and shaped it). The documentarian is Benjamin Tigner, Public Relations and Marketing Director for the Michigan Masons; Benjamin previously filmed *Purple: Organized Crime in a Small Town*, about the Purple

Gang in Clare, Michigan and other Michigan towns. *A Light on the Lakes* will premiere on May 17.

Amy also wrote a review of Ann Berman's, *Louis Graveraet Kaufman: The Fabulous Michigan Gatsby Who Conquered Wall Street, Took Over General Motors, and Built the World's Tallest Building*, (Wayne State University Press). Her review will be published in the *Michigan Historical Review*. The book was an interesting read about a man, LG Kaufman, from the Upper Peninsula and how he shaped banking from Marquette to Manhattan, shaped the GM takeover, and underwrote the building of the Empire State Building. It is also a tale of prejudice (his lineage is Jewish and Indigenous), social climbing, and the roaring 20s.

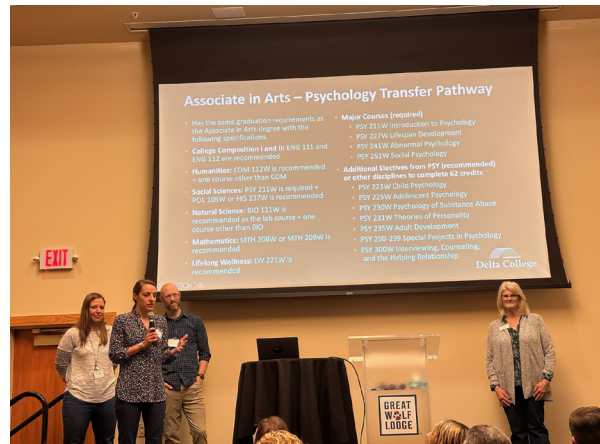


MAUREEN DONEGAN, Professor of Psychology

ERIC WIESENAUER, Professor of Mathematics

Maureen Donegan, Professor of Psychology, and Eric Wiesenaue, Professor of Mathematics, co-presented with Emily Clement, Associate Director of Transfer Partnerships, and Kimberly Katzer, Registrar, at the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) conference in November 2025 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. Their presentation was titled,

"Transfer Pathways - Implementing Creative Change" and focused on how the cross divisional team of faculty and staff worked together to introduce transfer pathways to the college curriculum. The team shared the process to create non-occupational transfer pathways and establish new transfer partnerships with universities across the state, such as the 3+1 psychology transfer pathway with Central Michigan University!



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BETH KELCH, *Professor of Mathematics*

JERRARD JOHNSON, *Instructor of Communication*

JANET ALEXANDER, *Professor of English*



Beth Kelch, Jerrard Johnson, and Janet Alexander presented at the League for Innovation Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 16, 2026. Their presentation was entitled "Faculty Investment Teams: A Professional Development Journey." This session was focused on the FIT (Faculty Investment Teams) movement on campus that has been led by faculty for faculty since the fall of 2021.

Almost 200 Delta faculty have participated at some point and 117 of those have participated more than once, many every semester. Participants in the session came to gain practical insights, based on the FIT model, for fostering belonging and inclusion, while also exploring ways to adapt and personalize them to meet the unique goals of their own institutions.

