

## IAU SPRING TROUBADOUR #8

« Ô lumière ! c'est le cri de tous les personnages placés, dans le drame antique, devant leur destin. Ce recours dernier était aussi le nôtre et je le savais maintenant. Au milieu de l'hiver, j'apprenais enfin qu'il y avait en moi un été invincible. »

"O light ! It is the cry of characters placed, in ancient dramas, before their own destiny. This last recourse was also our own and I knew it now. In the middle of winter, I learned that there was in me an invincible summer."

Albert Camus, « Summer »



Chers Etudiants,

Il y a de l'espoir. Aujourd'hui le printemps est arrivé et les beaux jours ont déjà commencé. Les citoyens de l'Europe peuvent oser l'espoir suite à la défaite la semaine dernière de l'extrême droite aux Pays-Bas. Oui, espérons que ce sera le cas aussi pour la France le 7 mai. Indeed, everywhere we look the political landscape is shifting, and this is certainly an interesting time to be in Europe and an interesting time to experience these "seasonal" changes. Let's presume it will continue to be "interesting" rather than catastrophic, an episode that we should watch closely and react appropriately rather than watch with indifference. Whether we like it or not, what happens here does affect us in our daily lives and work. This will be a unique opportunity for you as you move on into your professional lives. Everything you do and experience while here you will take with you and learn from but only if you are paying attention. Professors, staff, host families, etc. are here as resources, but the responsibility for integrating this will be yours and yours only. Many of you will go on to be leaders and policy-makers in your respective fields and everything in your past will matter. We're counting on you not to let this moment pass.

Passez une semaine pleine de bonnes réflexions,

Leigh Smith

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### **Talent Show :**

**Tuesday, 21 March, 7:30pm, CEF Main Hall**

There are all kinds of performative talents, not just singing and dancing and every one of you have one, so get on it. Whether your talent is making pancakes, singing, or burping the ABCs while hopping on a pogo stick, there's a spot for you! Or just come to support your fellow classmates! Message Pauline or Alumni Fellows Céline, Michael or Nicholas to get a spot.

### **Lecture :**

**Wednesday, 22 March, 6:30pm, CEF Main Hall**

"Albert Camus: From the Absurd to Revolt, via Exile"

Dr. David Walker, University of Sheffield

### **Wine Tasting:**

**Friday, 24 March, 4:00pm, CEF Main Hall**

The Wines of France

Prof. Amy Mumma

Sign-up is now open at reception to Manning Hall. Spots are limited.

### **Wellness Schedule :**

Monday, March 20 : 1-5 pm

« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural experiences 1-2:30 pm (sign up in advance)

Tuesday, March 21 : 9-12 am 5-7 pm

Thursday, March 23 : 2-5 pm

Monday, March 27 : 11-6 pm  
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural experiences 12-1:30 pm (sign up in advance)  
Tuesday, March 28 : 9-12 am 5-7 pm

Meetings are available by drop-in and by appointment :  
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### **Weekend Travel Plans**

Make sure you provide your weekend travel plans as soon as possible at  
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