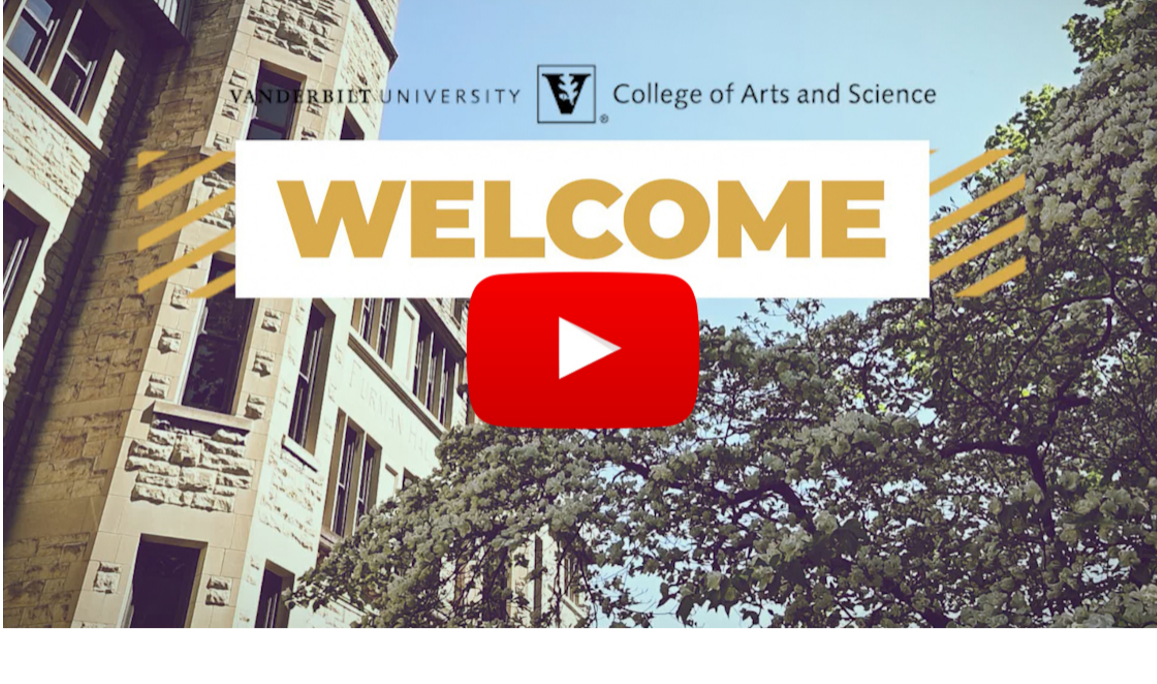


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Welcome Back, Students!

This semester will be unlike any in the history of the College of Arts and Science, but along with the obvious challenges come opportunities. Dean Geer and A&S faculty welcome students to campus and remind us of all there is to accomplish this semester.



It is with great pride and excitement that we kicked off the fall semester last week. Countless people put forth an extraordinary effort to launch this unexpected and unprecedented term. In this month's letter, Dean Geer shares an inside look at how A&S is making the most of this semester, including launching new courses and interdisciplinary research that address the critical global issues of our time.

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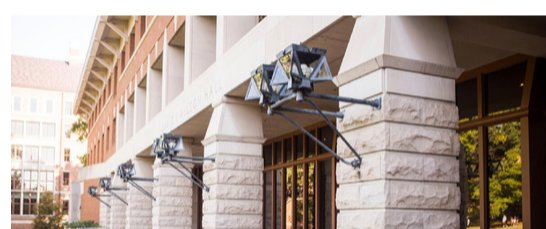
"What are the burdens we carry?" For three years, Associate Professor of the Practice of Art Jana Harper has been exploring and answering that question through her project *This Holding*. But after COVID-19 hit, her project took on a whole new life.

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Teaching in a New Era

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