

DEAN'S OFFICE DIGEST

April 25, 2016

We have much to celebrate as we head into the homestretch of this academic year. In honor of their outstanding commitment as teacher-scholars, thirteen of our college faculty colleagues have just been awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor, four to full professor, and five have been awarded faculty fellowships. Miles Silman, Andrew Sabin Family Foundation Professor of Conservation Biology, will deliver the Poteat Lecture on his important research on



Andean and Amazonian Biodiversity this afternoon. The Anna Julia Cooper Center, under the leadership of Melissa Harris-Perry, Presidential Endowed Professor in Politics and International Affairs, will hold a groundbreaking national conference this Friday and Saturday, "Know Her Truths: Advancing Justice for Women and Girls of Color Conference." We are launching a series of exciting academic programs at Wake Downtown, including a new engineering major <http://college.wfu.edu/engineering/>. Most importantly, our students are excelling, thanks to your dedication to their intellectual and personal growth. Please celebrate our seniors by attending [commencement](#) on **Monday, May 16**. Our graduates report that one of their most meaningful Wake Forest experiences is saying goodbye to their teachers at the end of the graduation exercises as they process through the faculty. Do sign up for the Summer Institute on Intercultural Professional Development and Pedagogy and have a great summer!

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TENURE AND PROMOTION

Congratulations to the following professors who have been promoted:

Associate Professor with Tenure

Joel Tauber - Art

Jarrod Atchison - Communication

Michael Anderson - Biology

Michael Sloan - Classical Languages

John Dalton - Economics

John Ruddiman - History

Susan Harlan - English

Tina Boyer - German & Russian

Heiko Wiggers - German & Russian

Sarah Mason - Mathematics & Statistics

Samuel Cho - Physics & Computer Science

Christian Waugh - Psychology

Hana Brown - Sociology



Promotion to Full Professor

Miriam Ashley-Ross - Biology

Michaelle Browsers - Politics & International Affairs

Judy Kem - Romance Languages

Stephen Murphy - Romance Languages

NEW FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

The Wake Forest Faculty Fellowship Program is a program designed to honor our best teacher-scholars. We are pleased to announce the following Faculty Fellowships.

Congratulations!

Uli Bierbach, Department of Chemistry -- Levison Faculty Fellowship

Claudia Kairoff, Department of English -- MacDonough Family Faculty Fellowship

Frank Moore, Department of Mathematics -- Sterge Faculty Fellowship

Robert Erhardt, Department of Mathematics -- Sterge Faculty Fellowship

Tiffany Judy, Department of Romance Languages -- Baker Family Fund Fellowship

COATES WINS BINKLEY-STEPHENSEN AWARD

Benjamin Coates, assistant professor of history, has been awarded the Binkley-Stephensen Award for Best Article in the flagship *Journal of American History* (September 2015) by the Organization of American Historians. The article is titled "Securing Hegemony through Law: Venezuela, the U.S. Asphalt Trust, and the Uses of U.S. Law, 1904-1909."

His teaching and research examine the history of the United States in the World. His forthcoming book explores the role of international lawyers in the emergence of the United States as a world power in the early twentieth century.



SILMAN TO DELIVER 2016 HUBERT MCNEIL POTTEAT LECTURE

Monday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.; Kulynych Auditorium

Miles Silman, Andrew Sabin Family Foundation Professor of Conservation Biology, and Director of the Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability will present the seventeenth lecture on "Real-World Sustainability and the Future of Andean and Amazonian Biodiversity." A reception will take place following the lecture.

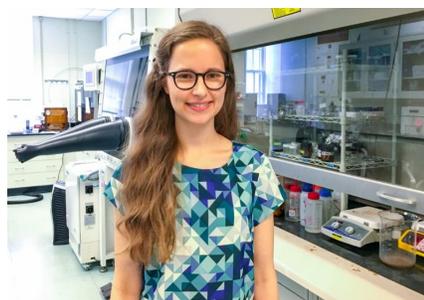


STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Junior **Sarah Rudasill**, an Economics major and Chemistry and Health Policy minor, and a Stamps Family Charitable Foundation Scholar, has been awarded a **2016 Harry S. Truman Scholarship**. Created in 1975 in honor of President Harry S. Truman, the scholarship is awarded to 54 college juniors across the nation who demonstrate outstanding potential and want to make a career in public service. Sarah plans to pursue a combined graduate degree in Public Health and Medicine, with the belief that the joint degree will prepare her to practice medicine for a period of time before shifting into federal health policy or hospital administration. She is the first Stamps Scholar to be awarded a Truman Scholarship.



Senior **Hannah L. Smith**, from Baton Rouge, LA, a physics major and computer science and mathematics minor who works in the laboratory group of Physics Professor Oana Jurchescu, has won a **National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship**. She will enter the doctoral program in Electrical Engineering at Princeton University. Hannah follows in the footsteps of Krissy Cantin ('14), another recent recipient of the NSFGR award, who will use her Fellowship to continue her study of Biomedical Engineering at Virginia Tech.



Junior **Jeremy Sexton** has earned the **Beinecke Scholarship** for funding towards graduate study. Jeremy is the fourth Beinecke Scholar from Wake Forest and the first since 2004. Jeremy will continue his evolution as a musicologist and composer evolving under the tutelage of Stewart Carter, Dan Locklair, Susan Borwick, David Levy, and other music faculty. He published an article on Anton Weidinger, inventor of the keyed trumpet and its first virtuoso, in the 2015 issue of *Nota bene*, and read a version of the paper at the Early Brass Festival in Oberlin, OH, in summer 2015. There are approximately 15 Beinecke Scholarships awarded annually from 125 institutions approved to nominate one student, a junior with outstanding promise in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.



Wake Forest Wins ACC Debate Championship

Congratulations to Wake Forest debaters, freshman **Adam Tomasi** and junior English major **Jack Manchester**, who brought home the ACC Debate Championship for the second year in a row at the University of North Carolina, April 15-17. The two were undefeated, winning over University of Miami in the finals, on the topic: "Resolved: That the



United States should adopt substantially stricter gun control regulations, including a prohibition on carrying firearms at college and university campuses." Jarrod Atchison, Department of Communication, serves as director of the debate program.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Wednesday, April 27, 8:45 a.m.; Benson 401

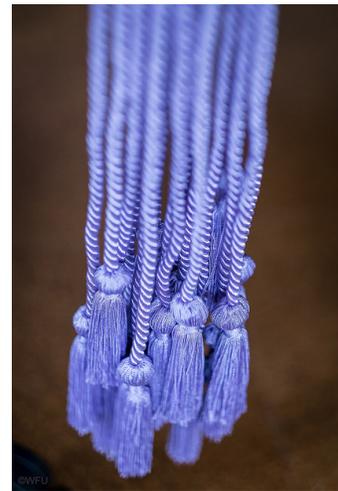
The Office of the Provost will be hosting the final Campus Connections of the 2015-2016 academic year in Benson 401 from 8:45-10:00 a.m. We hope that you will join us over a light breakfast as we hear from speakers throughout our campus. If you are unable to be with us in Benson 401, we hope that you will join us over WebEx. The event will feature Jane Caldwell, Associate Athletic Director; Andrea Ellis, AVP for Innovations and Summer Programs; and Tim Pyatt, Dean of ZSR Library.



LAVENDER GRADUATION

Wednesday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.; ZSR Auditorium

The LGBTQ Center is excited to be hosting the third annual Wake Forest University Lavender Graduation ceremony on **Wednesday, April 27, 2016**. This unique event honors graduating LGBTQ and ally students and celebrates their achievements. Any graduating student, undergraduate or graduate, is eligible to be recognized in the ceremony, and we invite both undergraduates and graduate students to register. Please encourage graduating students to register online.



Registration and additional information can be found on our website at lgbtq.wfu.edu. Please mark your calendars for this important celebration, and share this information and invitation to participate with your student and colleague networks. The LGBTQ Center is available to answer any questions you may have regarding Lavender Graduation 2016.

KNOW HER TRUTHS: ADVANCING JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF COLOR CONFERENCE

April 29-30, 2016; Benson Center



The Anna Julia Cooper Center at Wake Forest University is hosting a national conference focused on the lives of women and girls of color. The conference will bring together scholars, students, community organizations, researchers, policy makers, foundations, and activists for an intensive series of discussions about the circumstances, challenges, and opportunities facing women and girls of color. For more information see:

<http://knowhertruths.com/>

SUMMER INSTITUTE ON INTERCULTURAL PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT AND PEDAGOGY

Applications Due: April 30, 2016



Please consider joining your colleagues for the first Summer Institute for Intercultural Professional Development and Pedagogy, **June 15 and 16**, at the Graylyn International Conference Center. This

2-day retreat, sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the College, is intended for faculty and staff across the Reynolda campus who are interested in a better understanding of campus climate concerns, diversity and inclusion practices, and connecting with a broad range of colleagues. The retreat will provide the space and time necessary to deliberately explore pedagogical ideas, philosophical differences, and personal accounts related to issues of diversity and inclusion in collegiate settings, including but not limited to student experiences, the cultural context of student-faculty-staff relationships, and the experiences of those who play crucial (and sometimes forgotten) roles in shaping our campus and greater community.

Attendees will need to commit to spending 2 days and 1 night in this retreat-like setting at the Graylyn International Conference Center. The intent behind this requirement rests in the strong belief that an uninterrupted opportunity to "sit" with these complex issues will help clarify paths to move forward as we all strive to make Wake Forest University the type of community that values the different voices, experiences, and perspectives that make up our extended community.

All food and single-occupancy lodging expenses for participants will be covered by the Provost's office; however, funding is only available for 20 participants. Consequently an application needs to be completed in order to be considered for this opportunity. Click [here](#) to access the application.

All interested individuals must complete their application by **April 30, 2016**. You will be notified of your application status no later than May 15. Please understand that once you have accepted an invitation to participate in the Institute, you will be expected to attend.

Thanks again for all that you do for our greater campus community. If you have any questions about the Institute, please feel free to contact José Villalba at villalja@wfu.edu.

APRIL FACULTY MEETING RECAP

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.

At the April meeting, the faculty approved the May graduate candidates and graduate candidates with honors, an undergraduate minor in Biomaterials Science & Engineering, and a posthumous degree policy. A special thank you to Professor Will Fleeson for his report on the activities of the University Senate and to Ron Wellman, Director of Athletics, for his report on athletics.

The faculty also approved the adoption of a resolution urging the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor to repeal House Bill 2. A copy of the resolution can be found [here](#).

For the complete minutes and slides of the April 11 College Faculty Meeting click [here](#). The next faculty meeting will be held on **Monday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m.** in Pugh Auditorium. **We will host a social hour after this meeting to celebrate our retirees.**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Applications Due: May 15, 2016



The Humanities Institute Call for Proposals for the 2016-2017 academic year can be found [here](#). Priority consideration will be given to proposals received by or before **May 15, 2016** for many HI Programs. Proposal forms for all HI Programs can be found at <http://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/proposal-forms>. Please contact Program Coordinator Aimee Mepham (mephamam@wfu.edu) with questions.

SUMMER IN THE FOREST

Registration Deadline: May 31

Please remember that WIN registration for summer courses is open until May 31, 2016. Encourage your students to explore the many opportunities for earning



academic credit through on-campus, online, and study abroad courses. We also accept visiting students from other universities and academically gifted high school students. Help us spread the word to our community about the unique opportunities Wake Forest has to offer!

KNOW OUR INCOMPLETE AND GRADE CHANGE POLICIES

As we approach the submission of final grades, know **WHEN IT IS APPROPRIATE, AND WHEN IT IS NOT** to assign an "Incomplete" or change a submitted grade.



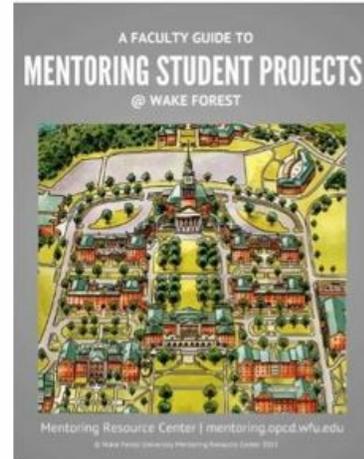
Incompletes. A grade of "I" (incomplete) may be assigned only when a student cannot complete the work of a course by the final deadline due to illness or other extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control.

The grade of "I" should not be used to provide a student more time to finish work unless such extenuating circumstances apply. (See p. 33 of the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Bulletin.) If you have questions about whether an "I" is appropriate in a specific situation, please contact Christy Buchanan (buchanan@wfu.edu) or Karen Bennett (bennek3@wfu.edu) in the Office of Academic Advising (336-758-3320).

Grade changes. If you discover an error in your grading **AFTER** you have submitted your grades, you can correct that error within 60 days by contacting the Office of the University Registrar. Such a change should be made only in cases where a mistake has been made in reporting the grade that a student earned. Under no circumstances should a change be made as a result of pressure from a student or other party (e.g., to raise a grade; OR to lower a grade so that the course can be repeated).

FACULTY RESOURCES FROM THE MENTORING RESOURCE CENTER

The WFU Mentoring Resource Center serves as a central office for the entire Wake Forest community and provides guidance, resources, support, and recognition for Wake Forest mentoring relationships and programs. Our mission is to make mentoring a visible, core experience and value of the Wake Forest community.



We understand that engaging with students in both formal and informal mentoring relationships and conversations is often a part of your role as a faculty member. To better support you in this work, we have added a new Faculty Resources page to our website which includes tools and information related to mentoring students. You can also download our [Faculty Guide to Mentoring Student Projects](#) to assist you in supporting student research projects, independent studies, and other experiential activities. Many thanks to the faculty across the College who provided feedback and thoughts on these resources. If you have feedback or additional ideas regarding mentoring resources that would be helpful to you, please contact Allison McWilliams (mcwillae@wfu.edu) or Lauren Beam (beamlr@wfu.edu).

COLLEGE COURSE ENHANCEMENT FUND

Enhancing Students' Academic Experience

The [College Course Enhancement](#) fund assists faculty members with expenses associated with regularly scheduled fall or spring classes. Funds may be used to offset expenses that enhance students' academic experience in the classroom through travel, admission performance fees, or other academic-specified activities.



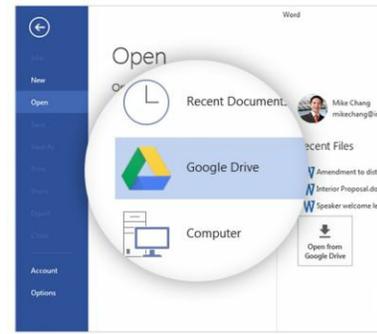
From left to right: Dr. Tiffany Judy, Anna Gerber, Valeria Malo, Millie Perez and Matt Roemer.

With support from this fund, Dr. Tiffany Judy was able to take a group of students to attend a viewing of the Spanish language film *Salero* at River Run International Film festival 2016.

"After seeing Salero, student Matt Roemer commented on how beautiful the scenery of the film was, while Valeria Malo was interested in the subtitles translated from Spanish and Quechua to English. All students said that the Uyuni Salt flats of Bolivia featured in the documentary were unlike anything they'd seen before and seemed to be a great place to visit! Thanks again for this opportunity! I really enjoy these events with students and am thankful Wake makes them possible!" -- Tiffany Judy, Department of Romance Languages

TECH TIP: SAVE DIRECTLY FROM OFFICE TO GOOGLE DRIVE

From Rick Matthews, Director of Academic and Instructional Technology



Did you know that one can use Google Drive just like another hard drive from within Word, Excel, and other Office apps? Google Drive is my preferred storage location, since it is available anywhere with an internet connection, is always backed up, and saves space on my laptop drive. I was delighted to learn from Instructional Technologist Scott Claybrook that Google offers a plug-in to do just that. For Scott's instructions, see [Google Drive Plug-in for Microsoft Office](#).

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.; Brendle Recital Hall

Student Chamber II Concert. This program will feature performances from chamber music classes offered in the Spring semester and may include music for string quartet, recorder ensemble, woodwind quintet, flute choir, clarinet quartet, clarinet choir, saxophone quartet, brass quintet and percussion ensemble.

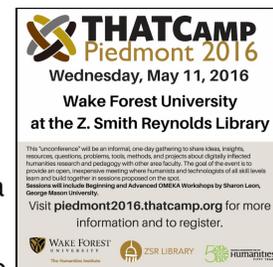
Tuesday, April 26, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Pugh Auditorium

Financial Update by Hof Milam to Campus Community. At the invitation of the Faculty Senate, Hof Milam, Executive Vice President, will give his annual financial update to the University on Tuesday, April 26, at 4 p.m. in Pugh Auditorium. Mr. Milam will review the WFU budget for the next year, as well as provide information on the financial challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. The Senate enthusiastically invites all WFU students, staff and faculty to attend.

Wednesday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; ZSR Library, 404 (Auditorium)

THATCamp - "The Humanities and Technology Camp" is an unconference: an open, inexpensive meeting where humanists and technologists of all skill levels learn and build together in sessions proposed on the spot.

An unconference is to a conference what a seminar is to a lecture, what a party at your house is to a church wedding, what a pick-up game of Ultimate Frisbee is to an NBA game, what a jam band is to a symphony orchestra: it's more informal and more participatory. Don't miss this great opportunity to interact with colleagues from across the Piedmont! Register today by using this [link](#).



Deadlines from the Office of the University Registrar

Tuesday, May 10 - Graduating seniors' grades due by noon. WIN grading turned off at 12:00 p.m. to process graduating seniors' grades.

Wednesday, May 11 - Online grading resumes after noon.

Tuesday, May 17 - Non-graduating student grades due by noon.

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To share news or events with the College Faculty, contact Melanie Hylton in the Office of the Dean of the College. The next issue will be sent on Monday, August 29. Submissions are due on Tuesday, August 23 by 5:00 p.m.

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