

DEAN'S OFFICE DIGEST

March 28, 2016

Our version of March Madness is in full spring. We are in the throes of advising majors, readying ourselves to advise lower-division students next week, and working towards wrapping up a semester's worth of learning in all our courses. We are even welcoming SACS committee members to our campus to help them learn more about our impressive QEP and Learning Outcomes.



Many thanks to all the faculty committees who have been so deeply engaged in faculty governance throughout the year. We witnessed the results of the hard work of the Nominations, CAP and Curriculum Committees at our March 14 faculty meeting, where we had a spirited discussion of a new 1-credit Extended Orientation pilot approved by the Curriculum Committee, and voted through a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and a major in Engineering approved by CAP.

Meanwhile, the calendar is full of terrific events aimed at edification across the campus community. In particular, note the special opportunities for faculty: an invite to apply to the highly successful Writing Associates Program; a series of terrific Teaching and Learning Center Workshops; and a June Faculty Retreat dedicated to "Maximizing Inclusivity + Minimizing Apathy: Expanding Our Commitment to Campus Climate." (The Faculty Senate just held a world café on improving campus climate where Senators cited the serious need for more faculty training). As busy as we all are, these opportunities welcome each of us to make time for our own professional development, to nurture our interdisciplinary thinking and cross-campus collegiality and leadership, and to seek out new skill sets and understandings, for our own renewal and for its spillover impact across our campus and our fields. As always, thanks to each of you for all you do to make our college such a dynamic locus of learning, knowledge, and community.

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WAKE FOREST REMEMBERS DARRYL HUNT

Monday, March 28, Noon, Law School Courtroom

Wake Forest faculty and staff watched Darryl return to Winston-Salem after Mark Rabil established that the State had wrongly incarcerated him. Many of us, faculty, staff and students, watched "The Trials of Darryl Hunt" documentary. In the twelve years Mr. Hunt lived after his release, he reflected only grace and forgiveness before his frustration with a world still unjust overcame him. Please join faculty across the university to remember Mr. Hunt at noon, and all are invited to share their thoughts about Darryl



PROVOST KERSH'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE COMMUNITY

Monday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.; Pugh Auditorium, Benson

At the invitation of the Senate, Provost Kersh will speak about university priorities, along with challenges and opportunities that face our academic mission and programs. Please plan to attend.



MARCH COLLEGE FACULTY MEETING RECAP

The meeting began with Arts Council Campaign chair Lynn Sutton sharing a personal experience on the impact of art in her life and asking everyone to consider supporting the Campaign this year. Leah Roy then gave an overview of the IPlace offerings for faculty fellowships this summer. The faculty marked ballots for the open positions on faculty committees and also approved the changes to curriculum as presented by the Committee on Curriculum. After a dialogue on a pilot for a new course on the First Year Experience, the faculty discussed and approved the two proposals from CAP - a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and a major in Engineering.

Click [here](#) for the complete minutes of the March meeting. The next faculty meeting will be on **Monday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m.** in Pugh Auditorium.

SACS-COC

What started in the fall of 2013 as a "heads up" is finally here: The On-Site SACS-COC committee has arrived on campus. The seven-member committee is visiting Wake Forest's Charlotte Center today, **Monday, March 28**, and then will visit the Reynolda and Bowman-Gray campuses from **Tuesday, March 29 through Thursday, March 31**. A big and genuine thanks to all of you who have helped along the way, as there is physically no way we could have reached this point without your input, guidance, hard work, and feedback. We look forward to answering any of your questions related to this process, including the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), and to updating you on the overall SACS-COC process in the future.



ACADEMIC ADVISING

Are you an adviser of a first-year student? Know a first-year student? Be aware of these opportunities for extra advising & registration help for first-year students:



* ***South Campus Registration Block Party*** on

Tuesday, March 29 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Luter Hall Lounge. Faculty from across campus will be present to promote fall courses, answer questions about their majors/minors, and get to know students. Questions? Contact Adam Dovico at dovicoa@wfu.edu. Sponsored by South Campus Faculty Fellows.

* **Evening hours in the Office of Academic Advising** on **March 31, April 6, and April 7.**

Rounds of registration will take place during the weeks of **March 28-31** (Round 1) and **April 4-7** (Round 2). OAA staff, along with Student Adviser volunteers, will be available from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in 125 Reynolda Hall on Thursday, March 31 and on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6 and 7, the nights that first-year students register. Students should feel free to drop in for assistance with registration or with general questions.

CHALK UP YOUR CLASS

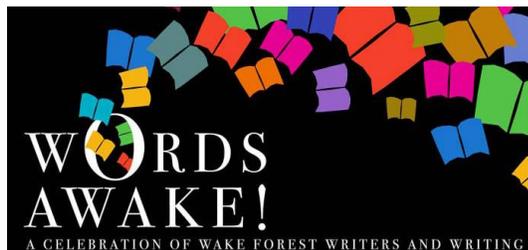
Faculty should enjoy Wake's outdoor spaces as well as students! Come out for some fresh air on **Tuesday, March 29 from 4-5:00 p.m.** in the **Lower Quad (aka: Mag Quad)** and we'll take over the sidewalks by chalking advertisements for our courses during advising period. (Bar graphs? Chemical formulas? Music staves?!) Refreshments and chalk will be provided. Bring anyone who'd like to "chalk up their class"-- diversity of subjects is encouraged! Contact Tina Dalton (daltonc@wfu.edu) or Elizabeth Clendinning (clendiea@wfu.edu) for more information.



WORDSAWAKE 2!

April 8-9

Join a big literary crowd for inspiration, provocation, and acknowledgement of the word. Panels, readings, literary presentations, book vendors, inductions into the Wake



Forest Writers Hall of Fame, ZSR Writers Camp, a Wake Up to Poetry Slam!, and much more. A celebration of the past, snapshot of the present, and projection of the future of writing and writers in our community. For more information visit <http://wordswake.events.wfu.edu>.

FROM THE TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER

Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Innovative Teaching Award!

Lisa Blee, History

T.H.M. Gellar-Goad, Classical Languages

Robert Erhardt, Mathematics

Elizabeth Clendinning, Music

Rick Matthews, Physics

These awards recognize the effort put forth by faculty who have redesigned their courses or introduced new courses, using new methods or innovative approaches to applying research on learning to the practice of teaching. Awards will be presented at a luncheon in April.

Workshops

Join us for our final spring workshops on why providing clear learning and performance outcomes can increase student performance, how re-designed classrooms can maximize student engagement and learning, and what happens when specifications grading is introduced in a course.

To register for a workshop, see <http://tlc.wfu.edu/events/>.

Maximizing Student Performance in Lecture by Providing Clear Expectations

Tuesday, March 29, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m., Benson Center 409

Facilitated by: David Wren, Department of Chemistry

New Space, New Opportunities

Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m., Wingate Hall Room 210

Facilitated by: Lynn Neal, Department of Religion

My Specifications Grading Experiment

Thursday, April 28, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m., Reynolda Hall 301

Facilitated by: Catherine Ross, Teaching and Learning Center

If you have suggestions for fall workshop topics, please let us know. Thank you for your support of our programs and services over the last year!

SUMMER IN THE FOREST WEBSITE

Now Live!



Summer School

Registration for summer courses is open until **May 31**. Encourage your students to explore the many opportunities for earning academic credit through on-campus, online, and study abroad courses. And, the revitalized Summer School website with the newly crafted summer moniker of "Summer in the Forest" is now live. Please visit us at: <http://college.wfu.edu/summer/>

Summer Programs

The WFU Summer Programs website (<http://summer.wfu.edu/>) is live and ready for the spring break traffic. The most successful marketing techniques for many of these programs is word-of-mouth and technology. We encourage you to spread the word and share the link with colleagues, friends (Facebook), family, your dogsitter, your hairdresser, your mechanic, whomever. This is just the beginning of an exciting initiative for our campus. We look forward to our continued collaboration.

LIBBY ROBIN: "CHANGING EXPERTISE IN PLANNING FOR GLOBAL CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET"

Tuesday, April 5, 5:00 p.m.; Annenberg Forum

Please join us for a very special lecture by Libby Robin, historian of environmental ideas. This event is sponsored by the WFU Humanities Institute with funding made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and co-sponsored by the WFU Office of Sustainability and the WFU Center for Energy, Environment & Sustainability. A light reception will follow. Click [here](#) to download the event poster. Please forward it to your students and colleagues!

"Changing Expertise in Planning for Global Change and the Future of the Planet"

LIBBY ROBIN
Historian of Environmental Ideas
Tuesday, April 5th
5:00pm
Carswell Hall, Annenberg Forum
Light Reception to Follow

Libby Robin is a historian of environmental ideas and Professor at the Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University, Canberra. She is a research affiliate at the National Museum of Australia and the KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory, Stockholm. Libby Robin was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities in 2013. Recent books include *The Future of Nature: Documents of Global Change 1946-1973* (ed. 2013) with Steffen Sielke and Paul Worsley, and forthcoming in mid-2016, *Caring the Future: Museums, Communities and Climate Change* with Heather Newell and Kirsten Wehrer, Routledge Environmental Humanities.

Sponsored by the WFU Humanities Institute with funding made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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CHARLES BEST TO SPEAK AT WAKE FOREST

Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.; Broyhill Auditorium

Charles Best, CEO of DonorsChoose.org, will be taking part in Wake Forest University's [Leadership Project](#), a program designed to showcase inspiring stories from leaders who represent a variety of professional paths, on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Broyhill Auditorium in Farrell Hall. Best will speak on his leadership philosophy as well as the impact of DonorsChoose.org and its role in education reform. The [event](#) is free and open to the public.



[DonorsChoose.org](#), a nonprofit organization, provides a simple way to address educational inequity. At DonorsChoose.org, public school teachers create classroom project requests, and donors can choose the projects they want to support. So far in this academic year, 174 projects, including hands-on science labs, vocabulary enrichment tools and playground improvements for children with special needs, have been funded - supporting more than 13,500 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County students. Nearly 450 local teachers have raised funds for more than 1,000 projects since 2003.

Leading up to the event, Wake Forest University students, faculty, and staff will have an opportunity to redeem donated gift cards to support teacher projects posted to DonorsChoose.org. Gift card recipients will be able to donate to any project on the website, although they will be strongly encouraged to support teachers in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Best launched DonorsChoose.org in 2000 out of a Bronx public high school where he taught history. DonorsChoose.org is one of Oprah Winfrey's "ultimate favorite things" and was featured on the cover of Fast Company as one of the "50 Most Innovative Companies in the World." For three years, Fortune Magazine has named Best to its "40 under 40" hottest rising stars in business.

THONHAUSER NAMED PRESTIGIOUS SIMONS FELLOW IN THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Dr. Timo Thonhauser, associate professor of physics, has been named a 2016 Simons Fellow in Theoretical Physics. Thonhauser is one of 14 university professors named by the Simons Foundation Division for Mathematics and the Physical Sciences to the fellows program that provides funds to faculty for up to a semester long research leave from classroom teaching and administrative obligations. The Simons Foundation was established by billionaire James H. Simons, a mathematician and philanthropist, to support distinguished scientists. The announcement of this year's fellowship recipients appeared in the March 22 "Science Times" section of the *New York Times*. Other recipients represent Cornell, Harvard, Columbia, UC Berkeley, and the University of Pennsylvania, among others.



CELEBRATING MAYA ANGELOU

Thursday, March 31, 6:00 p.m.; SECCA

This event will honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Maya Angelou. Wake Forest University faculty, students, and community members will read and perform selections of Dr. Angelou's poetry. Organized by the Wake Forest University Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Department and co-sponsored by the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, and the Southeastern Contemporary Center for Art (SECCA). The celebration was designed by students in WGS 321: Performing Gender and Race, taught by Dr. Angéla Kóczé. The event is free and open to the public. A light reception will follow. Click [here](#) to download the event flyer.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NEW FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

Deadline: April 15

Nominations are now being accepted for the appointment of a new Wake Forest University Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). This is an appointment of a faculty member made by the President for a term of four years and in its broadest sense, provides a faculty viewpoint in the administration of intercollegiate athletic programs. The FAR reports to the President in the university governance structure and has these major areas of responsibility: academic oversight, student-athlete welfare, administrative responsibilities including representing Wake Forest at meetings of the NCAA and ACC, and compliance. Among the FAR's general responsibilities are periodic meetings with the President, Director of Athletics, and other athletics personnel, and student-athletes as needed. The President will evaluate the appointment over the term of the four years.

Nominations and recommendations may be submitted to Mary Pugel in the President's Office (mpugel@wfu.edu). Nominations are due by **April 15, 2016**.

WRITING ASSOCIATES SEMINAR FOR FALL 2016

Applications Due May 2

We invite regular (non-visiting) faculty who are committed to integrating writing instruction in their courses to take advantage of this unique opportunity. The Seminar will engage faculty from across the undergraduate curriculum in the College in cross-disciplinary conversations about integrating writing into their teaching. We will explore, through reading, discussion, and demonstration, key issues associated with teaching writing. Through these discussions, we will be considering both "learn to write" and "write to learn" approaches to student writing - that is, teaching students to write as members of a specific field and using writing to foster critical engagement with subject matter. Authors of Seminar readings and renowned writing scholars, will join us as guest speakers, and our final meeting will feature presentations by participating faculty.



Selected faculty will receive \$1,500 for participating in the Seminar, as well as \$600 for a summer stipend to participate in mini retreats for syllabi building and curriculum development.

During the summer participating faculty are encouraged to design a writing enhanced course in their fields. To apply for this Seminar for Fall 2016, please submit application materials as a single PDF to Dr. Zak Lancaster (lancasci@wfu.edu) by **May 2, 2016**. Selections will be announced via email in early June. Application materials should include: A letter (maximum two pages) describing your interest in teaching writing in your courses and a Curriculum Vitae. Contact Zak at lancasci@wfu.edu with questions.

HUBERT MCNEILL POTEAT LECTURE

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

We are pleased to announce that Miles Silman, Andrew Sabin Family Foundation Professor of Conservation Biology and Director of the Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability has been selected as this year's Hubert McNeill Poteat Lecturer.



Dr. Silman will lecture on "Real-World Sustainability and the Future of Andean and Amazonian Biodiversity" on **Monday, April 25**. The Lecturer Series was created to honor and celebrate our most distinguished faculty for their outstanding academic and scholarly contributions. As a dedicated researcher and scholar, Miles exemplifies the qualities of a worthy recipient of this time-honored faculty recognition.

Please join us in congratulating him on this achievement! Click [here](#) to download the event flyer.

MAXIMIZING INCLUSIVITY + MINIMIZING APATHY: EXPANDING OUR COMMITMENT TO CAMPUS CLIMATE

Save the Date! June 15-16

In response to last year's Deliberative Dialog Action and Implementation Team, the Office of the Provost has provided funding for a 2-day/1-night faculty retreat around the topic of Diversity and Inclusion. This opportunity, "Maximizing Inclusivity + Minimizing Apathy: Expanding Our Commitment to Campus Climate," will be open to faculty from all units on the Reynolda Campus. This overnight retreat will start on the morning of **June 15** and end on the evening of **June 16**. All activities, meals, and accommodations will take place at Graylyn. Space will be limited. More information will follow on the application process. These are challenging and thought-provoking times in higher education, and we hope you will consider expanding on our collective efforts to build a stronger Wake Forest Campus Community.

Deadlines from the Office of the Registrar

Friday, April 1 - Rosters listing graduating seniors distributed via email. *Please use the rosters as an aid when entering grades on those students who are scheduled to graduate on May 16. You do not need to return the rosters.*

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, April 11. Submissions are due on Tuesday, April 5 by 5:00 p.m.

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