

DEAN'S OFFICE DIGEST

September 12, 2016

Only two weeks into classes and the semester is already on full throttle. Thanks to all of you for helping our 1,311 first year students transition into college-level academic work, and special thanks to our 129 academic advisers. Remember that returning at least one significant graded assignment within the first month, especially for first years and sophomores, is one of the best ways to help our students succeed. Please remember to sign up your students who have engaged in research projects for Undergraduate Research Day on October 7, and plan to attend yourself. Meanwhile, nominate junior and newly tenured colleagues who are excellent teachers for the Reid-Doyle Prize by October 14. **Today marks the first faculty meeting of the new academic year.** The agenda will include timely information on the makeup of this year's entering class, Wake Downtown, and Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives in the College.



TWO DEPARTMENT CHAIRS RECEIVE ADVISING AWARD

Katy Harriger, Chair and Professor of Politics and International Affairs, and Mary Pendergraft, Chair and Professor of Classical Languages, were honored at New Student Convocation as this year's recipients of the Faculty Advising Award. They were selected by the Committee on Orientation and Lower Division Advising.

About Professor Harriger, an advisee observed, "her passion for her advisees is highly apparent ... her desire to help highly conspicuous and appreciated." A colleague described her as "a strong and tireless advocate of undergraduate advising." She has been advising students almost constantly since her arrival at Wake Forest in 1995, serves as a faculty fellow in Babcock, and was among the first volunteers to teach the inaugural FYE class.



Professor Pendergraft has served as a lower-division adviser for over 26 years. Wrote a colleague: "She is a caring, nurturing, and astute academic adviser. Her institutional knowledge, combined with her genuine concern for the wellbeing of all students make her a much celebrated and sought after adviser." A former advisee noted, "With patience and abundant kindness, she guided me through my courses; even as an adviser, she fostered in me a dedication to curiosity, learning, and a desire to benefit the world around us, for which, I am deeply grateful."



EUDAIMONIA INSTITUTE RECEIVES \$4.2 MILLION TO STUDY HUMAN FLOURISHING

The Eudaimonia Institute has received nearly \$4.2 million in new research funding to study the nature of human flourishing, as well as the institutions, attitudes and cultural practices that encourage it. The Institute began this past June with a standard planning grant from the Office of the Provost. The Charles Koch Foundation has committed \$3.69 million to support the institute over the next five years.



The Institute brings together multiple disciplines and perspectives to create an intellectual

community focused on the notion of eudaimonia, the Greek word for human flourishing. The new funding makes it possible to support outstanding interdisciplinary research on real-world endeavors. The [Eudaimonia Institute Faculty Advisory Board](#), a group of a dozen faculty from diverse disciplines, will determine which proposals receive grants from the institute, in accordance with the institute's [declaration of research independence](#). The Eudaimonia Institute, under the leadership of Executive Director James Otteson, Thomas W. Smith Presidential Chair in Business Ethics, is the third [academic institute](#) at Wake Forest.

WAKE WASHINGTON

The new [WAKE Washington Program](#) kicks off its first semester next Fall 2017. This exciting program will allow our students to study and intern in the Capital while taking courses taught by a Wake Forest faculty member. Internships will be available in a variety of discipline-connected areas such as Political Science and International Affairs, Communication, Non-profits, NGOs, and Policy. Professor Katy Harriger will lead the first group of students next fall. Please let your students know about this program now and encourage them to apply early. Some internships require early applications.



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY

Friday, October 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

The URECA Center is pleased to invite all undergraduate faculty members and their mentored undergraduate students to participate in the 10th Annual Wake Forest University Undergraduate Research Day to be held **Friday, October 7, 2016 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** in the Atrium of ZSR Library during Family Weekend.



Our mission is to capture all mentored, non-fellowship projects and/or undergraduates from other universities who participated in research or creative projects at Wake Forest University this summer. Online registration and details regarding presentation types and support for poster printing are available at <http://ureca.wfu.edu/research-day>. Please forward this information to your students so they may register their projects by Thursday, September, 15, 2016. If you have questions about Undergraduate Research Day or have problems registering, please contact the URECA Center (ureca@wfu.edu).

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

Caring for Students and Academic Success

At this start of a new semester, it may be helpful to remember that a predictor of academic success - especially for our newest students - is the belief that faculty care about them. Over this semester, we'll be sharing in the Digest some tips for inclusive pedagogy and advising, which means practices that help every student regardless of background. The first tip is to let your students know you care about them as individuals, with their different stories, backgrounds, and talents.

If you need help caring for a student, you can reach out to OAA, using our Academic Alert (advising.wfu.edu) to report concerns about attendance, poor performance on early quizzes or papers, or significant changes in appearance or behaviors. In addition, if a student (or anyone else) displays disruptive, troubling, or threatening behavior, you can relay those concerns to a member of the CARE Team (<http://careteam.wfu.edu>) - Karen Bennett and Christy Buchanan represent the Dean's Office on the CARE team.

Heads Up: Midterm Grades Due Date is Monday after Fall Break

In order to have midterm grades available at the start of the advising period, the Committee on Academic Affairs recommended that midterm grades be submitted by noon on the first day of the advising period. It is very important for students and advisers to have some idea about academic standing at that point, so please make plans to provide this important feedback through submission of a meaningful midterm grade by noon on October 24.

New Student Advising 2016!

Many thanks to the 129 faculty and staff members who advised our new students during New Deac Week 2016, and to 31 faculty and staff who led discussion groups for Project Wake: Citizenship (<http://newstudents.wfu.edu/summer-academic-project/>).

We are also grateful for the 153 student advisers who moved in early and completed a full day of additional training in preparation for New Deac Week. Student advisers reviewed academic policies and Wake Forest support resources, learned more about advising at Wake Forest, and prepared for various orientation events. This year's student advisers impressed us with their energy, enthusiasm, and focus.



STUDENT-ATHLETE SERVICES

...did you know?

-  The graduation success rate (GSR) for WFU student-athletes in 2015-16 was **92%**
-  **54%** of student-athletes made the ACC Honor Roll in 2015-16
-  **95%** of student-athletes participated in community service for a total of over **4,000** hours from 2015-16

FACULTY RESOURCES

From the [Mentoring Resource Center](#)



As the new semester begins, the [Mentoring Resource Center](#) is here to support faculty as you engage with students in both formal and informal mentoring relationships. Our website includes a [Faculty Resources](#) page along with tools, worksheets, and information related to mentoring students. Additionally, we will be offering two courses through the PDC this Fall in which participants can earn an "Introductory Mentoring Skills Certificate":

Course One: Introduction to Effective Mentoring & Coaching for Mentors
Thursday, September 29, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Course Two: Introduction to Effective Mentoring & Coaching for Mentees
Wednesday, October 19, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

For more information please contact Allison McWilliams (mcwillae@wfu.edu) or Lauren Beam (beamlr@wfu.edu).

REID-DOYLE TEACHING AWARD

Submission Deadline - Friday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.

Who is Eligible: Wake Forest College Junior Faculty Members who hold the rank of Assistant Professor or who were promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor in the last academic year are eligible for this prestigious award.



The primary criterion for selection is excellence in teaching. Nominations for the Reid-Doyle Teaching Award are submitted by chairs, program directors, or senior faculty (with chair approval) from within the nominee's department or program.

The Reid-Doyle Teaching Award, along with a monetary award, is presented at our annual Founder's Day Program in February. Plan now to nominate a deserving faculty member from your department. For complete nomination information, please refer to this [link](#) on the College web site.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORKSHOP

Save the Date! Thursday, October 20, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

As part of the MIMA (Maximizing Inclusivity + Minimizing Apathy) series, and in partnership with the University Counseling Center, the Office of Academic Advising, and the



Learning Assistance Center and Disability Services, we will be offering a workshop for best practices when working with students with mental health concerns. The workshop is in the planning stages. Please direct your questions or input to José A. Villalba (villalja@wfu.edu).

TECH TIP: FINDING FREE IMAGES

From Rick Matthews, Director of Academic and Instructional Technology

Images often enhance our talks and lectures. Most images we find on the web have tight usage restrictions. Here is a three-minute video on how to find images that are free to use.

[FindingFreeImages.mp4](#)



Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.; Reynolda Hall 301

Safe Zone Workshop (For Faculty and Staff). Registration is required for this event. <http://pdc.wfu.edu/event/10175/>



Friday, September 16, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.; Manchester Plaza

The World Cultural Festival, founded in 2008, is an annual celebration of difference to unite, inspire and entertain the entire campus community. It creates a space to introduce various cultures from around the world to Wake Forest, through creative displays and activities, a wide variety of cultural foods, information about different cultural groups, and several cultural performances. Past performers include Drum Jungle, West End Mambo, KanKouran African Dance Group, Silver Tones Steel Drum Band, and One Spirit Dance Troupe. Rain Location: Benson 401.



Wednesday, September 21

College Fall Budget Requests due by 5:00 p.m. (Department Chairs Submit)

Thursday, September 22, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Manchester Plaza

"Arrive and Thrive" will feature dozens of fun and thought-provoking activities designed to inform and inspire the campus community about how to lead healthier, more balanced lives!



Thursday, September 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; Brendle Recital Hall

Carlton Mitchell Interfaith Lecture. Dr. Charles Kimball, former professor and Religion Department Chair at Wake Forest University and now Presidential Professor at the University of Oklahoma, will deliver the Carlton Mitchell Interfaith Lecture entitled "Understanding and Countering Religious Extremism among the Children of Abraham." Click [here](#) for more information.



Tuesday, September 27, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.; Green Room, Reynolda Hall

Faculty/Staff Social and WakeUnited Kickoff

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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, September 26. Submissions are due on Tuesday, September 13 by 5:00 p.m.

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