

DEAN'S OFFICE DIGEST

February 20, 2017

Traditions, old and new, matter at Wake Forest. We celebrated student learning with senior orations and faculty accomplishments with awards at our annual Founders' Day Convocation this past Thursday. President Hatch cut the ribbon at our newest residence hall named in honor of Maya Angelou to commemorate her sweeping legacy as educator, author, and civil rights activist the next day. Such traditions not only invite us to reflect on what we value most, but to set our sights high on what we must realize for our future.



At the suggestion of faculty from across the College, the Office of the Dean of the College is pleased to partner with each academic department in their creation of diversity action plans aimed at generating short- and long-range strategies for recruiting diverse faculty and students, exploring related curricular opportunities, and designing metrics for measuring success, knowing that all forms of learning and intellectual experience are strengthened by the contributions of diverse faculty, students and ideas. In addition, as

an outgrowth of student- and faculty-wide concern about the efficacy of our current cultural diversity requirement, we have charged a [cross-college committee](#) of faculty and students with examining curriculum best practices at peer and aspirant schools, and anticipate sharing an executive report on our findings at the conclusion of the academic year.

We are a community that is deeply committed to our traditions of academic excellence and Pro Humanitate. We recognize that making a deep commitment to inclusion of diverse thoughts and perspectives ensures this excellence through the generation of new ideas and more robust inquiry. That commitment also ensures that all of us in this community, and especially our students, can thrive and grow.

SENIOR ORATIONS HONORS

Every year, faculty members nominate outstanding seniors to prepare [orations](#) reflecting on their four years at Wake Forest. Ten students are invited to present their orations before a faculty panel at the Senior Colloquium, and the panel selects the three finalists.

Congratulations to our Oration Finalists who spoke at Founder's Day Convocation: Richard Caban-Cubero: *What Are You?* and Ashley Laughlin: *Your Wake Forest "I"*. Cameron Silverglate was given top honors and will present his oration, *I Hope You Dance*, at the Honors and Awards Ceremony in May.



Cameron Silverglate

CONGRATULATIONS FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS

[Medallion of Merit](#): [James Pierce Barefield](#), Professor of History, 1963-2004; [Herman Edward Eure](#) (Ph.D. '74), Professor of Biology, 1974-2013.

[The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Center Award](#): This award is presented annually to two faculty members who demonstrate excellence in the mentoring of undergraduate students.



Herman Eure and James Barefield

Sciences/Social Sciences: [Pat Nixon](#), Department of Health and Exercise Science; Arts/Humanities: [Stew Carter](#), Department of Music.

The Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award

This award was established in 1982 by the Wake Forest Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa to recognize an outstanding faculty member who bridges the gap between the classroom and student life. The recipient must contribute beyond the expected duties of teaching and research. 2017 Award Recipient: [Oana Jurchescu](#), Department of Physics.

The Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service

This award was established in 1988 by the Wake Forest Alumni Council to recognize extraordinary community service of a respected teacher/scholar from the College. 2017 Recipient: [Christina Soriano](#), Department of Theatre and Dance.

Award for Excellence in Research

The award recognizes a faculty member in the College in the early part of his or her career. 2017 Recipient - [Amanda Jones](#), Department of Chemistry.

The Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching

This award is for a faculty member in the Wake Forest College who is still in the early part of his or her career. 2017 Recipient - [Michael Sloan](#), Department of Classical Languages.

The Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching

This award recognizes an experienced member of the faculty, distinguished as a teacher in the broadest sense of the word, and recognized not only for performance in the classroom but also for exemplifying the ideals of a liberal arts education. 2017 Recipient - [Gloria Muday](#), Department of Biology.

WAKE FOREST DEBATERS GO TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Wake Forest Debaters Charles Athanasopoulos and Corrine Sugino were finalists at the 2017 Northwestern Debate Tournament. They were ranked 1st and 2nd overall speakers out of over 300 individual competitors. They lost a close final round to Harvard. Charles and Corrine are currently ranked in the top 5 teams in the nation and will represent Wake Forest at the National Debate Tournament Championship March 22-28, 2017.



LYNN NEAL WINS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD HONORED BY AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION



The Department for the Study of Religions is pleased to announce that Chair-Elect, Lynn Neal, has received one of the [American Academy of Religion's](#) highest accolades. This [Award for Excellence in Teaching](#) recognizes the importance of teaching and honors outstanding teaching in the field. Lynn teaches courses in American religious history, religion and popular culture, and religious intolerance. Her current research examines the intersection of religion and

fashion. This national award is in recognition of Lynn's exceptional talent and deep concern for her students. Read her award-winning teaching statement [here](#).

RECAP OF FEBRUARY FACULTY MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2017, 3:30 pm, Pugh Auditorium

At the February meeting, the faculty approved the name change for the Cultural Resource Preservation interdisciplinary minor to Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies, the Bulletin changes as submitted by the Curriculum Committee, and the courses to be taught online as presented by the Committee on Online Education. Sarah Raynor, Chair of the Collegiate Senators

gave an update on the activities of the Faculty Senate and Peter Brubaker presented an outline of his responsibilities as Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR).

A special thank you to Dean of the Library Tim Pyatt for his update on the current and planned renovations for the ZSR Library, and to Associate Professor Alyssa Howards and Kristi Verbeke, Faculty Development Specialist, for their report on the updates for the Teaching and Learning Collaborative.

For the complete minutes of the February 13 College Faculty Meeting click [here](#). The next faculty meeting will be on Monday, March 13 at 3:30 pm in Pugh Auditorium.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

Collaboration between Advisers and OAA

A strong alliance and great communication and collaboration between OAA staff and students' advisers allows for the most effective support of students who seek help or receive outreach from OAA. Our efforts toward this alliance include such actions as copying advisers on outreach to students, updating advisers when our office is working with their advisees, and encouraging students to form and sustain relationships with their advisers.

Although all OAA staff are happy to assist any faculty or student with questions or concerns, our four academic counselors work most intentionally with specific groups of advisers, assigned alphabetically by the first letter of advisers' last names ([India Dunn](#), A-E; [Melissa Cumbia](#), F-K; [Shannon McKinney](#), L-R; [Shane Weimer](#), S-Z). Faculty advisers are encouraged to foster this connection by getting to know their academic counselor, and we hope that advisers will reach out to us when needed. We will also be sponsoring some "get to know you" coffees or lunches for faculty advisers and academic counselors; be on the lookout for invitations. It is our intention that through these initiatives we in OAA can better serve as valuable resources to faculty advisers and work with faculty advisers to provide outstanding support to our students.



FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FACULTY

Information Sessions: **Monday, February 20, 2017**

Register to attend one of two information sessions by clicking on the relevant link below, or sign up for an individual consult with Fulbright staff.

- [Information session for WFU Staff](#): Monday, February 20, 2017 - 12:00 -1:00pm, PDC 301
- [Information session for WFU Faculty](#): Monday, February 20, 2017 - 3:30-4:30pm, Pugh Auditorium
- Individual Sessions: Monday, February 20, 2017 - 1:30-3:30 pm, by appointment

Please visit [this site](#) for more information about the Fulbright Scholarship Program and opportunities for faculty and staff visit. For more information about the upcoming visit to Wake Forest, or to schedule a 1:1 consult with Fulbright staff, contact [Michelle Klosterman](#) in the Center for Global Programs and Studies.

IMMIGRATION PANEL DISCUSSION

Monday, February 20, 2017, 6:30 pm; ZSR Library, Auditorium



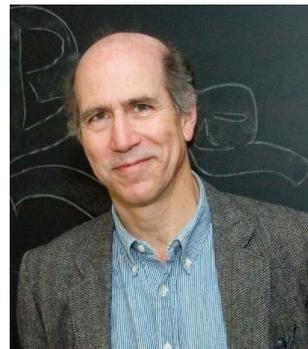
Please join us for a panel discussion on how to challenge restrictive immigration policies, overcome immigration challenges, facilitate sanctuary spaces and set action plans for student involvement. Visit [this site](#) for more information.

Panel Speakers: Helen Parsonage, Attorney; Khalilah Sabra, Executive Director MAS Immigration Justice Center; Kel Billings, International Humanitarian Relief Worker

AUTHOR JOSEPH BATHANTI: PUBLIC READING

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 3:30 to 4:30 pm; ZSR Library, Auditorium

Professor of Creative Writing Joseph Bathanti (Appalachian State University), a recent Poet Laureate of North Carolina, will be at Wake Forest for a mini-residence the week of February 20-24, 2017. Joe has published over twenty award-winning works including poetry (*The Metal*, *Restoring Sacred Art*, *Concertina*); short stories and novels (*Coventry*, *The Life of the World to Come*); *The Anthology of Black Mountain College Poetry*; essays (*Half of What I Say is Meaningless*); and a memoir. He will give a public reading on **Wednesday, February 22, at 3:30 pm** in the ZSR Auditorium (Room 476). Joe is an engaging and warm speaker and a writer of passion and skill. Don't miss this literary treat! This event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.



WRITING SCHOLAR REBECCA NOWACEK FACILITATING TRANSFER OF WRITING KNOWLEDGE



Rebecca Nowacek, associate professor of English at Marquette University, where she directs the Norman H. Ott Memorial Writing Center. Rebecca's research focuses on writing across the disciplines and writing transfer. Rebecca will lead [two events](#):

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tribble Hall, C216
Research Talk: "Teaching (and Talking) for Transfer: What Talk about Writing Teaches Us about Integrative Learning"

Friday, February 24, 2017, 12:30 - 2:00pm, Reynolda Hall 301
Workshop: "Integrative Learning: Teaching for Transfer Across the Disciplines". Register [here](#).

NEW FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD OF VISITORS

Nominations due Tuesday, February 28, 2017

The College Board of Visitors is sponsoring a new annual award to recognize outstanding academic leadership by faculty of the Undergraduate College. Each year this award will recognize a faculty member who embraces this philosophy of academic leadership and community-building, who has a proven track record of engaging their academic department and/or academic colleagues in achieving a vision that includes but extends well beyond their own department by pursuing opportunities for collaboration and innovation. These efforts will have significantly advanced the goals of Wake Forest College, as embodied in our liberal arts tradition.

The award is limited to permanent faculty (tenure track and teaching professors) working in the Undergraduate College. However, it is not limited to persons in formal leadership positions (like department chair and program director). The award recipient will receive an individual cash award as well as a donation to the recipient's academic department or program. The recipient and their department will be recognized at the College Board of Visitors meeting in April 2017. Nominations are due to [Denise Griggs](#), Assistant to Dean Michele Gillespie by **February 28, 2017**. A more detailed description can be found [here](#).

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Opens Monday, March 13, 2017

Please remind your students that WIN registration for summer 2017 opens March 13, the Monday after Spring Break. Information about courses and other opportunities can be found on the [Summer Sessions website](#).



INTRODUCTION TO EFFECTIVE MENTORING & COACHING

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Reynolda 301

In collaboration with the Professional Development Center, the Mentoring Resource Center is offering Introduction to Effective Mentoring & Coaching courses this spring. Space is limited, so please sign up soon if you would like to join us! Open to all faculty and staff. Registration is required; click [here](#) to learn more and to sign up.

MAXIMIZING INCLUSIVITY + MINIMIZING APATHY: TRANSCENDING CAMPUS SPACES BY TRANSFORMING THE INSTITUTION

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Wingate Hall, Lower Auditorium

Join colleagues from around the Reynolda Campus as we discuss and expand on the internationalization of Wake Forest University, particularly our student body. The past decade has seen rapid growth and change in our campus community, leading to transformative and sometimes challenging experiences in the classroom and throughout campus spaces. As the student body has become more international in scope, so have efforts throughout campus to support our international students and scholars.



This session, as part of the College's MIMA series, will present information and knowledge on the experiences of international students and scholars as they seek to become active members of our community and campus climate. Furthermore, specific classroom and student services best practices will be shared. The session is designed to allow for ample questions and discussion throughout the 3-hour workshop, and a reception will immediately follow. As with other MIMA workshops, attendees are welcome to come when they can and stay as long as they can. Finally, this particular session will be co-sponsored by the [International Students and Scholars Division](#) of Global Programs and Studies and the Office of the Dean of the College. To sign up please follow [this link](#).

GLOBAL PROGRAMS - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline Thursday, March 16, 2017



RESIDENT PROFESSORS

If interested in faculty appointments as Resident Professors for the Wake Forest Global Programs in the Summer of 2018, please click on this link: [Overseas Application Memo to College](#).

FUNDS FOR VISITING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

If interested in funding to support international scholars for the Fall 2017 semester, please click this link: [GA RFP for Visiting Scholars Fall 2017](#).

FUNDS FOR HOSTING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

If interested in funding to host an international conference or colloquium on campus, please click this link: [RFP for International Conference 2017-2018 Academic Year](#).

17th ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT AND POSTDOC RESEARCH DAY

Friday, March 17, 2017, [Biotech Place Conference Center](#)

Join us for the [17th Annual Graduate Student and Postdoc Research Day](#). This event brings together programs and departments across all schools and colleges of Wake Forest University, displaying the full range of impressive work being done by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Poster session: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
(posters will remain up until 5:00 pm)
3MT competition: 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Awards Announcement: 4:15 - 4:30 pm



There is ample, free parking available at the Biotech Place in Lot P8 in back of the building or in the public deck located on the corner of 4th and Church Street. The charges for public deck are currently \$1 per hour per vehicle.

Please contact [Tina Payne](#) with any general questions. For Three Minute Thesis Questions, please contact [Sarah Lafferty](#).

FACULTY FELLOWSHIP NOMINATIONS

Deadline Thursday, March 23, 2017

The Wake Forest College Faculty Fellowships honor our best teacher-scholars. Nominees should have distinguished themselves as particularly dedicated and successful teachers and mentors in their disciplines with a strong record of scholarly or creative activity. Chairs and senior faculty are encouraged to submit nominations for faculty within their departments. All nominations must be endorsed by the chair. This year the Office of the Dean of the College will be awarding thirteen fellowships: Eleven fellowships are available for faculty at all ranks; two fellowships are open to junior faculty only.

If you would like to nominate a faculty colleague, please email your nomination letter and supporting documentation to [Patty Lanier](#), Administrative Coordinator for Anthony Marsh, Associate Dean for Research, Scholarship, and Creativity by **March 23, 2017**. Information should be submitted electronically as a single PDF email attachment. More information regarding qualifications and guidelines can be found [here](#).

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES

Winston-Salem Journal Column by WFU Researchers

According to the United Nations, a displaced person is an individual who is forced to leave their home due to conflict-induced displacement, economic hardship, or disaster. The recent executive order on immigration and refugees has awakened voters, everyday citizens who firmly state "not today": we will not stop welcoming refugees. There are citizens who may feel threatened by refugees, as "others" with no right to be here. Why don't they stay or go back to their home? **Allesandra Von Burg** and **Lauren Formica** heard it again and again from the people they met in a research trip across Europe: They do not want to be refugees, but there is no home to return to. Their only hope is the hospitality of other nations.



Von Burg is an associate professor in communication and chairwoman of the [East Asian Languages and Cultures](#). She is currently working on her book [Citizenship Deserts: Nonplaces for Abandoned Noncitizens](#). Formica, Global Programs coordinator in the [Center for Global Programs and Studies](#), is leading an alternative spring break to work with displaced people in Atlanta. This trip will travel to Atlanta, GA to explore the issues, organizations, and policies surrounding displaced peoples across the world. Read the full article [here](#). For more information, visit local organizations that work with migrants and refugees: [World Relief High Point](#), [El Buen Pastor](#), [CWS Greensboro](#), [New Arrivals Institute](#) and [The Center for New North Carolinians](#).

TECH TIP: TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

From Rick Matthews, Director of Academic and Instructional Technology

Tech tip #1: Online appointment sign-up slots

Google Calendar offers an easy way for advisees to sign up for appointments. [Learn how in four minutes.](#)

Tech Tip #2: Validating Large Text Fields in Qualtrics

This tech tip comes from Instructional Technologist [Richard King](#).

Qualtrics users: ever wished for a way to restrict the length of entries in large text fields? Check out [this tip](#).

For other tips and tutorials, visit the [Instructional Technology Group site](#) or contact your [instructional technologist](#).

UPCOMING Events

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UPCOMING Deadlines

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - College Board of Visitors

[Academic Leadership Award](#)

Monday, March 7, 2017 - Office of Wellbeing [Dimension Champions](#)

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - Global Programs [Resident Professors](#), [Visiting International Scholars](#), [International Conferences](#)

Thursday, March 23, 2017 - [Faculty Fellowship](#)

Friday, March 31, 2017 - [CRADLE VI Program](#)

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - [Diversity Action Plans](#)

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - [Wake Washington](#)

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To share news or events with the College Faculty, contact [Leigh Anne Wray](#) in the Office of the Dean of the College.

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Submissions are due on Tuesday, March 6, 2017, by 5:00 pm

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