

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this edition of the newsletter, which I hope has become a powerful way to connect the members of our academic community. This issue is full of news including details about support for scholarly projects and honors faculty members have received. Those items underscore the vibrancy of our community and offer routes to increased resources for your work.

In addition, I want to explain more about some capital improvements that are taking place on campus. First, work on our new residence hall is proceeding well, just in time to accommodate the enrollment growth that started last fall. We are also about to break ground on a new facility for Admissions. We look forward to doing more to welcome our visitors in numbers that were up more than 20 percent again this year.

I am pleased to invite you to visit the renovated lobbies in Scales and Tribble. If you stop by the new coffee cart in Scales, you might notice that the Dance Studio is going up behind Scales. That project is enabling us to recycle the airplane hangar that was donated to Wake Forest several years ago.

In one more move, next month, our colleagues in IS and some in Finance are moving to the University Corporate Center (UCC) so we can renovate the IS building for our combined Schools of Business. A shuttle will run every 30 minutes from the UCC to campus to keep us all connected! Renovation of the IS building will begin in January and the business faculty are expected to move into their new home in Fall 2010. Kirby will be repurposed for other academic departments and student services.

I offer these details about facilities improvements because construction projects can sometimes disrupt our work. In this very challenging economic environment, it is both encouraging and exciting that Wake Forest can move forward in such powerful and concrete ways. Progress is possible only because you are in your classrooms, labs and offices every day to teach and encourage our students, pursue the questions that animate your progress as scholars, and plan and execute the academic programs that define our excellence. Thank you for your efforts. I do hope to see you on campus soon.

With warm regards,

Jill Tiefenthaler  
Provost

### ***Supporting Academic Work***

To support the teaching, research, and scholarly endeavors of the faculty, the Provost's Office announces a number of opportunities for funding and support. To learn more, visit [Grants and Funding](#) at the Provost's Office website.

- **Faculty-Student Engagement Fund:** The Provost's Office provides funds for faculty members who host students for a meal outside of class. All those teaching undergraduate courses may be reimbursed for up to \$125 per class or \$8 per student, whichever is less.
- **Provost Fund for Faculty Travel:** Supplementary funding up to \$1000 is available for faculty participating in an academic conference or conducting other research-related travel approved by the department chair or dean. There is no deadline for this award.
- **Provost's Grants for Academic Excellence:** Provost's Grants provide a 2:1 match up to \$1500 for smaller scale scholarly, pedagogical and creative efforts facilitating academic excellence. There is no deadline. Awards are made on a rolling basis.
- **Lunch with Students:** Faculty who eat lunch with students may dine free in the Fresh Food Company and the Magnolia Room. To participate, faculty must request an inter-department charge from the cashier and write "Provost's Office" for the budget code. Please write "lunch with students," the faculty member's department, and the students' names on the form.

### **Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement**

On **February 26-27, 2010**, Wake Forest will host the second annual Workshop on Intercultural Competency (WISE) for faculty and staff who teach short- and long-term programs abroad.

The inaugural workshop in 2009 welcomed 59 participants from across the state and country. New breakout sessions on conducting study tours, working with external programs, and developing peer training programs are being planned for 2010, and small group discussions are parts of all sessions. Those interested in attending should contact Steve Duke, Director of the Center for International Studies, or visit the [WISE website](#). The workshop is free for Wake Forest faculty. Registration is required.

### **Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Workshops**

The TLC is a resource for Wake Forest faculty at all stages of their careers. Events are designed to enable faculty and other professionals to share expertise, explore innovations, and meet the challenges of teaching in and across disciplines and Schools. This fall, the TLC hosts 35 workshops, including sessions on managing the classroom environment, best practices in syllabus construction, leading the classroom discussion, plagiarism, diversity in the classroom, grading effectively and fairly, the challenges and pleasures of teaching first year seminars and many more. For additional information, visit the [TLC website](#).

### **Old Salem/MESDA and Wake Forest Collaborate on Internships**

A new collaboration between Wake Forest and Old Salem/Museum of Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) has produced five new multi-disciplinary, academic internships for Wake Forest students. These internships will begin in the spring 2010 semester and will be coordinated by the

Office of Career Services and the Office of the Dean of the College in conjunction with the appropriate academic departments and programs. Topics include:

- Life, work, and clients of artisan/blacksmith James Smith (1836-89)
- Translation of German/Moravian letters, diaries, and inventories
- Life and experiences of African Americans in Salem, NC; assistance with lectures, concerts, and events at St. Philip's African American Church
- Assistance with grant writing/prospect research in a non-profit organization (Old Salem/MESDA)
- Assistance with implementation of \$1.3 million development plan in a non-profit organization (Old Salem/MESDA)

Contact: [Patrick Sullivan](#) (Career Services) or [Paul N. Orser](#) (Dean's Office) for more details.

## ***Recognizing Faculty Achievement***

### **Funding Awarded**

For the first quarter of FY10, Wake Forest faculty submitted 43 proposals requesting nearly \$23 million and received awards totaling \$4.2 million. These amounts are up significantly from the same period last year. Congratulations to the following faculty who received notable awards.

- **Erik Johnson** (Biology) received his first federally funded award: a 2-year grant from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled "The roles of the AMP-activated kinase in metabolic homeostasis in *Drosophila*."
- **Oana Jurchescu** (Physics) received her first federally funded award while at WFU, a grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to study "Non-destructive deposition of electrical contacts on organic semiconductors."
- **Wayne Silver and Susan Fahrback** (Biology), with Azeez Aileru (WSSU) won 5 years of support for an "Undergraduate Neuroscience Training Cooperative between Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University (WSSU)" from the National Institutes of Health. The goal is to encourage and prepare underrepresented minorities to pursue careers in neuroscience by making the WFU undergraduate neuroscience minor available to students at WSSU.

### **Faculty Publications**

Congratulations to the following faculty members whose books have recently been published:

- **Atwood, Craig** (Divinity) *Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius*. Penn State University Press, August 2009.
- **Bliss, Robert** (Business) and George G. Kaufman. *Financial Institutions and Markets: 2007-2008 - The Year of Crisis*. Palgrave MacMillan, October 2009.

- **Coates, David.** (Political Science) *Answering Back: Liberal Responses to Conservative Arguments.* Continuum, December 2009.
- **Gala, Candelas and Hardcastle, Anne E.** (Romance Languages) *'Entre Purza y Revelucion': Essays in Honor of Juan Cano Ballesta.* Juan de la Cuesta, July 2009.
- **Johnson, Daniel A.** (Biology) *40 Inquiry Exercises for the Biology Lab.* National Science Teachers Association, March 2009.
- **Meredith, Jack R. and Shafer, Scott M.** (Business) *Operations Management for MBAs. 4th ed.* John Wiley & Sons, December 2009.
- **Smith, Earl and Hattery, Angela J.** (Sociology) *Interracial Intimacies: An Examination of Powerful Men and Their Relationships across the Color Line.* Carolina Academic Press, September 2009.
- **Smith, Earl and Hattery, Angela J.** (Sociology) *Interracial Relationships in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Carolina Academic Press, September 2009.
- **Smith, Earl.** (Ed.) (Sociology) *Sociology of Sport and Social Theory.* Human Kinetics, August 2009.

### Opening Convocation Awards

Thanks to Suzanne Reynolds for her inspiring Convocation address “Inquiring Minds and Open Hearts: Wake Forest and Public Engagement.” In addition to the speech and a beautiful performance by the student Concert Choir, several awards to recognize faculty excellence in teaching, research and service were presented:

**Susan Borwick** (Music) received the Donald O. Schoonmaker Award for Community Service. She joined the faculty in 1982.

**Barry Maine** (English) won the Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching. He joined the faculty in 1981.

**Bill Leonard** (Divinity) received the inaugural Divinity School Distinguished Service Award. He joined the faculty in 1996.

**Brian Rudell** ('93) and **Katherine Baird** ('05) received the Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Awards.

If you missed convocation, you can see the video, or read more about the awards and speeches by visiting the Provost's [Convocation webpage](#).

### 2009-2010 ACE Fellows Named

The Provost's Office and the Pro Humanitate Center are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been selected as Academic Community Engagement Fellows for 2009-2010. They will be participating in a workshop series this spring led by Professor of Sociology Angela Hattery.

**Sharon Andrews** (Theatre)  
**Annegret Hannawa** (Communication)  
**Jamin Rowan** (English)

**Pat Cunningham** (Education)  
**Melissa Jenkins** (English)  
**Peggy Smith** (Art)

### **Director of Financial Aid Awarded 2010 Eleanor S. Morris Service Award**

The Eleanor S. Morris Service Award was established to honor a Financial Aid Administrator in the Southern Region who has been involved with the College Scholarship Service and the College Board. This individual will have exemplified the high standards, commitments, contributions and service exhibited by Eleanor S. Morris during her career. Congratulations to this year's recipient **Bill Wells**, director of the Office of Financial Aid. Bill will travel to the 2010 Southern Regional Forum in Atlanta, February 17-19 to receive his award.

### **Lecturer in Journalism Named a Purpose Prize Fellow**

Encore.org has named **Mary Martin Niepold** (Journalism) a 2009 Purpose Prize Fellow, an award for social entrepreneurs over 60 who are using their experience and passion to take on society's biggest challenges. Mary is recognized for her work as founder of the Nyanya Project, which provides skills training to African grandmothers caring for grandchildren orphaned by AIDS in Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda. She will join 46 other Purpose Prize Fellows at a Summit on Innovation at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business' Center on Social Innovation. Congratulations, Mary!

### ***Appointments***

#### **Scholarly Communication Librarian Appointed**

**Molly Keener** has joined the faculty of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library as the Scholarly Communication Librarian. In this newly-created position, Molly will provide support to faculty seeking to better manage their copyrights and intellectual property rights, explore alternative publishing options, comply with funder accessibility requirements, and create permanent electronic collections of their scholarly record. Molly will also educate graduate students on the importance of retaining rights when publishing and on accessibility options as students submit electronic theses and dissertations for inclusion in the University's new digital archive, Wake Space.

### ***Announcing Upcoming Events***

#### **Honorary Degree Nominations**

Nominations for 2011 honorary degrees are being accepted through November 6, 2009. The nomination form is available at [http://provost.wfu.edu/0.63.2/Forms Documents](http://provost.wfu.edu/0.63.2/Forms_Documents).

### **New! Coffee Kiosk in Scales Fine Arts Center**

A coffee kiosk has recently opened in the Scales Fine Arts Center lobby (next to the box office). The kiosk is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and offers Starbucks coffee, tea, scones, muffins, sandwiches, and other delicious treats.

### **You are Invited! Faculty Club Event**

Wednesday, December 2, faculty are invited to Reynolda House for cocktails and a private presentation and guided tour by **Bob Knott** (Art) of the special Reynolda House exhibit of our Student Union Collection of Contemporary Art. Invitations with details will be sent soon. Space is limited. For more information, contact [Debra Alty](#).

### **Thursdays at Starling Series Schedule**

Thursdays at Starling, sponsored by the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Provost, highlights the outstanding research, teaching and community engagement of Wake Forest faculty. Join us on Thursday, November 12, 4:00-5:15 p.m. for a program featuring **Robert Nash** (Business), **Melissa Jenkins** (English) and **Jed Macosko** (Physics). Please put the following Thursdays at Starling dates for 2010 on your calendar: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, and Apr. 1. For additional information, visit the [Provost's website](#).

### **New Faculty Orientation Series**

New Faculty Orientation events will continue throughout the academic year to provide advice and information about the teacher-scholar ideal. Please plan on attending these future sessions:

- Tuesday, November 3, 11:00-11:45 a.m. - Student Life, **Ken Zick** (Vice President for Student Life)
- Tuesday, December 1, 11:00-11:45 a.m. - Diversity Initiatives, **Barbee Oakes** (Assistant Provost for Diversity and Inclusion)
- Monday, January 11, 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided) - Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, **Mark Welker** (Associate Provost for Research and Faculty Affairs) and **Lori Messer** (Director, ORSP)
- Tuesday, February 9, 11:00-11:45 a.m. - Career Development, **Andy Chan** (Vice President for Career Development)

### **Energy Conference**

On **February 10-11, 2010**, the Provosts' Office and Department of Biology in conjunction with corporate sponsors will host a major conference on energy policy. The conference will feature national and international experts on climate change, traditional and alternate energy sources, the economics of energy, emerging technologies, dependence on foreign energy supplies, entrepreneurship opportunities and transportation. Leading author and journalist Thomas Friedman will deliver the keynote address through the President's "Voices of Our Time" series. More information will be available soon.

### **Sustainability Conference**

On **March 22 & 23, 2010**, the Provosts' Office will host a national two-day "Adaptation for Sustainability" conference. Student demand, institutional commitment, and faculty interest are all inspiring the integration of sustainability themes into higher education curricula and research agendas. The complex and interdependent nature of solutions for a more sustainable future call for inter- and trans-disciplinary teaching and research. This conference will explore the ways that universities are adapting to support the collaborative endeavors of faculty and staff and investigating the roles of chief academic officers and deans in this evolving arena. Further details to follow.

### **Program Review Evaluation**

Begun in 1995, the current [Wake Forest Program Review process](#) for undergraduate and graduate programs in the Arts and Sciences was designed to support internal and external reviews of each academic department every seven years. The second seven-year cycle was completed last year. This year, we are assessing the Program Review process with plans to resume the reviews in 2010-2011. Faculty are invited to forward their recommendations for change to Ross Griffith (Institutional Research), Paul Ribisl (Associate Dean of the College) and Randy Rogan (Associate Dean of the Graduate School).

### **The Professional Development Center**

The [Professional Development Center \(PDC\)](#) is a comprehensive personal and professional resource and offers classes throughout the year. Thanks to the following faculty members who presented in the first Health and Wellness Series.

- **Ray Kuhn** (Biology) *How Our Body Fights Influenza Viruses*
- **Gary Miller** (Health and Exercise Science) *Staying Healthy, Nutrition and Supplements*
- **Peter Brubaker** (Health and Exercise Science) *Healthy Lifestyles to Prevent Chronic Disease*

The PDC has also expanded its services to include assistance on campus with workshops, conferences and seminars. It now has the capability to market events, register attendees, collect and track logistical data, and collect payment via credit cards. To learn more about how the PDC can assist you with your upcoming events, contact the PDC at [pdcc@wfu.edu](mailto:pdcc@wfu.edu).

### **IS Service Desk Moving to ZSR Library**

The Information Systems Service Desk is moving to The Bridge on the main floor of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library on December 16, 2009. Information Systems and the Z. Smith Reynolds Library are joining forces to offer you the best service.

### **United Way Campaign**

The 2009 United Way Campus Campaign is wrapping up. Many thanks to Mary Wayne-Thomas and Tim Snyder, co-chairs of the campaign! The entire campaign will conclude with a live auction and raffle on December 1st at 3 p.m. A reminder that all who increase their donations by \$25 or give \$25 for the first time will be entered into the raffle. Mark your calendar for this fun event!



Thank you for your attention to this newsletter. The Provost's Office seeks your comments, suggestions and ideas for its continued development. To comment or suggest items to include, please be in touch with [Provost Jill Tiefenthaler](#).

