

January 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! As we begin this new semester, I wish for you a time filled with joy and good health as well as renewed energy and spirit for the work we share. We are very fortunate to begin the new year with a solid foundation and the ability to invest even more in areas that are key to our academic strength. Five of those investments, joint ventures between the University and dedicated scholars who are pursuing penetrating questions and good ideas, are highlighted briefly below. We believe this kind of partnership between Wake Forest and its enterprising scholars will pay dividends now and may become a new model for higher education in the future.

First—based on the excellent work of faculty—the Humanities Institute received a five-year \$500,000 Challenge Grant from the NEH in December, and now the University is raising matching funds to build a \$2 million endowment. This investment is designed to help the Institute, which was developed through a Provost Center Planning Grant, achieve its goals to foster scholarship that crosses disciplinary boundaries and explore creative ways to use knowledge from the humanities to solve real-world problems. As budget cuts continue to threaten the vitality of the humanities nationwide, this investment strengthens humanistic research and scholarship at Wake Forest and demonstrates the relevance of humanistic inquiry to our nation and the world.

Second is a venture that offers new ways to train leaders in management for the health care industry and medical interpreters. When the Department of Romance Languages launches it later this year, the master's degree program in Interpreting and Translation Studies will meet the growing demand for professionally trained medical interpreters in health care environments. It will also include a track to educate faculty for college-level interpreting programs—the first program of its kind in North America. Thirteen scholars are collaborating on the offering, and already, student interest is very strong.

The third investment concerns intercollegiate athletics and associated controversies, from the low graduation rate of African American student-athletes to their negative media portrayals. The Race and Intercollegiate Sports Conference, to be held April 13-14, 2011, will explore these topics by bringing together prominent academics, athletic administrators and sports journalists to address questions ranging from the student-athlete's perception of mistreatment to the implications of Title IX gender equity for women student-athletes of color. To learn more about this important event, contact Earl Smith (Sociology) or Tim Davis (Law).

The Center for Molecular Communication and Signaling (CMCS) is the fourth investment in our list. Opening this month, the center already lists 35 scholars in the life, physical, computational, and mathematical sciences who are collaborating on answering questions about the molecular mechanisms for communication among and within the cells of living organisms. As it develops, the CMCS aims to secure external research support and needed equipment by linking the College, Graduate School and School of Medicine, and by building connections to Winston-

Salem State University, North Carolina A & T State University, and Salem College. Members will share research, instrumentation, teaching, and mentoring resources to advance all areas of our mission. We expect the center to boost our national profile and attract top faculty and students. You are welcome to join participating faculty in celebrating the opening of the CMCS at a reception on Monday, January 31, 2011 from 3 to 5 pm in Deacon Tower.

The last investment I mention has special appeal because it celebrates the life and work of one of our own, A. R. Ammons (1926-2001). Professor Ammons graduated from Wake Forest in 1949 after growing up in southeastern North Carolina. He was an accomplished poet and painter who twice won the National Book Award for his poetry. He was also the Goldwin Smith Professor of Poetry at Cornell. In November, the Single Threads Symposium, supported by the North Carolina Humanities Council and the University's Provost's Fund for Academic Excellence and hosted by Dean Lynn Sutton and her colleagues in the ZSR Library, examined his contributions to American culture and the arts through a discussion of his paintings, an original one-act play by Winston-Salem writer Michael Huie based on Ammons' letters to his future wife, and readings of selected poems. To extend our celebration of this unique scholar, twenty of Ammons' abstract paintings donated by Emily Wilson will have a permanent home in the library.

I hope these examples of joint ventures between scholars and the University—ranging from the arts, sciences, and humanities to student athletics—demonstrate our commitment and passion for moving good ideas forward and using them to improve our academic offerings. If you have a program in mind that meets the growing needs of society and students, we look forward to hearing from you.

With warm regards,

Jill Tiefenthaler  
Provost

## **Supporting Academic Work**

### **New Provost's Fund for a Vibrant Campus**

A new fund to support academic initiatives - the Provost's Fund for a Vibrant Campus – has been created in response to demand from faculty. It provides 2:1 matching funds up to \$5,000 to support faculty members, schools and departments that bring exciting guest speakers and performers to campus. Complete guidelines can be found at <http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/>.

As a result of the addition of this new fund, the guidelines for the Provost's Fund for Academic Excellence have been slightly revised to clarify its purpose: to support symposia and other large-scale events that reach across departments and units to facilitate intellectual community at Wake Forest. This fund provides a 2:1 match up to \$10,000. Revised guidelines can be found [here](#). Please contact Associate Provost [Jennifer Collins](#) with questions about either fund.

## **Nathan and Julie Hatch Academic Excellence Award**

For the past three years, this award has supported a week of research and writing by a faculty member at the Summer Research Institute conducted by Harris Manchester College at Oxford University. President Hatch has very graciously agreed to continue to fund this remarkable opportunity. The deadline for applications is **February 15, 2011**. Please contact Associate Provost [Jennifer Collins](#) (758-3852) with questions.

## **Summer Technology Exploration 2011**

The Office of the Provost will offer a Summer Technology Exploration program to fund faculty summer projects that explore new teaching and learning technologies. Following the summer project, faculty recipients can submit proposals for a pilot phase to test the new technology in one or more classes.

Technologies include smart phones and mobile computing, tablet computers, e-book readers, video and videoconferencing and online learning. Please contact Associate Provost [Rick Matthews](#) for more information. Proposals should be submitted electronically by **February 25<sup>th</sup>** to [delphdm@wfu.edu](mailto:delphdm@wfu.edu).

## **Professional Development Center's Leadership Development Program**

The PDC will begin accepting applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leadership Development Program in March. Geared toward faculty chairs and senior staff, applicants must be nominated by their dean or direct supervisor. Participants will meet monthly throughout the academic year for professional development sessions and have several one-on-one meetings with a professional coach. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Andrea Ellis at [ace@wfu.edu](mailto:ace@wfu.edu).

## **Provost's Fund for Faculty Travel**

This fund supplements travel support for faculty presenting, discussing, or chairing a session at an academic conference or other professional event or conducting other work-related travel approved by the department chair or dean after department or school allocations have been exhausted. Awards are restricted to tenured and tenure-stream Reynolda campus faculty and lecturers and senior lecturers on continuing (two or more year) appointments.

The Provost will also fund some applications each year for faculty to attend nationally or internationally prestigious seminars, conferences, institutes, or workshops that are clearly designed to benefit both teaching and research through a group discussion format. Visit the [Faculty Resources](#) page of the Provost's website for further information and the necessary forms or contact [Barbara Meredith](#) (758-3142).

## **Call for Proposals to Participate in CIEE International Faculty Development Seminars**

The Associate Provost for Global Affairs and the Center for International Studies invite submission of proposals to participate in one of the Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE) International Faculty Development Seminars in Summer 2011. Seminars typically run for 1-2 weeks. The grant covers fees for all lectures, site visits, study tours, seminar materials, accommodations, and two meals daily. Faculty members are responsible for transportation costs, passport costs, and/or visa fees. Brief proposals (1-2 pages) should explain how the seminar will concretely benefit the applicant's teaching and research interests and be submitted with an abbreviated CV (3-5 pages) by **January 31, 2011** to [Kline Harrison](#). For more information and seminar dates, visit the [CIEE website](#).

## **Funding for Undergraduate Research**

Student applications for Richter Scholarships (primarily overseas activities) and on-campus Wake Forest Research Fellowships are due on **February 21, 2011**. See the [URECA Center website](#) for details.

## **Institute for Public Engagement Grant Programs**

Small grants up to \$700 are offered to offset the costs associated with service-learning and public engagement projects that: 1) integrate community-based learning with teaching and/or research; 2) address a community-defined need or deliver a needed service; and 3) engage students and faculty in implementation. Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

To promote Wake Forest University's innovative, cross-disciplinary work in public engagement, IPE will support faculty participation at professional conferences, both individually and in panels, through funds for travel and related costs. Proposals highlighting the academic components of public engagement or service-learning will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

IPE maintains several other resources to support faculty public engagement efforts, including Mini Grants, the Community Fellows Fund, and the Hattery Family Fund for community-based participatory research.

Contact the [Institute for Public Engagement](#) for further details.

## **WISE Conference**

On **February 11-12, 2011**, the Center for International Studies will host the third annual Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement (WISE). Designed for faculty and staff who teach short- and long-term programs abroad, this practitioner's workshop features international education experts who will share insights, strategies, and personal experiences about intercultural competency in practical, hands-on sessions. Over 50 registrants from around the world are scheduled to attend, but space remains for interested WFU faculty at no cost. If interested, please contact [Nancy Metcalf](#) in the Center for International Studies.

## **Teaching and Learning Center**

The Teaching and Learning Center has a busy spring schedule, with lots of choices for faculty participation: book discussion groups, lunchtime article discussions, “best-practice” workshops, work/life balance workshops (including weekly walks), the New Faculty Learning Community, and a workshop series for graduate students. Applications for Teaching Initiative Small Grants may be submitted at any time, and Course Development grants will be awarded in March. Faculty wishing to attend the **2011 Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching** in Greensboro **February 4-6** may apply to have their registration paid by the TLC.

## **Off-Campus Connections**

Faculty who live within Forsyth County and wish to host a student event in their homes may do so at no cost through the Provost's Off-Campus Connections program. ARAMARK will deliver a full meal for groups larger than eight. Faculty must complete an [Off-Campus Connections order form](#) indicating number of guests, address, date, and time, and email it to ARAMARK at [connections@wfu.edu](mailto:connections@wfu.edu) at least 48 hours prior to the event. Please direct questions about the program to Provost's Office Fellow, [Rachel Cook](#) (758-4073).

## **Provost's Faculty-Student Lunch Program**

Faculty who lunch with undergraduate students on the meal plan may dine for free in the Fresh Food Company and the Magnolia Room. Just present a completed [Lunch Program Coupon](#) to the cashier. Please direct questions to Provost's Office Fellow, [Rachel Cook](#) (758-4073).

## **Faculty-Student Engagement Fund**

Faculty who host students outside of the classroom may be reimbursed for up to \$125 per class or \$8 per student, whichever is less. Lower division advisers may use this fund to treat their group of advisees once a semester. Submit a completed [Expenditure Voucher](#), noting the event date, amount of reimbursement, and number of students, to Barbara Meredith, Provost's Office. Original receipts are required for reimbursement. Contact [Barbara Meredith](#) (758-3142) with questions.

## ***Recognizing Achievement***

### **WFU Awarded a \$500,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded a five-year, \$500,000 challenge grant to Wake Forest's Humanities Institute, officially launched in October 2010. It is Wake Forest's largest NEH award and the only NEH challenge grant won by a North Carolina college or university this year.

With this support, the Humanities Institute will foster scholarship that crosses disciplinary boundaries and explore creative ways to use humanities knowledge to solve real-world problems. Through fundraising and donations, Wake Forest will match the NEH grant threefold. A total of \$2 million will endow the Institute to support interdisciplinary humanities programs and scholarship permanently.

The Institute will focus on faculty engagement, faculty-student interaction, and public engagement through faculty seminars, reading groups, round-table discussions, long-term collaborative research projects, guest speakers, and symposia. The Institute will celebrate its founding with a two-day symposium on **March 18-19, 2011**. Dr. Edward Ayers, President of the University of Richmond, will launch the symposium with a keynote address on new directions in humanities research followed by a reception at the Reynolda House. The next morning, the annual Faculty Seminar Symposium will include *New York Times* columnist Stanley Fish, who will speak on the humanities and public life. Details and registration information will be posted on the University Calendar.

### **Z. Smith Reynolds Library Receives ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award**

The ZSR Library has been named the 2011 winner of the Association of Research Libraries (ACRL) Excellence in Academic Libraries award in the university category. This [annual award](#) recognizes the accomplishments of librarians and library staff who further the educational mission of the institution. ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis states that the award is “a national tribute to a library and its staff for the outstanding services, programs and leadership they provide to their students, administrators, faculty and community.”

The selection committee noted ZSR Library’s strong institutional focus and values. The [award announcement](#) reads, “The selection committee was impressed with the strong alignment of the library to institutional values and ambitions as evidenced through the variety of programs developed to support and foster student learning. The Z. Smith Reynolds Library is a catalyst bringing together faculty, students and staff. The library values and celebrates its employees whose teamwork creates the energy and vitality evidenced in their application.”

Congratulations to the faculty and staff of the Z Smith Reynolds Library. An award ceremony will take place in the spring.

### **Faculty Publications**

Congratulations to the following faculty members for books published recently:

- **Curry, J.K.**, Ed. (Theatre). *The Prop’s the Thing: Stage Properties Reconsidered*. Theatre Symposium, Volume 18. The University of Alabama Press. October 2010.
- **Curtis, Michael** (Law), **J. Wilson Parker** (Law), Davison Douglas, Paul Finkelman, & William Ross. *Constitutional Law in Context: Volume 1*. 3rd Edition. Carolina Academic Press. December 2010.

- Eggleston, Ben, Dale Miller, & **David Weinstein** (Political Science), Eds. *John Stuart Mill and the Art of Life*. Oxford University Press. December 2010.
- **Hattery, Angela** and **Earl Smith** (Sociology). *Prisoner Reentry and Social Capital: The Long Road to Reintegration*. Lexington Books. June 2010.
- **Holdridge, Jefferson** (English), ed. *The Wake Forest Series of Irish Poetry, Volume 2*. Wake Forest University Press. January 2010.
- Kaufman, George & **Robert Bliss** (Business), eds. *Financial Institutions and Markets: The Financial Crisis—An Early Retrospective*. Palgrave Macmillan. December 2010.
- **Klein, Scott** (English), ed. *Tarr*, by Wyndham Lewis (Oxford World's Classics). Oxford University Press. September 2010.
- **Lipsett, B. Diane** (Divinity). *Desiring Conversion: Hermas, Thecla, Aseneth*. Oxford University Press. November 2010.
- **Louden, Allan** (Communication). *Navigating Opportunity: Policy Debate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Amsterdam: International Debate Education Association. October 2010.
- Marker, Gary, Joan Neuberger, Marshall Poe, & **Susan Rupp** (History). *Everyday Life in Russian History: Quotidian Studies in Honor of Daniel Kaiser*. Slavica Publications. October 2010.
- **O'Neill, Morna** (Art). *Walter Crane: The Arts and Crafts, Painting, and Politics, 1875-1890*. Yale University Press. November 2010.
- Reeve, James, Carl S. Warren, & **Jonathan Duchac** (Schools of Business). *Accounting Using Excel for Success*. South-Western College Publications. May 2010.

## Funding for Research

Wake Forest investigators have received nearly \$4.9 million from external sponsors so far this fiscal year. Seventy-one proposals, requesting over \$30 million, have been submitted.

Several faculty received their first external awards as independent investigators at WFU:

**Jeremy Rouse** (Mathematics) received a sub-award from the University of Illinois for a NSF-sponsored project, *Distribution of the Fourier coefficients of modular forms and arithmetic applications*.

**Neal Walls** (Divinity) received support from the CF Foundation for *Renewing Ministers, Revitalizing Congregations* and **Mark Jensen's** (Divinity) *Interdisciplinary Conversations: A Theology of Embodiment* was funded by the Duke University Divinity School.

**Timo Thonhauser** (Physics) was selected as a Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics Scholar for 2011-2013. The institute is located at the University of California at Santa Barbara and directed by Nobel laureate David Gross. Each year, it selects approximately 7 scholars nationwide and provides travel and accommodation for extended visits to Santa Barbara.

Two faculty members secured funding for major new instrumentation from the NSF:

- **Anita McCauley** (Biology) acquired *Accessories to Upgrade a Confocal Microscope* to permit experiments and educational opportunities on campus and throughout the region.
- **Abdou Lachgar** (Chemistry) acquired a multipurpose powder x-ray diffractometer (PXRD) to allow study of atomic-level structure. This equipment will enhance collaboration with regional universities.

## Appointments

### ACE Fellow Program

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the Academic and Community Engagement (ACE) Fellows Program will continue this semester under the direction of the Institute for Public Engagement. Faculty Coordinator **Anne Boyle** (English) will facilitate the workshops. The Institute for Public Engagement is pleased to announce its 2010-2011 ACE Fellows:

<b>Andrew Alwine</b> (Classical Languages)	<b>Ananda Mitra</b> (Communication)
<b>Collin Craig</b> (English)	<b>Patrick Moran</b> (English)
<b>Adam Friedman</b> (Education)	<b>Erica Still</b> (English)
<b>Sarah Mason</b> (Mathematics)	<b>Betina Wilkinson</b> (Political Science)
<b>Scott McElfresh</b> (Computer Science)	

### Resident Professors Selected

The following faculty members have been selected as Resident Professors for our study abroad programs:

#### Worrell House:

2011 Summer Session I – **Christa Colyer** (Chemistry)  
Fall 2012 – **Alan Williams** (History)  
Spring 2013 – **Sharon Andrews** (Theatre)

#### Flow House:

2011 Summer Session I – **Simone Caron** (History)  
2011 Summer Session II – **Christina Soriano** (Dance)  
Fall 2012 – **Wayne Silver** (Biology)  
Spring 2013 – **Jarrod Whitaker** (Religion)

Casa Artom:

Fall 2012 – **David Hagy** (Music)

Spring 2013 – **David Lubin** (Art)

Southern Cone:

Spring 2012 – **Clay Hipp** (Business)

## **Humanities Institute Director Announced**

**Mary Foskett** (Religion) is the new director of the Humanities Institute, beginning a three-year and a half appointment effective January 15, 2011. Read more about Mary's appointment and the Humanities Institute here: <http://inside.wfu.edu/campus-spotlight/director-chosen-for-humanities-institute/>

## **TLC Grant Recipients**

Fall recipients of Teaching Initiative Grants are:

**Eric E. Jones** (Anthropology)

**Margaret Bender** (Anthropology)

**Steven Duke** (Center for International Studies)

**Sarah Jeong** (ZSR Library)

**William Turkett** (Computer Science)

## **Upcoming Events, Updates, and Information**

### **Faculty Appreciation Winter Event**

Faculty members and their spouses/guests are invited to Reynolda House on **Wednesday, February 2**, 6:00-8:00 P.M. for an evening of Wake Forest history, fine food and drinks, and community. Provost Emeritus **Ed Wilson**, '43 will discuss his recent book, *The History of Wake Forest University, Volume V: The Scales Years*. Please RSVP to [Debra Alty](#) by January 26.

### **Honorary Degree Nominations**

Nominations for 2012 honorary degrees are now being accepted. The form and guidelines are available at [Honorary Degree Nomination Form](#). Please send the completed form to Debra Alty in the Provost's Office.

### **Google Mail and Calendar Pilot**

The Provost's Office has moved to Google Mail and Calendar as part of the current phase of the [Google Mail and Calendar Pilot](#). We were told that we would hate it for two days, be OK with it for the next two weeks, and then like it. I already like it. My favorite feature is the fast and powerful e-mail search. I look forward to exploring shared documents, calendars, and spreadsheets for collaborative work.

The Committee on Information Technology sponsored forums in November and December on the potential move to Google. Some participants asked about security and privacy. We are using Google Apps for Education, which differs from personal Gmail accounts—no ads and no data mining. Our messages are encrypted in transit, fragmented across multiple servers, and very strongly protected. All e-mail systems carry some security risk, but we have no reason to believe security will be reduced by moving to Google, and Google Mail provides some protections that Exchange does not. You may want to read Google’s [privacy and security page](#).

We are exploring Google Apps for Education because of the new capabilities it provides and the potential to avoid large looming costs for upgrading our mail and calendar infrastructure – if it proves sufficient for our needs. You can read more about the pilot and its timeline [here](#).

### **Budget News**

The new dates for the FY12 budget cycle are:

- March 7** WIN FY12 budget rollout to departments.
- March 25** Deans, Student Life, Career Development submit budgets to the Provost.
- April 15** Board of Trustees vote on FY12 budget.
- April 18** Departments notified about their FY12 Capital and Strategic Initiative requests.

### **Thursdays at Starling**

Jointly sponsored by the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Provost, these informal talks highlight the outstanding research, teaching, and community engagement of Wake Forest faculty. Join us on Thursday, **February 3**, at 4:00 P.M. for a program featuring **Lauren Pressley** (Library, Instructional Design), **Mary Niepold** (English), and **Christian Miller** (Philosophy), **Will Fleeson** (Psychology), and **Richard Furr** (Psychology). On Thursday, **March 3**, at 4:00 P.M., our program will feature **Sharon Andrews** (Theatre), **Louis Goldstein** (Music), and **Peggy Smith** (Art History) as part of a celebration of the arts. To register, click [Starling events](#).

### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

The Institute for Public Engagement and **Yvonne Hinson** (Schools of Business) are partnering to promote the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Forsyth County. VITA will launch across campus in early January, providing students, staff, and faculty an opportunity to assist in preparing tax returns for families in our community. To learn more, please contact the [Institute for Public Engagement](#).



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 contact [Provost Jill Tiefenthaler](#).

