January 20, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a good holiday break and are off to a great start in the new semester. I know that January and February are particularly heavy faculty recruiting months, but hiring and recruiting are some of the most important things we do, so let me first thank those of you who are involved in this effort.

We proudly recognized our two newest endowed chairs, Bill Conner and Bill Leonard, at a dinner at Graylyn in November. Endowed professorships are a longstanding tradition at Wake Forest; they honor faculty members who have embodied the teacher-scholar ideal. Bill Conner teaches a variety of courses in Biology, and his research expertise is animal communication. He is the first David and Lelia Farr Professor of Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship. Bill Leonard was the founding Dean of the Divinity School and specializes in Baptist Studies and American Religious Studies. He is the first James and Marilyn Dunn Chair of Baptist Studies. Please join me in congratulating them when you see them.

In addition to building a great faculty as part of our strategic plan, we are also committed to increasing campus vibrancy. A number of events this winter and spring will interest to a wide array of faculty and students, among them the MLK Celebrations. The university will commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a series of community events that culminate in Wait Chapel on January 23 with CNN Anchor Soledad O’Brien speaking on social justice. On Saturday, January 21, regional schools, including UNC Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem State University, will compete in the 14th Annual MLK Invitational Basketball Tournament, and on Sunday, January 22, the Office of Multicultural Affairs has organized the much-anticipated 7th Annual MLK Gospel Fest, held in Brendle Recital Hall.

From March 23-25, the first Words Awake! WFU Writers Symposium will convene many generations of ink-slingers with ties to Wake Forest. The Rethinking Success Conference in April will bring leaders from across the country to examine the significance of liberal arts education today. Panelists and participants will assess whether higher education is adequately preparing students for life after college. Former US Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice will deliver the keynote address, "The State of America and the Role of Higher Education."

I hope you will join your colleagues, students, and staff in attending these campus events this semester. You will find details on the pages that follow. Best wishes as you start another semester.

Regards,

Mark E. Welker, Interim Provost

**Recognizing Achievement**

**Faculty Books**

Congratulations to the following faculty whose books were recently published:


• **Patricia Cunningham**, Hall, & James (Education). *Comprehension during Guided, Shared and Independent Reading*. Carson-Dellosa, 2011.


• **Candelas Gala** (Romance Languages). *Poetry, Physics, and Painting in Twentieth-Century Spain*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.


• **Dan Locklair** (Music). *Concerto for Organ and Orchestra*. Commissioned by the Greensboro Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. World premiere in Greensboro, NC, June 2011.


• Jenny Puckett (Romance Languages, Lecturer). Fit for Battle: The Story of Wake Forest’s Harold W. Tribble. AuthorHouse Publishing (Self-published), 2011.


**IPE Faculty/Student Recognition**

The Institute for Public Engagement (IPE) recognizes 10 students and 11 faculty advisors engaged in community-based research. The following poster presentations were featured at the 5th Annual Undergraduate Research Day:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Name</th>
<th>Poster Presentation</th>
<th>Faculty Advisor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thane Campbell (Anthropology)</td>
<td>Health and Helping: Perspectives on Rural Medicine and Anthropological Fieldwork</td>
<td>Jeanne Simonelli (Anthropology)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laura Grace Carroll (Psychology and Communication)</td>
<td>Health Education in Kenya</td>
<td>Alessandra Beasley (Communication)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molly Fonseca (English)</td>
<td>A Different Understanding of “Health Care”</td>
<td>Jenny Puckett (Spanish)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amy Liang (Biology)</td>
<td>Determining the Prevalence of Diabetes Among the Homeless of Winston-Salem</td>
<td>Ana Wahl and Saylor Breckenridge (Sociology)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ryan McCarthy (Mathematical Business) and Sarah Wheeler (Theatre)</td>
<td>Theatre Education: Promoting Literacy in Peru</td>
<td>Brook Davis (Theatre) and Paul Paucia (Computer Science)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ashley Millhouse (History)</td>
<td>How 1994 Lives On: The Teaching of Apartheid in South Africa’s Classrooms</td>
<td>Nathan Plageman (History)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kelly Russo (English)</td>
<td>The Southern African Media and Gender Institute</td>
<td>Sherriann Clark (Women and Gender Studies)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carrie Stokes (Anthropology)</td>
<td>Leh, Ladakh Education Research</td>
<td>Ananda Mitra (Communication)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jawad Wahabzada (Communication: Film)</td>
<td>UNNOTICED: Children of Kabul</td>
<td>Cynthia Hill (Communication)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**GateKeepers Team of Internal Trainers Expanded**

This January, eight Wake Forest University staff members joined the GateKeepers Workshop Series team of internal trainers. Following 40 hours of intensive intercultural education with diversity consultants on topics, such as human relations, conflict management, social class, and communication styles, these inclusion champions are now certified to facilitate GateKeepers I: Enhancing Our Community through Inclusion:
The new trainers and 14 other certified staff will use cultural competence education through the GateKeepers Workshops Series to help to ensure that Wake Forest is a welcoming community, inclusive of all. GateKeepers 1, 2, and 3 will be offered in March for faculty and staff who want to strengthen their cultural competence and communicate more effectively. Visit the Professional Development Center website for dates and times. If you are interested in becoming an internal GateKeepers trainer, please contact Shayla Herndon-Edmunds at herndosm@wfu.edu or (336) 758-5185.

**Awards**

**Research News**

Wake Forest investigators have received over $5.2 million from external sponsors so far this fiscal year. Eighty proposals, requesting over $22 million, have been submitted.

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

- **Assistant Professor of Biology Michael Anderson** received an award from the National Geographic Society for *Foraging Ecology and Habitat Selection of Reintroduced Black Rhinoceros (Diceros Bicornis michaeli) in Serengeti National Park.*

- **Research Assistant Professor of Psychology Eranda Jayawickreme** received an award from the John Templeton Foundation for *What Are the Real Benefits of Hardship?: Examining Possibilities for Behavior Growth Following Adversity.*

- **Nate French**, Director of the Magnolia Scholars Program and Instructor in the Department of Communication, received funding for the *WFU Summer Bridge Program* from the US Department of Education (ED)/NC Independent Colleges and Universities

**Promotions and Appointments**

**Newly Installed Endowed Chairs**
Last November, we proudly recognized two Endowed Chairs, **Bill Conner** and **Bill Leonard**. Endowed professorships are a longstanding tradition at Wake Forest that honors faculty members who have embodied the utmost excellence in both their scholarship and teaching. Bill Conner’s research expertise is in animal communication and he is the “David and Lelia Farr Professor of Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship.” Bill Leonard was the founding Dean of the Divinity School and specializes in Baptist Studies and American Religious Studies. We are grateful for their service and dedication.

**Resident Professors Named**

The following faculty members have been selected to serve as resident professors for WFU programs during the 2013-2014 academic year:

**Worrell House:**

- Fall 2013 – Jessica Richard (English)
- Spring 2014 – David Coates (Political Science)

**Flow House:**

- Fall 2013 – Grant McAllister (German)
- Spring 2014 – Tom Phillips (Humanities)

**Casa Artom:**

- Fall 2013 – Peter Kairoff (Music)
- Spring 2014 – Tony Marsh (Health and Exercise Science)

**Southern Cone:**

- Spring 2013 -- Gary Miller (Health and Exercise Science)
- Spring 2014 — Irma Alarcon (Romance Languages)

**ZSR Head of Instruction Named**

Congratulations to **Lauren Pressley**, who was promoted to Head of Instruction at Z. Smith Reynolds Library this fall. She graduated from North Carolina State University with a BA in Communication in 2002 and a BA in Philosophy in 2003. She received her MLIS from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 2007. She is the author of *So You Want To Be a Librarian* (2009) and *Wikis for Libraries* (2010). *Library Journal* selected her as one of 2009’s "Movers and Shakers", and she presents a wide range of technology and instruction topics at the national level.

**Upcoming Events**

**14th Annual MLK, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament**

On Saturday, **January 21**, from noon-8:00 P.M in Reynolda Gym, the tournament will bring teams from Winston-Salem State University, UNC Greensboro, NC A&T, Johnson C. Smith University, UNC Charlotte,
and UNC Chapel Hill, among others. The event also includes a slam-dunk and 3-point-shot contest. The tournament is free and open to the public. Visit http://www.wfu.edu/multicultural/ for more information on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (336) 758-5864.

**GospelFest**

On Sunday, **January 22**, at 3:00 P.M. in Brendle Recital Hall, the Office of Multicultural Affairs is proud to host gospel artist Kierra "Kiki" Sheard, performing with WFU’s own Gospel Choir. $5 general admission; free for WFU students with ID and children under 12. Visit http://www.wfu.edu/multicultural/ for more information on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (336) 758-5864.

**Soledad O'Brien to Speak**

Since 2000, Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State University have co-hosted a celebration in honor of the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, on Monday, **January 23**, at 7:00 P.M. in Wait Chapel, the keynote speaker is CNN anchor and award-winning special correspondent, Soledad O'Brien. Her reporting for the CNN documentary *Words that Changed a Nation* provided the public’s first look at Dr. King’s private writings and notes, and she investigated his assassination in *Eyewitness to Murder*. The talk is free and open to the public. See http://www.wfu.edu/multicultural/ for more information.

**School of Divinity's Spring Convocation and Installation of the James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies**

Tuesday, **January 24**, at 11:00 A.M. in Wait Chapel, Dr. Harvey G. Cox, Jr., Hollis Research Professor of Divinity at the Harvard Divinity School, will deliver the Convocation Address, "The Baptist Motif." The service will also feature the installation of Bill Leonard as the James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies, a newly established chair. Read more about it at http://divinity.wfu.edu/events/spring-convocation/.

**IPF Friends and Fellows Engaged Teaching Luncheon Series**

The Institute of Public Engagement invites faculty to share lunch and collegiality at the spring Friends and Fellows Engaged Teaching Luncheon Series in Reynolda Hall 301. Featured faculty will discuss their ideas and expertise.

- **Innovative Ideas for Engaged Teaching**
  
  David Finn (Art), Mary Pendergraft (Classics), Cindy Gendrich (Theatre), Phoebe Zerwick (English). To reserve your space: **Tuesday, January 24th, 2012 • 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM**.

- **Navigating Engaged Teaching in a Global Context**
  
  Steve Virgil (Law - Nicaragua Nexus), Ananda Mitra (Communications - India Study Abroad), Betina Wilkinson (PS - Latino Political Behavior and Public Opinion). To reserve your space: **Tuesday, February 28th, 2012 • 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM**.

- **Assessment in Engaged Teaching**
OPCD Family Business Center Forums

On Thursday, **February 2**, from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M., the Family Business Center will host a forum at Graylyn, “From White Castle to the White House.” President Ann Kinkade will discuss the importance of Family Enterprise USA as an advocate for family firms. Jamie Richardson, vice-president of government and shareholder relations for White Castle, will explain how the company maintains its culture in the context of government affairs, public relations, and community engagement. For more information, see: [http://fbc.business.wfu.edu/](http://fbc.business.wfu.edu/).

OHRP National Research Community Forum

On **February 8**, the Institute for Public Engagement will host a lunch workshop on Community-Based Research and Navigating the IRB Process. With the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, they are also sponsoring up to 5 faculty interested in attending the OHRP National Research Community Forum, “Engaging the Community for Research Success: What Scientists and IRBs Need to Know,” at the Raleigh Convention Center, March 21-22, 2012. For more information, contact Norma-May Isakow, 758-4021.

Thursdays at Byrum Center

Jointly sponsored by the Offices of Undergraduate Admissions and the Provost, this event highlights the outstanding research, teaching, and community engagement of Wake Forest faculty. On **February 9** at 4:00 P.M., Ellen Kirkman (Mathematics), Ananda Mitra (Communication) and Dan Johnson (Biology) will speak. For details and to register: [https://pdc.wfu.edu/register/3654](https://pdc.wfu.edu/register/3654).

Founders’ Day Convocation 2012

Please save the date for this year’s Founders’ Day Convocation on **February 16** at 4:00 p.m. in Wait Chapel. As is our tradition, the Wake Forest community will gather to remember our history and our early leaders whose devotion and ideals laid a strong foundation on which we build. We will honor service to the University and present awards to selected faculty in the areas of teaching, research, and service. President Hatch will award the highest honor bestowed by the University, the Medallion of Merit. Three seniors will present orations, and the senior class will be honored in a video.

A reception following the Convocation will be held in Scales Lobby.

Workshop on the Challenges Facing Next-Generation Leadership

On **February 23** from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., this multigenerational workshop focuses on developing human capital and a personal plan for transferring a business from one generation to the next. Founder and director of the Family Enterprise Center at Stetson University Greg McCann works with family enterprises on succession, communication, conflict resolution, and gender issues. Sponsored by the OPCD. Free, but registration is required. For more information, contact Kathy Baker, 758-3568.

TEDx Talk

On **February 25** at noon in Wait Chapel, Wake Forest will host its first TEDx—Technology, Entertainment, Design—talk. Topics address social impact, technological innovation, and entrepreneurial venture. Speakers include Dr. Anthony Atala (Regenerative Medicine), Paul Pauca, (Computer
Voices of Our Times Series

On March 1 at 6:00 P.M. in Wait Chapel, Eboo Patel will share a program titled *Acts of Faith: Interfaith Leadership in a Time of Global Religious Crisis*. Eboo Patel is the founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based organization building the global interfaith youth movement. Author of the award-winning book *Acts of Faith*, Patel also is a regular contributor to the *Washington Post, USA Today* and CNN. An American Muslim, Patel served on President Obama’s inaugural Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University.

Words Awake! Writers Symposium

From March 23-25, generations of Wake Forest writers—poets, screenwriters, novelists, journalists, critics, biographers, and essayists—will return to engage the campus, alumni/ae, public schools, and regional communities. Registration: [http://wordsawake.events.wfu.edu](http://wordsawake.events.wfu.edu).

Rethinking Success Conference

From April 11-13, Wake Forest will host a national conference to examine the relevance and value of a liberal arts education to the world of work in the 21st century. Sponsored by the Offices of the President, Provost, Dean of the College, and VP of Personal and Career Development. For more information, see: [rethinkingsuccess.wfu.edu](http://rethinkingsuccess.wfu.edu).

Other News of Note

Honorary Degree Nominations

To nominate candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at 2013 Commencement, find the form and guidelines at [http://provost.wfu.edu/forms-and-documents/](http://provost.wfu.edu/forms-and-documents/).

Office of Personal and Career Development (OPCD)

For National Mentoring Month, January, the Mentoring Resource Center celebrates the importance of mentors in young people’s lives. Participate in Thank Your Mentor Day, January 26; see printable thank-you notes at [http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/](http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/).

**OPCD’s New Innovation Station** helps academic departments to host career-related events. The flexible classroom, seating for 35, day and evening hours, full media capability, and a 17’X10’ dry erase wall make it a great space to engage students and showcase panels and speakers. It has recently been used for honor society meetings, academic club alumni panels, and department meetings. Contact Ladd Flock, 758-5524, to inquire about the space.

Professional Development Center

The PDC will begin accepting applications for the second Aspiring Leaders Program (ALP) in March. The program assists tenured faculty interested in becoming a chair or program director and staff with 5-7 years of professional experience. Contact Andrea Ellis at 758-4322 or ace@wfu.edu.
Teaching and Learning Center 2012 Programs

Exercise more and stress less with Pedometers and Pedagogy every Wednesday at 1:00; attend the 4th Annual Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy at Virginia Tech or the Lilly Conference in Greensboro (see our Awards, Grants, and Funding website for more information); join our new Conversations about Teaching, Instructional Development workshops, and faculty book discussion groups. See website.

Humanities Institute News

In response to faculty suggestions and interest in grant writing and writing for the general public, the Humanities Institute is launching a series of interdisciplinary quality-circle workshops for humanities faculty. They will meet bi-weekly over the course of a semester. Contact Aimee Mepham at mephamam@wfu.edu or 336-758-3074.

Important Budget Dates

March 5 WIN FY13 Budget System rolled out to units for completion of both personnel and non-personnel sections

March 12 FY13 Budget for the College of Arts & Sciences due to Dean Fetrow

March 23 FY13 Budget for Academic, OPCD, & Student Life areas due to the Provost

Supporting Academic Work

Expanded eligibility for the Nathan and Julie Hatch Prize for Academic Excellence

The guidelines for the Hatch Prize have been changed to encourage more applications. Faculty must now demonstrate that the proposed work would benefit from access to the academic resources and environment of Oxford, rather than specific holdings of the Bodleian Library. The prize supports a week devoted to research and writing at Oxford University. Applications are due March 1. For further information, see http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/grants-and-funding/ or contact Jennifer Collins.

Provost’s Fund for a Vibrant Campus

Deadline: April 1, 2012

Two-to-one matching funds up to $5,000 allow faculty, schools, and departments to bring exciting guest speakers and performers to campus. Guidelines: http://provost.wfu.edu/; contact Associate Provost Jennifer Collins, 758-3852, with questions.

Provost’s Fund for Academic Excellence: Revised Guidelines

Guidelines have been revised to clarify the fund’s purpose: to support symposia and other large-scale events that reach across departments and units to promote intellectual community at Wake Forest. It provides a 2:1 match up to $10,000. Guidelines: http://provost.wfu.edu/; contact Associate Provost Jennifer Collins, 758-3852, with questions.
**Provost’s Fund for Faculty Travel**

Supplements of up to $1,000 are available to faculty who are participating in an academic conference or conducting other research-related travel approved by the department chair or dean. For more information, see [http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/](http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/).

**Faculty-Student Lunch Program**

Faculty may lunch for free with undergraduate students on the meal plan in the Fresh Food Company and Magnolia Room if they present a completed Lunch Program Coupon, which can be downloaded from the Provost’s Office website, to the cashier. For more information, see [http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/](http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/).

**Faculty-Student Engagement Fund**

The Provost’s Office provides funds to faculty who host undergraduate students outside of the classroom. Reimbursement is up to $125 per class or $8 per student, whichever is less. For more information, see [http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/](http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/).

**Humanities Institute, Call for Proposals**

The Humanities Institute requests proposals for new and continuing faculty seminars, Ventures in Humanities Research collaborative seed grants, funds for faculty/student College Collaborations and Collegiate Seminars, Humanities and the Common Good lectures, and Winston-Salem Partners in the Humanities. For the complete CFP and forms, see [http://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu](http://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu) under Opportunities.

**Nonprofit Summer Immersion Internships**

The Institute for Public Engagement (IPE) is now accepting applications for its Summer Nonprofit Immersion Program, which aims to expand the academic and vocational development of undergraduate students through internships with local community partners and an intensive nonprofit management seminar. Host organizations fall into the following categories: human services, philanthropy, youth enrichment, arts and culture, and community development. See [http://ipe.wfu.edu/student-resources/summer-nonprofit-immersion/](http://ipe.wfu.edu/student-resources/summer-nonprofit-immersion/) and encourage interested students to apply.

**Institute for Public Engagement, Call for Proposals**

IPE will consider projects that promote engaged teaching and scholarship on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

- **Public Engagement Minigrants**: up to $700 to offset costs associated with service-learning and public engagement projects.

- **Community Fellows Fund**: enables faculty to invite practitioners and community leaders to participate as an integral part of course instruction.

- **Faculty Panels on Public Engagement**: supports faculty participation, individually or as a panel, at professional conferences, particularly those that highlight public engagement or service learning.
• **Engaged Teaching and Scholarship:** to enhance service-learning and community-based participatory research (CBPR) opportunities for faculty, students, and community partners throughout the year; all faculty are encouraged to explore service learning as a pedagogy and the best principles and practices of CBPR in higher education. Additional funding for engaged scholarship will be available.

*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 [Interim Provost Mark Welker](mailto:mark.welker@wakeforest.edu).*