

March 23, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

As we all pass into spring without really experiencing a winter, I write to call your attention to a number of academic news items.

First, of course, is a Provost's Office and Wake Forest welcome to our incoming Provost, Rogan Kersh, whose appointment was announced at the end of January (<http://provost.wfu.edu/meet-the-staff/rogan-kersh-86-named-new-provost/>). Rogan's academic backgrounds from Syracuse and New York University will be an asset to us here as we plan our future work at Wake Forest. On a personal note, I can also say that I served with Rogan for a number of years on our Merit Scholarship Selection Committee and I always found him to be a warm, thoughtful person who has a lot of love for Wake Forest and our students. These traits will undoubtedly serve him well as our next Provost. Rogan and his wife, Sara Pesek, will be moving here in late June and he will start as Provost July 1, 2012.

For those of you who missed it in February, I call your attention to faculty and student awardees who were recognized at this year's Founders Day convocation (<http://news.wfu.edu/2012/02/17/the-spirit-of-wake-forest/>). Many thanks to Assistant Provost and University Registrar, Harold Pace, for his fine work in organizing Convocation this year.

With the expiration of our current Lenovo laptop program contract next academic year, now is the time for the institution to plan for the next steps in academic technology at WFU (<http://inside.wfu.edu/2012/02/what-is-the-next-stage-of-technology-at-wfu/>). I encourage you to attend departmental and university forums which will be held on this topic over the remainder of the spring semester.

The next few weeks will see us host a number of events and conferences some of which I mention here and are partly supported by our office (<http://www.wfu.edu/calendar/>). This weekend we host the first Words Awake! Conference recognizing Wake Forest writers and writing (<http://wordswake.events.wfu.edu/>). Next week on March 29, the Center for Bioethics, Health, and Society and the Humanities Institute are sponsoring "Engineering Human Nature and the Future of Human Values" (<http://bioethics.wfu.edu/engineering-human-nature-and-the-future-of-human-values-conference/>). April 11-13, Wake Forest hosts "Rethinking Success," a national conference on the importance of a liberal arts education in today's world (<http://rethinkingsuccess.wfu.edu/>). Finally, April 15-17, a number of national and international scholars of Friedrich Nietzsche will be here for the Nietzsche and Community conference (<http://nietzsche.events.wfu.edu/>). I encourage you to attend as many of these upcoming events as you can.

Regards,

Mark E. Welker
Interim Provost

Recognizing Achievement

Faculty Books

Congratulations to the following faculty whose books were recently published:

- **Bardon, Adrian**, Ed. (Philosophy). *The Future of the Philosophy of Time* (Routledge Studies in Metaphysics). Routledge. October 2011.
- **Gilreath, Shannon** & Lydia Lavelle. (Law). *Sexual Identity Law in Context: Cases and Materials*, 2nd ed. Westlaw. January 2012.

- **Parks, Gregory** & Stefan Bradley, Eds. (Law). *Alpha Phi Alpha: A Legacy of Greatness, The Demands of Transcendence*. University of Kentucky Press. January 2012.
- **Harnois, Catherine**. (Sociology). *Feminist Measures in Survey Research*. SAGE. January 2012.
- **Nielsen, Linda**. (Education). *Father-Daughter Relationships: Contemporary Research and Issues*. Routledge. January 2012.
- **Wilson, Eric**. (English). *Everybody Loves a Good Train Wreck: Why We Can't Look Away*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. February 2012.

Awards

Nathan and Julie Hatch Prize for Academic Excellence Awarded

I am delighted to announce that **Thomas Frank** has been awarded this year's Nathan and Julie Hatch Prize for Academic Excellence. It supports a week at the Summer Research Institute conducted by Harris Manchester College at Oxford University. Tom will use the award to study and write on polity and the Wesleyan tradition. The pool of applications was exceptionally strong this year, and we are grateful to all faculty who expressed interest.

Teaching and Innovation Awards

The Teaching and Learning Center is pleased to announce the recipients of the Teaching Innovation Awards for the 2011/2012 academic year:

- **Laura Aull**, Assistant Professor, Department of English
- **Lisa Blee**, Assistant Professor, Department of History
- **John Curley**, Assistant Professor, Department of Art
- **Jack Dostal**, Lecturer, Department of Physics
- **Teresa Sanhueza**, Associate Professor, Department of Romance Languages

The awards recognize the significant effort that goes into reworking traditional courses or introducing new courses, using new methods, or finding ways to apply learning theories to the practice of teaching. Recipients will be honored at an awards luncheon on April 13. For more information:

<http://www.wfu.edu/tlc/>.

Research News

Wake Forest investigators have received nearly \$6.5 million from external sponsors so far this fiscal year, submitting 105 proposals requesting over \$26 million.

Promotions and Appointments

Director of Technologies Appointment

Z. Smith Reynolds Library welcomes **Thomas Dowling** as Director of Technologies. Thomas joins Wake Forest University from OhioLINK, where he was Assistant Director of Systems. He received his Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Michigan. In 2009, he received the ETD Leadership Award from the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations for creating and managing OhioLINK's Electronic Theses and Dissertations Center, a consortium of 88 universities and colleges.

Upcoming Events

Fellow and Friends Lunch Series

Hosted by the [Institute for Public Engagement](#), the Fellows and Friends luncheon series grew out of the [ACE Fellows Program](#), but all faculty are welcome. It aims to unite current ACE Fellows with those in the process of becoming Fellows and to attract faculty who are curious about their colleagues' strategies

to include community engagement components in their courses. Small panels raise topics related to service learning and engaged teaching and sharing experiences for discussion. IPE hopes that greater awareness will inspire more faculty to introduce civically engaged courses into the university curriculum.

The first two sessions, "Innovative Ideas for Engaged Teaching" and "Engaged Teaching in a Global Context," were spirited and well attended. The third, "Assessment in Engaged Teaching," will be held on Monday, **March 26**, at 11 A.M. in Reynolda Hall, Room 301. Featured faculty include Michele Gillespie (History), Adam Friedman (Education), and Andrew Allwine (Classics). Lunch will be provided. Please register at the PDC website: <http://pdc.wfu.edu/events/1242/>.

Building Countries, Healing People: A Case for Postconflict Reconciliation

On Wednesday, **March 28**, at 5:30 P.M. in the Byrum Welcome Center Auditorium, Eugene Nyagahene, CEO and Founder of Tele 10 Group, Kigali, Rwanda, will talk about the real problems in Rwanda. Longstanding competition and tensions between ethnic groups in Rwanda and Burundi led to civil fighting, wars, and genocide. Eighteen years later, Rwanda has changed and strengthened, becoming a top destination for business leaders and international tourists. Political, social, and economic success stories are behind this transformation. Mr. Nyagahene will describe opportunities and challenges he faced in his devastated country and the reconciliation between neighbors and former enemies who now share common interests: healing people, business ventures leading to wealth creation, and economic transformation. For more information: www.capitalism.wfu.edu.

GateKeepers Recognition Ceremony

On Thursday, **March 29**, at 3:30 P.M. in the ZSR Library Auditorium there will be a ceremony that is open to all individuals who have participated in a GateKeepers workshop since the program started in 2009. The ceremony will give us an opportunity to continue our dialogue; network with members of our community; celebrate our success; and recognize individuals who have completed GateKeepers 1, 2, and 3. To register visit: <http://pdc.wfu.edu/event/4375/>.

Twelfth Annual Graduate Student & Postdoc Research Day

On Thursday, **March 29**, at Bridger Field House poster display and judging will take place at 1:00 P.M., followed by a social hour and awards at 4 P.M. For more information: <http://graduate.wfu.edu/>.

Annual Benefits Enrollment Coming Up

Annual Benefits Enrollment is from **April 2–20, 2012**. The Benefits Fair is **April 3** from 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. in Benson, Room 401. Raffles, gelato, free health screenings, and over 40 internal and external benefit program suppliers will be available.

Annual enrollment packets and forms will arrive by April 2 in campus mail:

Current benefit elections can be viewed in WF@Work via WIN (<https://win.wfu.edu/>).

If you do not wish to make any changes, you do not have to submit an enrollment form.

If you wish to make changes and/or re-enroll in a Flexible Spending Account, complete the annual benefits enrollment form.

Submit the annual benefits enrollment form to Human Resources by **April 20, 2012**.

Review your enrollment changes beginning **May 14, 2012** in WF@Work via WIN.

Send an email to AskHR@wfu.edu with any corrections by **May 25, 2012**.

Information Sessions:

April 9, 2012 in Benson, Room 407, at noon

April 11, 2012 in the PDC Classroom at noon

April 18, 2012 in Benson, Room 407, at noon

An annual enrollment page will be added to the HR website between April 2 and April 20. It will contain a prerecorded WebEx recapping all the benefits changes.

The BIG Campus Connect

The third annual Big Campus Connect is a series of events that provides meaningful faculty/student interactions outside of the classroom. Co-hosted by Student Government and the Provost's Office, this year's program will run from **April 2-4**.

Events include:

- Monday: Campus Coffee (E-mail Kendall Hack for vouchers for yourself and students)
- Tuesday: Dialogues imagining a different campus culture (4:30-6:30 P.M.); flag football (4:00-7:00 P.M.); Trivia in Shorty's (8:00 P.M.; to register e-mail chenh8@wfu.edu)
- Wednesday: Cook-out and Games on Davis Field, families welcome (4:00–6:00 P.M.)

The full agenda is posted on the [Big Campus Connect](#) website. Please contact Kendall Hack with questions.

Voices of Our Times Series: *Too Young to Wed: Uncovering the Secret World of Child Brides in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*

On Tuesday, **April 3**, at 6:30 P.M., in Brendle Recital Hall, Stephanie Sinclair and Cynthia Gorney will discuss their award-winning exposé of the underground world of child marriage, spanning continents, languages, religions, and castes. Their visit is made possible through a collaboration of the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, the WFU journalism program, and the Provost's Office for Global Affairs. For more information: <http://www.wfu.edu/voices/>.

Imagining a Different Campus Culture

On **April 3**, 4:30-6:30 P.M., in ZSR Library Auditorium, for a deliberative dialogue on the topic "Can you Imagine a Different Campus Culture?" Are we living the values embodied in our motto? Can we agree on what those values are and how they are to be lived? The dialogue focusing on campus culture that was held on February 23rd was such a success that we are offering a second opportunity for students, faculty and staff to have their voices heard on this important topic. Please join us to deliberate and discover ways to make WFU a stronger college community. For more information: <http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/faculty-student-engagement/big-campus-connect/>.

Digital Publishing

On **April 4**, 1:30-3:30 P.M., WFU Digital Publishing offers an on-campus demonstration of Apple's new authoring tool, [iBooks Author](#). Apple representatives will show us how to immediately reach a targeted or global audience by converting conventional books into digital iBooks via a free, easy-to-use drag-and-drop app. To register: [iBooks Made Easy](#).

Unleashing the Potential of Impact Entrepreneurs

On Tuesday, **April 10**, at 5:30-6:30 P.M. in the Byrum Welcome Center, Ricardo Teran will speak. Prior to co-founding Agora Partnerships, based in Managua, Nicaragua, Mr. Teran started a number of successful businesses, including Teranet, a satellite communications company; Portal Americas, Nicaragua's first web portal; and the Nicaraguan operations of LOLITA, a women's clothing store franchise. He founded the Nicaraguan Young Entrepreneurs Association and worked for Booz Allen Hamilton, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank. An Aspen Institute Fellow for the Central American Leadership Initiative, he was a finalist for the institute's McNulty Prize and selected by Yale University as a 2010 World Fellow. For more information: www.capitalism.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: rethinkingsuccess.wfu.edu.

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. Our next session will be on Thursday, **April 26** at 4:00 P.M. To register: <https://pdc.wfu.edu/register/3656>.

Humanities Institute Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar Symposium

On Friday, **April 27**, from 3:30-5:30 P.M. in Tribble Hall's DeTamble Auditorium, each representative of faculty seminar and venture project will describe his/her work. Special guest Sarah Banet-Weiser, editor of the interdisciplinary journal *American Quarterly* and Associate Professor of Communication & American Studies and Ethnicity at the Annenberg School for Communication, USC, will also speak. From 2-3 P.M., she will lead a workshop on publishing in interdisciplinary journals in DeTamble Auditorium, and concurrently, a workshop on applying for Humanities Institute funding will be held in the Ammons Lounge. A half-hour break for refreshments will precede the symposium, and a reception follows. For more information: humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu.

NC Council of Graduate Schools, 2012 Graduate Education Day

On Monday, **May 23**, from 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at the Legislative Complex, 16 Jones Street, Raleigh, NC, this event will celebrate the research and creative activities of our graduate students. Selected posters from each institution will demonstrate the value of graduate programs to the state's economy. Students will also acquaint local legislative representatives with their research and creative activities. For more information: <http://graduate.wfu.edu/>.

So Many Choices, So Little Time: Which instructional technologies will work in my class and not make me crazy?!

From **June 4-7**, morning sessions will provide faculty with information on technologies to support teaching practices and afternoon sessions will allow them to develop and implement their ideas in a supported, small group environment. Workshops are designed for faculty at all career stages, in all disciplines, and at all levels of technology expertise, novice to expert. Topics include improving student collaboration, extending learning beyond the classroom, assessing student learning, and using social media in teaching. To register: see <http://pdc.wfu.edu> or <http://www.wfu.edu/tlc/>.

Kick-Off of Wake Forest 50th Anniversary of Integration Coming Soon!

Academic year 2012 – 2013 marks the beginning of an important milestone in Wake Forest University history - the 50th anniversary of integration. On April 27, 1962, the Board of Trustees voted to end racial segregation at Wake Forest. As a result, Ed Reynolds, the first black student, enrolled in 1963 and Wake became the first private university in the South to integrate. The Board of Trustees' bold decision symbolized the university's changing moral fabric toward difference and served as a catalyst for the university's support of racial and ethnic diversity, religious pluralism, service to those with disabilities, acceptance of various sexual identities, among other matters related to diversity and inclusion. For more information visit: <http://diversity.provost.wfu.edu/>.

Other News of Note

Next Steps in Academic Technology

With significant changes in technology and opportunities and expiration of the Lenovo contract in Fall 2012, the IT Executive Committee and the Committee on Information Technology are beginning discussions on plans for the Reynolda campus. For more details: <https://sites.google.com/a/wfu.edu/nextsteps/>.

Wake the Tablets

The Provost's Office is co-sponsoring a pilot program to assess the value of students' acquiring and reading e-texts throughout the Fall 2012 semester. Faculty interested in receiving tablets are encouraged to apply: <http://digitalpublishing.wfu.edu/tabletgrants>.

Wake Forest Ethics Team are Winners!

Coach Charles Lankau's Wake Forest Ethics Debate Team, in its first season, won first place at the Annual North Carolina Ethics Bowl, then competed in the National Finals of the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati, Ohio, and were defeated in the semi-finals by one point after winning the quarter-finals. Congratulations, Professor Lankau and students! For more details: <http://parents.wfu.edu/news/ethics-debate-team-news/>.

Professional Coaching

The PDC offers faculty one-on-one, confidential coaching with certified professionals. While the client always sets the agenda, some topics might be setting priorities toward tenure; developing strategies for success; dealing with difficult personalities to decrease negative impact and maintain a positive work environment; and thinking through work and life priorities to craft a meaningful and sustainable path. Faculty at any point in their career may find it helpful to have someone ask questions as they think aloud about future plans. For more information or to make an appointment, contact [Melissa Clodfelter](#), Professional Certified Coach.

LENS

LENS@Wake Forest is a summer enrichment program for high school students on *Confronting the Challenges of Global Sustainability*. From July 15-August 3, participants will join the campus community to examine sustainability through an interdisciplinary lens and engage in hands-on learning opportunities. Michelle Klosterman, Assistant Professor of Education, is the new lead faculty director; Ryan Shirey, Lecturer and Interim Director of the Writing Center, is the writing faculty. Applications are now being accepted from rising high school juniors and seniors. Limited need-based financial aid is available. To download the application: <http://lens.wfu.edu/apply/>. More information: lens.wfu.edu, or contact [Leigh Stanfield](#) with questions.

Register Today for March GateKeepers Workshops

GateKeepers I, II and III will be offered in March for faculty and staff to enhance their cultural competence and cross-cultural communication skills. Visit the Professional Development Center website for dates and times. For more information or questions, please contact Shayla Herndon-Edmunds at herndosm@wfu.edu

Supporting Academic Work

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

Deadline: April 1, 2012

To support symposia and other large-scale events that reach across departments and units to promote intellectual community at Wake Forest, this fund 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 research-related travel, approved by the department chair or dean. For more information: <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 the cashier with a completed [Lunch Program Coupon](#), which can be downloaded from the Provost's Office website. For more information: <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: <http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/>.

Humanities Institute, Call for Proposals

The Humanities Institute is issuing a new Call for Proposals at the end of March. It will fund new and continuing Summer 2012-Spring 2013 programming for faculty, students, and faculty-student collaborations. For more information: humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu.

Nonprofit Summer Immersion Internships

The Institute for Public Engagement will host 15 internships to expand the academic and vocational development of Wake Forest students through a high-quality placement with local community partners, an intensive three-day nonprofit management seminar, and weekly vocational reflection sessions. Partners include a broad range of local organizations that support human services, philanthropy, youth enrichment, arts and culture, and community development. For more information: www.ipe.wfu.

Institute for Public Engagement, Call for Proposals

The Institute for Public Engagement seeks to encourage faculty interested in teaching service-learning courses or conducting community-based research projects. For more information on funding, administrative support, and other resources: www.ipe.wfu.

Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability (CEES) Funding Opportunity, Spring 2012

CEES announces funding opportunities for research, scholarship, and working groups related to energy, environment and sustainability as broadly defined. The grants seek to provide new opportunities for research and scholarly activities at Wake Forest. Though the center has formed with core groups in Renewable Energy Research, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and Policy, Enterprise, and Markets, we support all areas of scholarship, and actively encourage new groups of scholars—faculty and students—dedicated to addressing problems related to the center's mission of building a community dedicated to effecting meaningful change in the areas energy, environment, and sustainability. Deadlines: Concept notes are due by 5:00 P.M., Friday, **April 13**, 2012. For more information: cees.wfu.edu

Thank you for your attention to this newsletter. The Provost's Office seeks your comments, suggestions, and ideas for its continued development. Please contact [Interim Provost Mark Welker](#).



