Message from the Provost.....

What a delight to join you in heralding the start of a new academic year at Wake Forest...and to welcoming a host of new students to our various schools—collectively, our most diverse entering class ever—as well as a wonderful set of new faculty and staff. Last week I celebrated the 30th anniversary of my own arrival as a first-year student; in these first two months as provost, I’ve had a ceaseless stream of encouraging reminders of how enduring are the finest aspects of Wake’s values, traditions, and mission.

One recent tradition is this quarterly provost’s newsletter. Thanks to Deb Alty for helping me liven up its appearance; you’ll also soon see a fully revamped provost’s office website, dedicated to showcasing teaching and research at WFU.

Two announcements to help usher in this new term. I’m very pleased to announce Bruce King as our new associate provost for research—taking up a role that Mark Welker inaugurated nearly a decade ago. We’ll feature a profile of Bruce, whose research and teaching in biochemistry have won accolades and numerous grant awards, in our next newsletter issue. Also to be more elaborately profiled is our newest addition to Wake Forest’s family of centers and institutes: the Duke Center for the Liberal Arts Center, or iPLACE. Many of you are already familiar with iPLACE’s engaging and interdisciplinary performances, and I along with Mark Welker and the Research Advisory Committee were enthused to help enable that even more recent Wake Forest tradition to continue for years to come.

I hope to see many of you at upcoming morning or evening ‘Toast with the Provost’ faculty small-group gatherings, and again my heartfelt thanks for making these first weeks on the job so rewarding.
The WFU Humanities Institute is pleased to announce the following interdisciplinary faculty seminars for 2012-13:

- **Aesthetics and Politics** (John Curley, Art, convener)
- **Human Dimensions of the Environment and Sustainability** (Lucas Johnston, Religion, convener)
- **Digital Humanities: Practices, Perspectives and Pedagogy** (David Phillips, Interdisciplinary Humanities, convener)
- **Writing Exile: Women, The Arts and Technologies** (Wanda Balzano, Women’s and Gender Studies and Lynn Book, Theater and Dance, Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship, co-conveners)
- **Benjamin in Berlin** (Grant McAllister, German and Russian, convener)
- **Fair Play: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Rhetorical, Social and Political Dimensions of Fairness** (Michele Gillespie, History and Rian Bowie, English, co-conveners)

The Humanities Institute also wishes to thank publicly the John W. and Anna H. Hanes Foundation for their generous pledge of $200,000 to help the institute meet the requirements of its National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant.

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### Appointments

**ZSR Library**

Kyle Denlinger joins in a new position, eLearning Librarian, assisting students and faculty in online and distance programs. Originally from Ohio, he graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and earned his MA in Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri.

**James B. Harper** is the new head of Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery. He comes to us from NC State University, where he held a similar position for eleven years. While at NCSU, he chaired the Triangle Research Libraries Network’s Document Delivery committee. He was also a co-implementer of UNC Library Express, a virtual union catalog and request system for the 17 schools in the UNC system. He has given four national conference presentations on a variety of topics related to interlibrary loan and access services. He received his Master’s degree in Library and Information Studies from UNC Greensboro.

**Provost’s Office Welcomes a New Fellow**

Samantha Perrotta began with the Office of the Provost on July 16. She graduated from the Schools of Business with a major in Business Enterprise Management, with a dual concentration in marketing and nonprofit management and a minor in journalism. During her four years at Wake Forest, she was a member of Ambassadors in Admissions, Order of Omega honors society, and the Old Gold & Black; held leadership positions in Her Campus, Delta Zeta sorority, and the Student Union; and co-chaired the bi-annual President’s Ball. Two years ago, she took courses in global branding and foreign correspondence in London before securing an internship in the marketing department of Universal Pictures International Entertainment and confirming her interest in strategic planning and multinational brands. Last year, Sam interned with ESPN’s Wide World of Sports.

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**The Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Center**

Our mission is to support and to advocate for Wake Forest’s LGBTQ-identified students, faculty, and staff and to educate the entire campus community about gender identity and sexual orientation. Programs include:

- listserv with weekly information about campus events, speakers, and programming of interest;
- a social Coffee Hour every Thursday from 3-4:00 P.M. in Benson 218;
- Safe-Zone Program, an in-depth, interactive presentation designed to educate WFU faculty, staff, and students about the LGBTQ community and how to become an ally;
- social and educational events open to all campus and community members.

For more information and to join our listserv, please visit [http://lgbtq.wfu.edu](http://lgbtq.wfu.edu), or stop by to say HELLO at Benson 218.
Recognizing Achievement

Faculty Books

Congratulations to the following faculty whose first-edition books were recently published:


**Price, Brian.** (Romance Languages). *Cult of Defeat in Mexico’s Historical Fiction: Failure, Trauma, and Loss.* Palgrave Macmillan. June 2012.


**Hall, Mark** (Law), and Sara Rosenbaum, eds. *The Health Care Safety Net in a Post-Reform World.* Rutgers University Press. July 2012.


Aspiring Leaders Program 2012-13 Participants

Faculty and staff who have shown leadership potential participate in sessions focused on critical leadership and management topics throughout the academic year. Congratulations to those nominated and selected in 2012-2013:

- **Rebecca Alexander**, Chemistry
- **Nathan Anderson**, Finance Systems
- **Jarrod Atchison**, Communication
- **Sheri Bridges**, Schools of Business
- **Matt Clifford**, Residence Life and Housing
- **Bethany Fay**, Human Resources
- **Adam Friedman**, Education
- **Kenny Herbst**, Schools of Business
- **Stephen Hirst**, Campus Life
- **Alyssa Howards**, German and Russian
- **Matt Imboden**, Schools of Business
- **Scott Klein**, English
- **Alta Mauro**, Multicultural Affairs
- **Kelly Meachum**, Advancement
- **Mary Scanlon**, ZSR Library
- **Ryan Scholl**, Information Systems
- **Ryan Shirey**, English
- **Michael Shuman**, Learning Assistance Center
- **Kimberly Wieters**, Office of the Dean, Wake Forest College
learn about the various demographic groups represented in the incoming class:
◊ underrepresented minorities / students of color
◊ first-generation college and high-need students

OPCD is committed to building a supportive community of faculty, staff, alumni, and parents to help students successfully navigate the career process each year at Wake Forest. The Innovation Station on the 2nd floor of Reynolda Hall can be reserved for class presentations and department club/honor society meetings. Contact Ladd Flock for information and reservations, 758-5247.

We’re gearing up for another strong recruiting season at Wake Forest! To keep faculty and staff informed, the Employer Relations team has developed a weekly digest. If you would like to receive it, contact Lisa Simmons.

The Fall Career Fair will be held Wednesday, September 19, from 12 to 4 P.M. in Benson 401. Representatives from a wide variety of organizations will meet with WFU students from any class year or major to discuss careers as well as candidate requirements for full-time and internship positions. Please encourage students to attend, dress appropriately, and prepare good questions. Andy Chan, Jacquie Ford, and Steve Reinemund will welcome and thank our employers and share their unified vision for the new Wake Forest University Recruiting Center to open in Farrell Hall next year. Remarks will begin at 11:00 A.M. Email Dana Hutchins if you’re interested in participating.

The Mentoring Resource Center trained 240 students, faculty, and staff as part of pre-orientation activities with Residence Life, Academic Advising, Wake Forest Fellows, Magnolia Scholars, First-Year in Focus, and Reynolds Library. It will give a presentation on peer advising at the 2012 University of New Mexico Mentoring Institute in October.

The Family Business Center’s Fall Forum will be held at Graylyn on Thursday, October 11. The topic is governance, specifically the role of a board in succession planning for family businesses. Panelists from Hickory Springs Manufacturing, Wells Enterprises, and the local chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors will discuss the advantages of having independent members on family business boards. Faculty and their students are welcome; registration is required. For more information, contact FBC Director Kathy Baker (bakerka@wfu.edu).

The Family Business Center is currently accepting applications for its 5th annual North Carolina Family Business of the Year Awards program. Nominations, accepted through November 9, may be submitted at familybusiness.opcd.wfu.edu/awards.

Reynolda House
Reynolda House was awarded more than $180,000 in federal grants in the past few months to put its nationally recognized collections online. The digital collections will be available for teaching and research in late 2013.
Supporting Academic Work

Provost’s Funds for a Vibrant Campus and for Academic Excellence
A fund to support academic initiatives has been created in response to faculty demand. It provides 2:1 matching funds up to $5,000 to allow faculty, schools, and departments to bring exciting guest speakers and performers to campus. Deadlines are October 1 and April 1; see http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/grants-and-funding/

Guidelines for the Provost’s Fund for Academic Excellence have been revised to clarify its 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. Deadline October 1. Contact Jennifer Collins, 758-3852, with questions about either fund.

Provost’s Fund for Academic Innovation
This award supports new and creative ways to use the curriculum and learning environment to advance Wake Forest’s three core academic priorities: (1) building the best faculty of teacher-scholars in the world, (2) attracting and nurturing the right mix of students, and (3) creating an intellectual climate that capitalizes fully on our many opportunities for faculty/student engagement. Deadlines are October 1 and April 1. Please contact Associate Provost Jennifer Collins, 758-3852, with questions.

Provost’s Fund for Faculty Travel
Up to $1000 for faculty participating in an academic conference or conducting other research-related travel approved by the department chair or dean. See 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. They must present a completed Lunch Program Coupon, which can be downloaded from the Provost’s Office website, to the cashier. See http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/.

Faculty/Student Engagement Fund
Undergraduate faculty who host students outside of the classroom may be reimbursed up to $125 per class or $8 per student, whichever is less. See http://provost.wfu.edu/faculty-resources/.

College Course Enhancement Fund
The Office of the Dean of Wake Forest College will pay up to $500, or up to $20 per student, whichever is less, to assist faculty with such anticipated expenses as travel, admission and performance fees, and participation of guest lecturers and scholars; meals and other nonacademic expenditures are not allowed. Proposals are competitive, and those who identify additional sources to match the request will receive preference. Deadlines are October 15 and December 15. Contact Anne Boyle or 758-5400 with questions.

Center for Bioethics, Health, and Society Funding
The center provides up to $8,000 for conceptual or empirical pilot research, course development, community engagement, major scholarly events, and the bioethics component of a scientific project for which funding is being sought from another source. Up to $5,000 may be budgeted for faculty salary support or stipends, and faculty may collaborate with students or community members. The deadline is the second Monday in January. Applications for small grants (up to $1,000) to support bioethics activities are accepted on a rolling basis. See CBHS Funding Application, http://bioethics.wfu.edu/Opportunities & Organizing Themes/Funding Opportunities/.

Global Affairs Funding
Calls for applications will be sent out September 10, with an October 15 deadline:
- to direct an undergraduate program at a WFU House overseas in 2014-2015;
- to participate in Salamanca Faculty Development Collaborative in 2013-2014;
- to secure Funds for International Scholars in Spring 2013; and
- to host an international conference/colloquium in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2013.

See http://globalaffairs.provost.wfu.edu/global-affairs-funding-calendar/.

Institute for Public Engagement Funding
IPE Community Research Support connects faculty research with community-defined needs through the Center for Community Solutions, which recently entered into a collaborative agreement with Forsyth Futures. Faculty may learn more about it, resources to support community-based participatory research, and the emerging effort to connect more strongly with our local community by contacting CCS Director Sherri Clark, Anthropology, or Steve Virgil. The IPE Minigrant Fund and other areas of support are also available; visit ipewfu.edu.

ACE Fellows
The Institute for Public Engagement, Teaching and Learning Center, and Dean of the College provide $1,250 stipends, programs, and services for selected faculty interested in incorporating service-learning into their courses. ACE Fellows work together with program veterans to establish relationships with community partners, develop syllabi, and assess pedagogic strategies and outcomes. Dr. Ananda Mitra, Professor of Communication, is Faculty Director. Deadline for applications is October 31; ACE Fellows Application 2012-2013; and learn about the benefits of the program to faculty and students at the ACE Fellows and Friends Lunch Discussion, Monday, October 1, 11:00 A.M. in Reynolda Hall, Room 301. For more information, contact Norma-May Isakov.

Humanities Institute Funding
The Humanities Institute is currently accepting Proposals for Collegiate Seminars and College Collaborations funding. To learn more about these and other programs and about how the Humanities Institute supports interdisciplinary scholarship and collaborative faculty and student-faculty research, see http://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/programs and http://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/opportunities.
Information Systems News

Lenovo ThinkPad T430s Problem
You may have heard of or experienced an intermittent problem with some of the laptops distributed to faculty, staff, and students since July 9. WFU Information Systems staff were the first Lenovo customers worldwide to identify that this problem is rooted in hardware, not software. Determining the exact cause and solution is the highest priority for Lenovo and Intel, and they are working with us around the clock and around the planet. We appreciate your patience as we work on this problem. You may view the current status at any time at http://help.wfu.edu/thinkpads/t430s/status.

Corel Suite Replaces Adobe
Corel products are now available for use on the ThinkPads distributed to faculty, students, and staff. Student laptops are no longer licensed for the Adobe suite of products. For more details, see the Corel/Adobe information page.

Congratulations to our first TLC Faculty Fellows, Laura Aull, English, and Teresa Sanhueza, Romance Languages.

Through this partnership and the summer funding it provides, faculty expand their expertise on a teaching need in their discipline and share it with colleagues. Those selected also gain professional recognition for the innovative and thoughtful work they are doing to promote teaching excellence in their disciplines.

Wake Forest and Reynolda House celebrate their tenth year of affiliation this fall as detailed in a June 2002 story in Wake Forest Magazine. An article in the Winston-Salem Journal on Sunday, August 19, highlighted the anniversary, noting numerous collaborations and partnerships over the decade. This fall, several faculty incorporate the museum and its collections into their coursework, and the university is the major sponsor of its fall exhibition, Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey. For more information about incorporating the museum collections in courses, contact Managing Curator Allison Slaby at slaby@wfu.edu, or x3133. See below for more museum news, including academic and social opportunities this fall. For a schedule of events, visit reynoldahouse.org and follow the museum at facebook.com/rhmaa.
Saturday, November 3, time TBD, BB&T Field

Provost Rogan Kersh invites faculty and their immediate families to watch our Demon Deacons take on the Boston College Eagles. After a pregame tailgate, we will relocate to the east side of the BB&T Field. Please request tickets by October 22. Tickets and tailgate are free and limited to 350 people, first-come, first-serve. To request tickets contact: Deb Alty

Digital Publishing

Digital Publishing invites WFU faculty to publish, not just post, born-digital data via our new, fast, secure, commerce-enabled, fully flexible publishing platform, http://wfu.tizrapublisher.com. This powerful new tool can quickly provide selective or public access to ebooks, e-articles, working papers, digital textbooks, lecture notes, readings, conference presentations and proceedings, papers and dissertations, and more with fast, crisp downloads, no matter how large the document or slow the internet connection. Every digital page has its own URL for easy bookmarking, citing, sharing, teaching, and learning and is readily available from virtually any laptop using any browser as well as tablets and smartphones without downloading new software or learning new interfaces. All documents, even those behind the paywall, are full-text searchable, with “snippets” previewing search term context. Different access rules can be applied to any collection, document, or section, down to the individual page or poem, including completely open and free access, time-limited access, or access by IP range, coupon code, or credit card. See kanewp@wfu.edu, or http://digitalpublishing.wfu.edu/workshops.

First-Year in Focus Mentoring Program

Some first-year men have a hard time finding their niche in the larger campus culture and community. This personal development program connects them with an upperclass male mentor. Mike Ford, Associate Dean for Campus Life, and Matt Clifford, Director of Residence Life and Housing, meet with interested first-year referrals to match them with an upperclass mentor who shares their interests and experiences and receives training and supervision. If you know of a first-year student who might benefit from this one-to-one mentoring relationship or would like more information, please contact Mike Ford or Matt Clifford.
SAVE THE DATE

The Office of the Provost and Baylor University will host a national conference, “After the Genome: A Language for our Biotechnological Future.” Leading scholars from a variety of disciplines will discuss how language is shaping medical ethics, religion, and competing visions of our biotechnological future.

Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13, 2013, Benson University Center; to register: https://pdc.wfu.edu/event/5272/

ZSR Faculty Awards
Congratulations to Z. Smith Reynolds Library faculty Rosalind Tedford and Hu Womack, co-winners of this year’s College Award for Excellence in Academic Advising. It was presented at the New Student Convocation in recognition of their exceptional work in undergraduate advising.

Summer Nonprofit Immersion Program
This IPE program combines a high-quality educational experience with a structured internship placement and vocational reflection. See ipe.wfu.edu/student-resources/summer-nonprofit-immersion to find out about the successful 2012 program.

Film Premiere: Faces of Courage: Wake Forest’s Impetus to Desegregate
Friday, September 21, 3:00 P.M., Brendle Recital Hall; facesofcourage.wfu.edu
In the 1950s and 1960s, many of Wake Forest’s peer universities faced court-ordered integration. As a private institution, WFU was not under federal mandate. The process of desegregation was prompted primarily via student petitioning and protest. Watch the film and find out how and why we were the first major private university in the South to integrate from those directly involved in the decision, including Ed Reynolds, the first student to integrate Wake Forest.

Thank you for your attention to this newsletter. The Provost’s Office seeks your comments and suggestions; please contact Rogan Kersh.

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