

DEAN'S OFFICE DIGEST

August 24, 2015

Welcome Back!

The late August ritual is upon us. We welcome the students back to campus as we race to complete our final preparations for the new academic year. We are another year older, and presumably wiser, although our students remain perpetually the same age. The beginning of the academic year provides us with a splendid opportunity for renewal. We remind ourselves that teaching is a powerful generative act. I am honored to be starting my first year as Dean of the College. I count myself fortunate to be surrounded by such truly talented faculty, staff and students. Please know all of us in the Office of the Dean of the College are eager to support you in the year ahead.



Incoming Students Registered

Academic Advising

The Office of Academic Advising has been very busy over the summer getting our new students on board and registered for classes. If you'd like to see the extensive "task list" our new students completed over the summer, go to newstudent.wfu.edu and scroll down that first page that lists their deadlines! Together with the Office of the University Registrar, OAA completed registration for our approximately 1330 new students (first-year and transfer students) between July 8 and August 14. Many thanks go to the following lower-division advisers who helped us with registration during the second half of July: **Adam Dovico** (Education), **Jerf Friedenber**g (Theatre and Dance), **Melissa Jenkins** (English), and **Frank Moore** (Mathematics).



SACS Update

Academic Planning

After lengthy preparations and much hard work across campus, our final report for the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC)** is complete. Our Office of Institutional Research has disseminated the report to the appropriate people with SACS-COC who will begin the review process as we prepare for the On-Site Committee visit during the spring semester. We would like to express our deepest thanks to all of our faculty and staff who have worked so tirelessly to compile all the data and documents needed for this report and our SACS-COC reaffirmation.



College New Faculty Orientation

Faculty Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion

On Friday, August 14th the Office of the Dean welcomed the incoming college faculty at our New Faculty Orientation. This event was held at the Graylyn Manor - in the Mews Conference Hall. There were 38 new faculty in attendance - with a breakdown as follows: 20 Visiting Assistant Professors, 7 Teacher-Scholar



PostDocs, 5 Assistant Professors, 4 Assistant Teaching Professors, 1 Assistant Professor of the Practice and 1 Instructor. Michele Gillespie, Dean of the College, opened with a welcome and introduced the staff of the Dean's office. Other speakers were Senior Associate Dean Christy Buchanan, who reviewed the Office of Academic Advising; John Dinan, Judicial Council Chair and Barry Maine Judicial Liaison, discussed Faculty Governance; Barbee Oakes, Chief Diversity Officer discussed her office and the diversity breakdown of students and faculty; and Josi Villalba who facilitated the day long orientation. Distributed at this event was the Handbook for New Faculty. Visit this [link](#) for a copy of the handbook. All faculty, not just new ones, may find this document helpful.

Welcome new College Faculty! We look forward to working with you, and also seeing you at our monthly New Faculty in the Forest Gatherings. Be on the lookout for the invitation to our first gathering on September 8th from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Staffing News

Office of the Dean of the College

Anne Boyle, Professor of English, after three exemplary years as Associate Dean for Student-Faculty Academic Initiatives, has returned to full-time teaching in her department and will continue directing the Writing Program. **Sandy Kokkonos**, formerly Administrative Assistant to Senior Associate Dean of Faculty Rebecca Thomas, has been promoted to Assistant to the Provost. **Patty Lanier**, formerly administrative coordinator in the Communications Department, is Rebecca Thomas's new Administrative Coordinator. **Nancy Respass**, Assistant to the Office of Summer Programs, retired in June after 25 years of service to Wake Forest. **Anna Henley**, formerly administrative assistant to the Religion and History Department, has been named Administrative Assistant to Senior Associate Dean for Academic Planning and Summer School Randall Rogan.

Nancy Diaz, formerly Scholars Counselor in the Scholarships Office, has accepted a Fulbright Award to Mexico. **Shannon Coleman** ('15) has joined the Office of Academic Advising as a Counselor, replacing **Sharonna Taylor-Howard**, who has left Wake Forest to join her family in Georgia. **Melanie Hylton** has been promoted to Administrative Assistant.

ACE Fellows Learning Community

2015-2016 Applications Due August 28, 2016

The Pro Humanitate Institute, the Teaching and Learning Center, and the Dean of the College, invite faculty members to apply to the 2015-2016 ACE Fellows Learning Community. Selected faculty will investigate and operationalize the philosophy, pedagogy and ethics of Academic and Community Engagement (ACE). <http://phi.wfu.edu/programs/ace-fellows-program>

Faculty Research Seminars

The Cooper Center hosts a monthly working paper seminar series for Piedmont-Triad area faculty members whose research and teaching occurs at the intersection of gender, race, and region. The seminars are interdisciplinary. If you are interested in joining the seminars, please email Sara Kugler at kuglersh@wfu.edu.



Faculty Research Grants

The Anna Julia Cooper Center offers competitive research grants of up to \$1,000 to support the research agenda of Wake Forest University untenured faculty members in areas related to gender, race, and politics. For more information, visit <http://cooperproject.org/research-grants/> or email Sara Kugler at kuglersh@wfu.edu.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 pm; Wait Chapel

The Kappa Alpha Order is sponsoring a panel discussion on the Confederate flag. All current brothers in the chapter are signing a pledge not to display the flag. Melissa Harris-Perry will moderate panelists: Katon Dawson, Bree Newsome, James Ian Tyson, and Alicia Garza. A students-only discussion portion with student moderators will follow.

Wednesday, September 9, 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm; Reynolda Hall 301

"Incoming WFU 2015 Students: What They Know (and Don't Know) about Academic Reading and Writing" (Please register through the PDC link)

Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm; Benson 401

Open Forum/Update from the university on the progress that has taken place over the summer on campus climate issues as a result of the Deliberative Dialog Action Team report. For updates, see the Community in Progress website. <http://community.wfu.edu/>

Friday, September 11, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, Benson 410

The Safe Zone program is an in-depth, interactive presentation designed to educate Wake Forest faculty, staff, and students about the LGBTQ community. Participants learn what it means to be an ally-a person who supports and stands up for the rights of LGBTQ people-as well as how to create a Safe Zone. <http://pdc.wfu.edu/events/1244/>

Monday, September 14, 3:30 pm; Pugh Auditorium, Benson

Mark your calendar for the first faculty meeting of the new academic year!

Faculty Meeting Dates - <http://faculty.college.wfu.edu/meetings/>

Friday, September 18, 8:45 am-1:30 pm

Winning Federal Grants. Learn how to win more government grants. Topics covered include ways to develop more fundable ideas, information on how to make pre-proposal contact with federal employees, and knowledge of what it takes to prepare a grant winning government application. Sign up at <http://pdc.wfu.edu/event/9137/>

Friday, September 18, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm; ZSR Library Auditorium 404

" Symposium on Supporting our Multilingual Readers and Writers"

(Please register through the PDC link)

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 pm; Kulynych Auditorium

Anna Julia Cooper Center Inaugural Ida B. Wells Lecture , delivered by AJC Media Fellow in Residence, Joy Reid.

Friday-Saturday, October 23-24

Rising Voices: A Wake Forest LGBTQA Alumni Conference , will bring together students, faculty staff and alumni to discuss current work in LGBTQ scholarship, arts and public policy, provide mentorship to students and create oral history documentary project. Contact Angela Mazaris for more info.

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 pm; Wait Chapel

Ta-Nehisi Coates will offer a keynote address for our annual Voices of Our Time event. Coates has been at the top of the *NY Times* bestseller list for *Between the World and Me* (2015). Some of you may also be familiar with his seminal work: "The Case for Reparations", which appeared last year in *The Atlantic*. In view of his perspectives and experiences, as well as our University's continued commitment to a sustained dialog on inclusivity and community, the President's office has supported the College's request to bring Mr. Coates to campus under the *Voices of Our Time Speaker Series*. Please consider how this visit may enhance your classroom experience. Be on the lookout for more details in the weeks to come. Contact Josi Villabla for more information.

To share news or events with the College Faculty, contact Melanie Hylton in the Office of the Dean of the College. Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, September 2.

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