

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to welcome you back to the campus and update you on several important developments. First, we are in the midst of the admissions cycle and I am pleased to report that our numbers are holding strong. For example, early decision applications to the College are up from last year, application rates to the Graduate School are holding steady, and the Law School reports a 13 percent increase from this point last year. These positive numbers reflect the hard work of our admissions staff and the dedication of the faculty to the teacher-scholar ideal. Thanks to each and every faculty member for your part in this effort to attract the strongest classes in our history.

Second, new faculty hiring is going very well. Recently the Law School hired Professor Jonathan Cardi, a leading scholar of tort law and a dedicated teacher, and the new Bioethics Program, in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy, hired Dr. Ana Lucia Smith Iltis, a prominent bioethics scholar. Attracting senior scholars like these advances our goal to build the finest faculty of teacher-scholars in the world. To help in the hiring process, my office has added a [new collection of information](#) to our web site. Search committees are encouraged to refer prospective faculty to this new resource to learn more about Wake Forest, support for teaching and scholarship, and our mission as teacher-scholars.

And third, I am pleased to update you on changes to our Capital Plan. After careful consideration and consultation, the University has approved a request from the Schools of Business to begin the process of raising funds for a new building. Before taking this important step, the Schools of Business and Law joined me in recommending that we forgo our previous plan to bridge the Worrell Professional Center and the former Information Systems building. In addition to offering state-of-the-art space for one of our programs, the new plan will free needed space for the Law School and the College.

Each of these marks of progress—early evidence of a very strong year for recruiting students and faculty, and our plans for new academic space in spite of weak economic conditions—reflects the strength of our position in higher education and our readiness for a major fundraising campaign. During this semester, I will take advantage of several opportunities to say more about this important topic and I welcome your feedback throughout the period. Please mark your calendars for my annual address to the faculty on February 22nd at 4 pm, where I will discuss the campaign and how we will draw on that opportunity to achieve some of our most important academic goals.

Finally, I would like to update you on the University's response to the recent earthquake in Haiti. The devastation has produced great sadness and concern and many of us want to help. Please visit the Wake Forest University [Haiti Outreach](#) website to learn more about the relief efforts that are being organized by Wake Forest students, faculty and staff.

With best wishes for a great semester,

Jill Tiefenthaler
Provost

Supporting Academic Work

The Nathan and Julie Hatch Academic Excellence Award

The Nathan and Julie Hatch Academic Excellence Award supports a week of research and writing in late June 2010 (dates TBA) at the Summer Research Institute conducted by Harris Manchester College at Oxford University. The award will go to the applicant whose research project, regardless of discipline, shows the most scholarly promise and best demonstrates the pivotal role a week of sustained research and writing, with access to the renowned Bodleian Library, will have on its achievement. All faculty from the undergraduate College and the Schools of Business, Divinity, Medicine, and Law are eligible. Room and board as well as transportation expenses will be covered. Please submit a CV and a letter of intent describing the research project to **Michele Gillespie**, Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives, 204 Reynolda Hall. For more information, visit the Harris Manchester College [website](#) or contact [Michele Gillespie](#). **The deadline for application is February 15.**

Scholarly Writing Workshop

On **February 5, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**, the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs will host **Dr. Robert Lucas**, Director of the Institute for Scholarly Productivity in San Luis Obispo, CA, for a workshop on Scholarly Writing. Dr. Lucas is an expert in the development of proposals for research and faculty development activities. The workshop will cover focused free writing, the essentials of productive writing, strategies for efficient composition and more. To register, please visit the [Professional Development Center website](#).

New Faculty-Student Engagement Programs

Faculty members who wish to host students in their home may now do so at no cost through the Provost's Office **Off-Campus Connections** program. ARAMARK will now prepare and deliver a full meal to faculty homes for groups larger than eight. To participate, faculty should complete an [Off-Campus Connections order form](#) and email it to ARAMARK at connections@wfu.edu. Please note that ARAMARK must be notified 48 hours before the event and food deliveries will only be made inside Forsyth County. Questions should be directed to [Matt Triplett](#) (758-4866).

To use the **Provost's Faculty-Student Lunch Program**, please present a completed [Faculty-Student Lunch Program Coupon](#) to the dining venue cashier. Coupons are available electronically on the Provost's Office website or can be delivered to your departments in hard copy. Please note that this program covers faculty meals only and is not meant to pay for student meals. Questions may be directed to [Matt Triplett](#) (758-4866).

WISE Conference

On **February 26-27** the Center for International Studies will host the second annual Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement (WISE). This workshop for faculty and staff who teach students abroad, offers new ideas for integrating intercultural competency into study abroad programs and for helping students navigate their study abroad experiences more successfully.

Over 50 registrants from around the world are scheduled to attend, but space remains for interested Wake Forest faculty at no cost. If interested, please contact [Nancy Metcalf](#) in the Center for International Studies.

Recognizing Faculty Achievement

Increase in External Research Funding

Over the first six months of this fiscal year, our faculty submitted 64 proposals requesting over \$34 million. In that same time period, 58 awards totaling over \$5.6 million were received. Compared to the same time last year, submissions are up 86% and awards are up 61%. Congratulations and thanks to all those who submitted and received awards!

Faculty Publications

Congratulations to the following faculty members for books published recently:

- **Barnes, Bernadine.** (Art) *Michelangelo in Print: Reproductions as Response in the Sixteenth Century*. Ashgate, January 2010.
- **Boko, Sylvain.** (Economics) and Diery Seck. *Back on Track: Sector-led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development*. Africa World, December 2009.
- **Locklair, Dan.** (Music) *Descants to Traditional Hymns (Thirty-seven Soprano Descants)*. Subito Music, December 2009.
- **Locklair, Dan.** (Music) *Glory and Peace (A Suite of Seven Reflections for Organ)*. Subito Music, December 2009.
- **Palmiter, Alan.** (Law) and Frank Partnoy. *Corporations: A Contemporary Approach*. West, December 2009.
- **Salam, Agha Akbar.** (Chemistry) *Molecular Quantum Electrodynamics: Long-range Intermolecular Interactions*. John Wiley, December 2009.
- **Swier, Patricia Lapolla.** (Romance Languages) *Hybrid Nations: Gender Troping and the Emergence of Bigendered Subjects in Latin American Narrative*. Farleigh Dickinson University Press, November 2009.
- **Ulery, Robert W., Jr.** (Ed. & Trans.) (Classical Languages) Pietro Bembo's *History of Venice; v.3: Books IX-XII*. Harvard University Press, November 2009.

2009-2010 ACE Fellows Named

Congratulations to the newest class of ACE Fellows. Now in its 11th year, this program enables faculty fellows to explore and implement service-learning into new or existing courses. A

collaborative effort between the Teaching and Learning Center, the Dean of the College's Office, the Provost's Office, and the Pro Humanitate Center, the program promotes service-learning as a vehicle for instruction and encourages civic development, leadership, ethical decision making, and critical thinking. Anne Boyle, Professor of English and ACE Fellows alumna, will direct this spring's 2010 ACE Workshop series.

Sharon Andrews (Theatre)
Annegret Hannawa (Communication)
Jamin Rowan (English)

Pat Cunningham (Education)
Melissa Jenkins (English)
Margaret Smith (Art)

Appointments

Teaching and Learning Center Managing Director Appointed

Catherine Ross has been appointed to the new position of Managing Director for the Teaching and Learning Center. Recognized nationally and internationally as an expert on instructional design, the training of teaching assistants, and effective pedagogical strategies, Catherine is currently the associate director of the Institute of Teaching and Learning at the University of Connecticut. With a B.A. in Russian and Spanish from the University of Delaware, an M.A. in Slavic Languages and Literature from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. in Russian and Foreign Language Teaching from the University of Texas, she has taught at Tokai University, the Institute of International Economics in Kiev and the University of Texas. Recently she consulted on best teaching practices at King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia. Catherine will join Wake Forest on July 1, 2010.

Director of Institute for Public Engagement Announced

Steve Virgil (Law) is the new Director of the Institute for Public Engagement, a three-year appointment effective January 1, 2010. He is Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the School of Law's Community Law and Business Clinic, where Wake Forest clinical students offer legal services to non-profit organizations and entrepreneurs who create new businesses in low-wealth areas in Forsyth County. For the past year Steve has served on the Faculty Public Engagement Advisory Board and has become a familiar face in the local community. Before joining the faculty in 2008, Steve directed a similar law clinic at Creighton University School of Law; practiced law with the Urban Development Office of Cleveland Legal Aid in Ohio and the Kutak Rock law firm in Omaha; and clerked for the Honorable George W. White, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio. He is the founder and General Counsel of the Great Plains Environmental Law Center and a former National Association for Public Interest Law Equal Justice Fellow with the Nebraska Appleseed Center.

New Program Director for the Flow House

David Levy (Music) has been named Program Director for the Flow House in Vienna. David served as Resident Professor at the Flow House in spring 2000 and fall 2004 and is scheduled to return to that position in spring 2012. Having served as chair of the Music Department for 12

years, he also brings extensive administrative experience to the position. Thanks to Larry West (German and Russian) for his decade of prior service in this role.

Resident Professors Selected for WFU Houses

The following faculty members have been selected as Resident Professors at the WFU Houses for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Worrell House:

Fall 2011 – **Joe Milner** (Education)
Spring 2012 – **Eric Wilson** (English)

Flow House:

Fall 2011 – **Page West** (Business)
Spring 2012 – **David Levy** (Music)

Casa Artom:

Fall 2011 – **Dan Hammond** (Economics)
Spring 2012 – **Paul Ribisl** (Health and Exercise Science)

Updates and Upcoming Events

Founder's Day Convocation

This year's Founder's Day Convocation on **Thursday, February 18, 2010, 4:00 p.m.**, Wait Chapel, features the best of Wake Forest. Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson will introduce the three senior oration winners, who will give their speeches. The program also includes a video presentation highlighting this year's graduating class. In addition, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Men's Soccer Team will be recognized, and the recipients of the Medallion of Merit and faculty research and teaching awards will be announced. A reception for the community will follow in Scales Lobby.

Dean of the School of Divinity Search

Since November the search committee for the Dean of the School of Divinity has approved a position advertisement, consulted with Divinity School constituencies about the school's identity and future, and approved a position profile. The committee anticipates appointing a new dean in late spring 2010. More information about the search process is available on the [Dean of the School of Divinity Search webpage](#).

Faculty Handbook Update

The University Senate Executive Committee has been working to update the *Reynolda Campus Faculty Handbook* by eliminating redundancies, revising inconsistencies, and ensuring that all

policies are up-to-date. The revised Handbook is now undergoing final edits following review by the Deans' Council and is expected to be complete by the end of this academic year.

Capital Project Updates

During the holiday break, several projects to improve academic facilities were completed. Now the new **Dance Studio** behind Scales provides an additional dance floor, wall mirrors, a sound system, restrooms and office space. Also in Scales, the **Main Stage** hydraulic lift was replaced due to safety concerns, and the theater received new seating.

In **Salem Hall** the exhaust system for the teaching and research labs received new fans and a state-of-the-art computerized control system to improve lab safety for faculty and students, accommodate additional fume hoods and save energy. The four new exhaust fan stacks can be seen on the roof of Salem Hall.

Ceiling plaster containing small quantities of asbestos was removed from the **Reynolds Gym basketball courts**. The **outdoor basketball courts** adjacent to the Water Tower Field were also completed. The new courts include night lighting and restroom facilities to replace those lost due to construction of the new south residence hall.

Construction also began on the new **admissions building** behind Starling Hall. Spring 2011 is the expected completion date.

Energy Conference

On **February 10-11**, the Department of Biology, BB&T Center for the Study of Capitalism, and the Provost's Office, in conjunction with corporate sponsors, will host a major two-day conference on energy policy, featuring national and international experts on climate change, traditional and alternate energy sources, the economics of energy, emerging technologies, dependence on foreign energy supplies, entrepreneurship opportunities and transportation. Leading author and journalist **Thomas Friedman** will deliver the keynote address as part of the President's *Voices of Our Times* series. More information is available on the [Energy Conference website](#).

New Faculty Orientation Series

Five New Faculty Orientation events have provided advice and information about the teacher-scholar ideal since the start of the academic year. The sixth and final session will be:

- **Tuesday, February 9, 11:00-11:45 am** - Career Development, **Andy Chan** (Vice President for Career Development)

Spanish and Public Speaking Classes from the PDC

After receiving requests from members of the campus community, the Professional Development Center will now offer courses in public speaking and Spanish. Special thanks to **Dee Oseroff-**

Varnell (Communication) for her willingness to teach a six-session Public Speaking and Presentations series and **Maria-Encarna Turner** (Romance Languages) for teaching a Beginning Spanish class. For more information on these and other useful courses, check out [the PDC website](#).

Thursdays at Starling

Thursdays at Starling, jointly sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Office of the Provost, highlights the outstanding research, teaching and community engagement of Wake Forest faculty. Join us on Thursday, February 4, 4:00-5:15 p.m. for our next program featuring **Susan Smith** (ZSR Library), **Steven R. Feldman** (Pathology & Public Health Sciences), and **Mary Dalton** and **Sandra Dickson** (Communication). For additional information, visit the [Provost's website](#).

Office of Sustainability News and Events

- **RecycleMania**, a 10-week national competition that runs January 17-March 27, will pit Wake Forest against other college campuses in the recycling and waste reduction divisions.
- **Zipcar launch and Reusable to-go container giveaway.** Wake Forest will officially launch the [Zipcar](#) vehicle sharing program on **January 20th**. Two new vehicles will be available to students, faculty, and staff for a low hourly rate that includes gas and insurance. Anyone needing access to a shared vehicle can [apply for membership](#) today. Sustainability staff will be in front of the Fresh Food Company from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM on January 20th demonstrating the program and vehicles.

The Office of Sustainability will also give away reusable to-go containers to anyone who signs the “Erase the Waste” pledge. Dirty containers can be turned into the dish room at the Fresh Food Company or either Sundry location in exchange for a tag that is redeemable for a clean container. Used containers will be washed and sanitized in the Fresh Food Company’s dishwasher.

- [Coal Country](#) screening and reception with the film’s producer - February 4

Sustainability Conference

On **March 22-23**, the Office of Sustainability and the Provost's Office will host a national two-day "Adaptation for Sustainability" conference. Inspired by student demand, institutional commitment, and faculty interest, universities and colleges are seeking ways to integrate sustainability themes into their curricula and research agendas. This conference will explore ways institutions are supporting the collaborative endeavors of faculty and staff and the roles of chief academic officers and deans in this evolving arena. Please contact Dedee Johnson if you would like to get involved in the planning. More information will be available soon.

Information Systems Moves

Information Systems and the Z. Smith Reynolds Library have joined forces to offer the best in customer service. Now the IS Service Desk is in The Bridge on the main floor of the ZSR Library (in the former ITC space). The Bridge offers a central location for information technology services including multimedia, filming, computer repair and equipment loans. The Information Systems staff, with the exception of the Service Desk team, has relocated to the University Corporate Center (UCC) on Reynolds Boulevard.

New Anthology from WFU Press

What does it mean to be an Irish poet? Each of the five poets included in the second volume of *The Wake Forest Series of Irish Poetry*— Seán Lysaght, Moya Cannon, Thomas McCarthy, John F. Deane, and Máire Mhac an tSaoi—provides a distinctive answer to this question. Like the first volume, [this second one](#) introduces poets of varying ages and regions to a North American audience, showcasing Ireland and how it is changing through the eyes of contemporary poets.

WFU Google Mail for Students

On January 4, 2010, all incoming e-mail for students except those with @mba.wfu.edu e-mail addresses, was directed to WFU Google Mail. Currently WFU Google Mail is available to students only. This transition does not require faculty to change the way they communicate through e-mail to students. All student e-mail addresses remain the same. WFU Google Mail provides many benefits to students over the previous e-mail system.

Important items to note include:

- Students continue to have their same ‘wfu.edu’ e-mail addresses.
- WFU Google Mail provides larger storage with more than 7GB of storage.
- The Google Web interface is superior to our current student e-mail system and allows Google users to access e-mail and calendars from more than one device.
- Google offers calendar sharing as well as document collaboration.
- Google provides advertising-free e-mail to the University.

Honorary Degree Nominations

Nominations for 2011 honorary degrees are currently being accepted. Nomination forms are available [online](#).



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 be in touch with [Provost Jill Tiefenthaler](#).

