

# DEAN'S OFFICE DIGEST

August 29, 2016

Welcome back! I hope you have had a terrific summer full of projects, research, and renewal. The Dean's Office has been busy preparing for the new academic year, too. The Academic Advising staff has worked closely with the Registrar's Office to sign up our 1,311 incoming freshman for their fall courses. Last week, our office led a New Faculty Orientation for 39 visiting and permanent new faculty, and we inaugurated our first New Chairs Workshop for our 7 incoming department chairs with the help of President Hatch and Provost Kersh. Our office is also welcoming wonderful new members: Christa Colyer, Associate Dean for Academic Planning; Rebecca Alexander, Director of Academic Planning for Wake Downtown, who has a dual report to the Office of the Provost; and Michael Lamb, University Scholar in Residence, who has a dual report to the Office of Personal and Career Development.

We all have a big year ahead of us. We are implementing Wake Downtown; our first faculty will soon move to their new offices, our first courses are scheduled for this spring semester and a search is underway for the chair of the Engineering Department. At the same time we are witnessing mounting conflict and anxiety across the nation in the wake of deep concerns over policing, violence, and polarized politics, all with a presidential election just around the corner. As teachers and scholars who care deeply about our students and about our community we are in a unique position to analyze these troubled times and support our young people as they seek to understand this tumultuous world for themselves.



## NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

Today at 4:00 p.m. - Wait Chapel

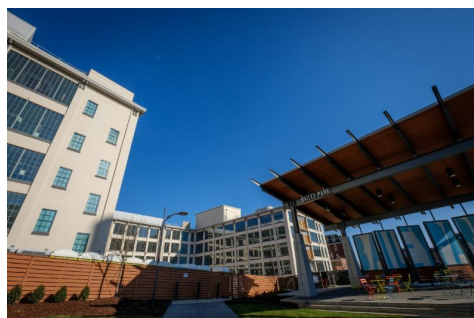
Please remember that you are invited to process at the New Student Convocation today at 4:00 pm in Wait Chapel. Processing faculty will meet for New Student Convocation no later than 3:45 p.m. in front of Zick's on Hearn Plaza.

The Committee on Orientation and Lower Division Advising has worked especially hard this past year on a revised convocation format, including a unique opportunity for students to imagine their future selves. And as always we will be honoring one of our own for his or her exceptional commitment to students with the Academic Advising Award.



## WAKE DOWNTOWN UPDATE

The Wake Downtown initiative, in which undergraduate courses will be held in renovated Reynolds Tobacco facilities in Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, is proceeding on schedule! Building 60 South will house programs approved last academic year in Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Engineering. Walls are up, windows are in, and casework



is being installed. Spring 2017 courses taught there will include upper level chemistry and biology classes as well as several from history, education, politics, entrepreneurship, and the library. Engineering courses will begin in Fall 2017; the search is underway for the right chair of this new department to bring our vision of liberal arts engineering to reality. Stay tuned for regular updates this semester and invitations to events beginning in January!

## APPOINTMENTS

### Promotions in the Dean's Office

- **José Villalba** has been promoted to Senior Associate Dean of Faculty, Assessment and Inclusivity
- **Tom Phillips** has been promoted to Associate Dean
- **Kim Wieters** has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration
- **Seneca Rudd** has been promoted to Director of Finance and Administration

### Associate Chair Appointments

- **Robert Eastman-Mullins**, Associate Professor, has been appointed Associate Chair of Theatre and Dance
- **Claudia Kairoff**, Professor, has been appointed Associate Chair of English
- **Dilip Kondepudi**, Professor, has been appointed Associate Chair of Chemistry
- **Sandeep Mazumder**, Associate Professor, has been appointed Associate Chair of Economics
- **Nathan Plageman**, Associate Professor, has been appointed Associate Chair of History
- **Cathy Seta**, Professor, has been appointed Associate Chair of Psychology

### Interdisciplinary Program Directors

- **Katy Harriger**, Chair and Professor of Political Science, has been appointed Faculty Director of the WAKE Washington Program
- **Paúl Pauca**, Associate Professor of Computer Science, has been appointed the Faculty Director of the Entrepreneurship Program
- **Eric Stottlemeyer**, Assistant Teaching Professor in English, has been appointed Director of the Environmental Program
- **Phoebe Zerwick**, Associate Professor of the Practice in English, has been appointed Director of the Journalism Program

### Endowed Chair Appointments

**Paúl Pauca**, Associate Professor of Computer Science, has been appointed the David and Leila Farr Chair of Entrepreneurship, succeeding Bill Connor, Professor of Biology, after ten years of strong leadership in the Center for Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Program (CICE). Professor Pauca is a longtime faculty member of the CICE Faculty Council. An innovative teacher who helped lead the 1-credit STEM Incubator initiative as a "low-stakes" entry point for students not traditionally interested in computer science, he is also an active researcher and an entrepreneur interested in developing highly affordable modern technology that can apply computer science to the benefit of society.



**Barry Trachtenberg**, Michael and Deborah K. Rubin Presidential Chair of Jewish History and Associate Professor of History, has just joined the faculty. He comes from the University of Albany where he was an associate professor and director of Programs in Judaic Studies and Hebrew Studies. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles and is the author of *The Revolutionary Roots of Modern Yiddish, 1903-1917* (2008). He is completing another monograph titled *Race, Refuge, and Remembrance: The United States and the Nazi Holocaust*.



### Peter Brubaker appointed Faculty Athletics Representative

President Nathan Hatch has appointed **Peter Brubaker**, Professor of Health and Exercise Science, the Faculty Athletics Representative of Wake Forest University. He succeeds Mathematics Professor Richard Carmichael. Brubaker's new responsibilities include representing athletics to faculty and faculty to athletics to ensure the appropriate balance between academics and intercollegiate athletics in such areas as academic oversight, student-athlete welfare, and compliance. He will also represent Wake Forest at meetings of the NCAA and ACC which mandate the position.



## New Faculty in the College

**Dahlia al-Habieli** - Theatre and Dance

**Surya Banks** - Chemistry

**Grey Ballard** - Computer Science

**Rory Bradley** - German and Russian

**Christopher Brown** - English

**Shanita S. Brown** - Counseling

**Elena Pedigo Clark** - German & Russian

**Brooke Coe** - Politics & International Affairs

**Naima Coster** - English - Writing Program

**Kimberly Creasap** - Sociology

**Edward Eaves** - Health & Exercise Science

**Kevin Frazier** - Theatre and Dance

**John Gemmer** - Mathematics & Statistics

**Jennifer Greiman** - English

**Daniel Helm** - English - Writing Program

**Sarmad S. Hindo** - Chemistry

**Derek Holmgren** - History

**Justin Jennings** - Philosophy

**Rowena Kirby-Straker** - Communication

**Amy Lather** - Classical Languages

**Tin Cheuk Leung** - Economics

**Danielle Lutfi-Proctor** - Psychology

**Jennifer I. Ong** - Counseling

**James B. Pease** - Biology

**Carmen Perez-Munoz** - Romance Languages

**John Rauthmann** - Psychology

**Elizabeth Rose** - Music

**Celie Saunier** - Romance Languages

**Jonathan Smart** - English - Writing Program

**Michael Tobia** - Psychology

**Barry Trachtenberg** - History

**Amanda Vincent** - Romance Languages

**Laura Welti** - Health and Exercise Science

**Nicholas Wolters** - Romance Languages

**Robert Won** - Mathematics & Statistics

**Abbie Wrights** - Health and Exercise Science

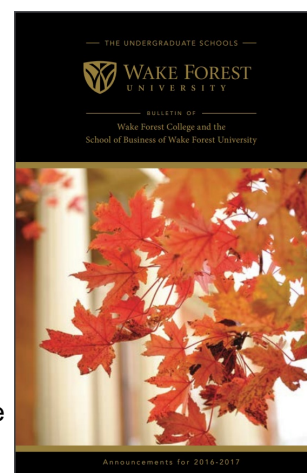
**Qing Ye** - East Asian Languages & Cultures

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## REGISTRATION COMPLETE FOR #WFU20

### Academic Advising

The Office of Academic Advising has been very busy over the summer getting our new students on board and registered for classes. To see the extensive "task list" our new students completed over the summer, go to [newstudents.wfu.edu](http://newstudents.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 1,340 new students (first-year and transfer students) between July 18 and August 19. Many thanks go to the following lower-division advisers who provided invaluable help as members of our registration teams during late July and early August: **Laura Denlinger (Writing Program)**, **Adam Dovico (Education)**, **Anne Hardcastle (Romance Languages)**, **Melissa Jenkins (English)**, **Leah McCoy (Education)**, and **Frank Moore (Mathematics)**.



For a reminder of the mission of OAA and the ways we can help you and students, see <http://advising.wfu.edu/our-mission/>. Our staff and their contact information can be found at <http://advising.wfu.edu/contact/>.

# SUMMER SCHOOL IS GROWING

## Opportunities for Summer 2017



A remarkable number of students (1,934) and faculty members (101) chose to spend their Summer in the Forest: that is, they engaged in teaching and learning during Summer Sessions I & II (in-person and on-line). Undergraduate students completed nearly 6,414 credit hours in lecture classes, independent research classes, and internships. Students who weren't able to stay with us on-campus were still able to engage in rigorous Wake Forest summer classes from their hometowns or other summer destinations by way of 9 online courses offered across 5 departments this summer. In mid-August we celebrated the graduation of 40 undergraduates thanks to the classes they were able to complete during Summer in the Forest 2016.

### ***Seeking Summer School 2017 Professors***

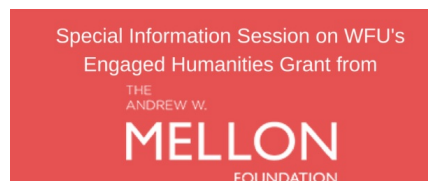
Even though the fall semester hasn't quite started, we are already looking ahead to Summer in the Forest 2017. Summer sessions provide students and faculty alike with unique opportunities to stay engaged in their academic mission while providing them with increased scheduling flexibility. Wake Forest students, joined by visiting college students and exceptional pre-college students, can capitalize on summer session offerings to advance their studies in their majors or to explore areas of new interest. We are especially interested in providing opportunities for our Wake Forest students to be able to pursue divisional courses in the summer. If you haven't taught in the summer, please give it some thought, and don't hesitate to talk to your department chair and Christa Colyer (colyercl@wfu.edu, x5063) or Anna Henley (brownal@wfu.edu, x2330) in the Dean's Office for more information. If you have taught in the summer, we hope you will consider doing so again. Please give some thought to new and innovative classes that we might be able to assist you with. The formal call for summer 2017 courses will follow next month - be sure to keep an eye out for it.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR ENGAGED HUMANITIES**

**Thursday, September 1 - 4:00-5:00 p.m. in ZSR 404 (Auditorium) - Special Information Session on Wake Forest's Engaged Humanities Grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**

***All faculty are invited and encouraged to attend this session*** to learn about the exciting new opportunities for our campus provided by a major grant from the Mellon Foundation. Opportunities include support for developing and implementing interdisciplinary team-taught courses focusing significantly on the engaged humanities, week-long interdisciplinary summer conferences, new ZSR staff to

support faculty working in digital humanities, summer course planning grants, and more! The session will provide important information about how you can apply to participate in these and other programs supported by the Mellon Foundation through summer 2019. Session panelists include Michele Gillespie (Dean of the College and Presidential Endowed Professor of Southern History), Tim Pyatt (Dean of the ZSR Library), Allison Perkins (Associate Provost for Reynolda House and Reynolda Gardens, and Director of the Reynolda House Museum of American Art), and Mary Foskett (Director of the Humanities Institute and Wake Forest Kahle Professor of Religious Studies).



**Wednesday, October 5** - Application Deadline for NEH's **Humanities Connections** program, which offers competitive grants for up to \$100,000 for the development of a series of three or more linked courses focusing on significant humanities content. Projects must involve collaboration between faculty from separate departments or schools within an institution and incorporate meaningful student engagement activities. Linked courses may fulfill general education or core curriculum requirements but could also be designed primarily for students in a particular major or course of study. Special encouragement is given to projects that foster collaboration between humanities faculty and their counterparts in social and natural sciences and pre-service or professional programs. Application guidelines are posted at [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov).

## FACULTY RESOURCES

From the Mentoring Resource Center



As the new semester begins, the [Mentoring Resource Center](#) is here to support faculty as you engage with students in both formal and informal mentoring relationships. Our website includes a [Faculty Resources](#) page along with tools, worksheets, and information related to mentoring students. Additionally, we will be offering two courses through the PDC this Fall in which participants can earn an "Introductory Mentoring Skills Certificate":

**Course One: Introduction to Effective Mentoring & Coaching for Mentors**  
**Thursday, September 29, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

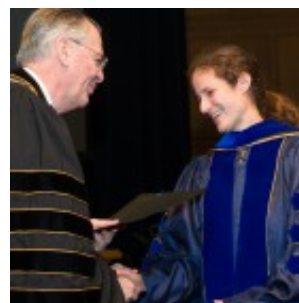
**Course Two: Introduction to Effective Mentoring & Coaching for Mentees**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

For more information please contact Allison McWilliams ([mcwillae@wfu.edu](mailto:mcwillae@wfu.edu)) or Lauren Beam ([beamlr@wfu.edu](mailto:beamlr@wfu.edu)).

## REID-DOYLE TEACHING AWARD

**Submission Deadline - Friday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.**

**Who is Eligible:** Wake Forest College Junior Faculty Members who hold the rank of Assistant Professor or who were promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor in the last academic year are eligible for this prestigious award.



The primary criterion for selection is excellence in teaching. Nominations for the Reid-Doyle Teaching Award are submitted by chairs, program directors, or senior faculty (with chair approval) from within the nominee's department or program.

The Reid-Doyle Teaching Award, along with a monetary award, is presented at our annual Founder's Day Program in February. Plan now to nominate a deserving faculty member from your department. For complete nomination information, please refer to this [link](#) on the College web site.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORKSHOP

**Save the Date! Thursday, October 20, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

As part of the MIMA (Maximizing Inclusivity + Minimizing Apathy) series, and in partnership with the University Counseling Center, the Office of Academic Advising, and the Learning Assistance Center and Disability Services, we will be offering a workshop for best practices when working with students with mental health concerns. The workshop is in the planning stages. Please direct your questions or input to José A. Villalba ([villalja@wfu.edu](mailto:villalja@wfu.edu)).



## CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY

## Congratulations!

**Ben Coates**, Assistant Professor of History, has just published *Legalist Empire: International Law and American Foreign Relations in the Early Twentieth Century* (Oxford University Press, July 2016).

**David Yamane**, Professor of Sociology, *The Handbook of Religion and Society* (Springer, June 2016).

**Robert Erhardt**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, won the American Risk and Insurance Association's Patrick Brockett & Arnold Shapiro Actuarial Journal Award for his paper "Weather Derivative Risk Measures for Extreme Events."



## IN MEMORIAM

### Marcellus Waddill, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

Dr. Marcellus E. Waddill died on August 24, 2016 at the age of 86. He came to Wake Forest in 1962 after receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh. He retired in 1997 as professor emeritus of mathematics. During his time at Wake Forest he was a devoted professor, colleague and friend. He served as chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science for seven years in the 1980's. He also served as chair or member of many college and university committees including secretary-treasurer of Phi Beta Kappa. As an active member of the Wake Forest community, he received many honors and awards including: Jon Reinhart Award for distinguished teaching, Alumni Association's Faculty Prize for Community Service, Omicron Delta Kappa Award for outstanding contribution to student life and the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Sigma Chi Fraternity. In addition, the Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award is awarded annually to two Wake Forest alumni who are exemplary classroom teachers in public or private K-12 schools.



## THOMAS E. AND RUTH MULLEN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

### Encourage Your Students to Apply: Deadline Saturday, October 15

The Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid invites sophomores, juniors, and seniors with outstanding records to compete to become Thomas E. and Ruth Mullen Scholars of the Upperclass Carswell Scholarships. These scholarships carry an annual stipend of \$1,500; once awarded they may be renewed for the remainder of the undergraduate education upon evidence of continuing academic and extracurricular achievement. The Mullen Scholar submits an Apologia at the end of the academic year. This document assesses the student's year and serves as a major basis for renewal. Like other Carswell Scholars, recipients of the Upperclass Carswell Scholarship are eligible to apply for Carswell summer grants before the senior year, and may be eligible for the Carswell Continuation Scholarship to the Wake Forest School of Law.

Applicants should submit to the Scholarship Committee a letter indicating the student's major area of interest, his or her extracurricular participation, and his or her hopes for future study or work while here and after graduation. Receipt of the letter gives the Committee the right to review the transcript and Dean's record of the student. Each applicant must also submit two faculty letters of recommendation to be sent by the faculty member to the Scholarship Committee. Click [here](#) for the application. All materials must be received by **October 15**, and need to be sent via e-mail to Ms. Lynne Lankford, Merit-Based Scholarships, at ([lylankfo@wfu.edu](mailto:lylankfo@wfu.edu)). Prospective candidates with questions may write to Tom Phillips at ([phillito@wfu.edu](mailto:phillito@wfu.edu)).

## WFU BECKMAN STUDENT SCHOLARS PRESENT THEIR WORK

This year's Beckman Scholars (Tyler Dean, who

researches with Professor Uli Bierbach; KyungMin Yoo, who researches with Professor Mark Welker, and Tatianaide Medina Nieto, who researches with Professor Susan Fahrbach), have just returned from presenting their work at the Beckman Scholars Annual Research Symposium, held each summer at the Beckman Center at the University of California, Irvine. Each student presents his or her research to a group of Beckman scholars, mentors, scientists, and administrators.



From left to right: Tyler Dean; KyungMin Yoo; and Tatianaide Medina Nieto

## INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP FAMILY PROGRAM

**The Center for Global Programs and Studies**

The International Friendship Family Program at Wake Forest University is looking for people interested in incorporating our newest international students into their family activities beginning in fall 2016. This program, celebrating its 11th anniversary, has served as an invaluable opportunity for students to experience U.S. culture outside the confines of campus.



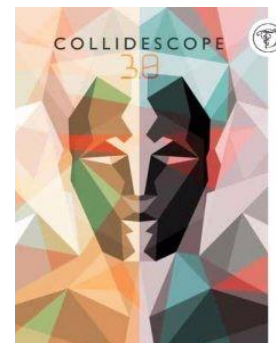
Additionally, it serves as a wonderful chance for families to learn about other cultures and get to know a student from a different nation. This program can create rewarding relationships for years to come.

Click [here](#) for additional information. If you have any questions, contact Tara Grischow ([grischta@wfu.edu](mailto:grischta@wfu.edu)).

## UNIVERSITY THEATRE AND DANCE CONCERT SERIES

**Tickets on Sale Now**

Season tickets for the University Theatre and the Dance Concert Series are on sale now. Theatre season tickets are \$30 for faculty/staff and dance season tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for senior citizens (plus NC sales tax). Season tickets for students are also available at a discounted rate. Tickets can be purchased either online at [college.wfu.edu/theatre](http://college.wfu.edu/theatre) or through the Theatre & Dance Box Office at 336-758-5295 (open on September 6).

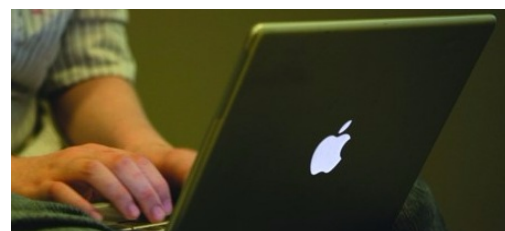


Season tickets to theatre include admission to each of the University Theatre's productions, which are SPARK, Honk Jr., Collidoscope 3.0: Adventures in Pre- and Post-Racial America, and Macbeth as well as the Studio Series. Season tickets to the dance concert series include admission to the Fall Faculty & Guest Artist Concert and the Spring Student Choreographic Concert. For full details of all productions, please visit the Department of Theatre & Dance's website.

## TECH TIP: STUDENTS WITH MACS ARE COMING - ARE YOU READY?

**From Rick Matthews, Director of Academic and Instructional Technology**

Tech Tip: Next week for the first time in 20 years you will have some students who do not have a standard



WFU-issued Windows laptop. You need to prepare for students with Macs. Does your course software run on both Windows and Mac? That is the best situation, though be aware that software may work slightly differently on the two platforms.

If you have software that only runs under Windows, that is OK. Have your students visit [software.wfu.edu](http://software.wfu.edu) and install VM Fusion; this software allows students to run Windows on their Macs. If they need to run the Windows-only application, they can then go back to [software.wfu.edu](http://software.wfu.edu) from within Windows on their Mac and install the appropriate **Windows** software.

Please alert your [instructional technologist](#) early if you anticipate using Windows-specific hardware in your courses or labs. We can make this work, but it may take more planning and coordination.

Please note that incoming students have been informed that they must have either a Mac or Windows laptop meeting certain requirements. Students on financial aid have a technology grant to cover the cost. You may still assume that every student has a computer capable of meeting their academic needs.

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

**Tuesday, September 6, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.; Green Room, Reynolda Hall**  
*Faculty/Staff Social*

**Thursday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.; Brendle Recital Hall**

*Voices of Our Time Presents: An Evening of Perspective with Peggy*

*Noonan: Peggy Noonan is a widely admired columnist for The Wall Street Journal, and the bestselling author of eight books on American politics, history, and culture. <http://voices.wfu.edu/>*



**Friday, September 9, 3:30 p.m.; Scales Fine Arts Center, M208**

*Stewart Carter, Faculty Presentation: "The Tang Dynasty Dance Band: Images of Musical Ensembles in the Mogao Grottoes"*

**Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.; Benson**

*Safe Zone Workshop (For Faculty and Staff).* Registration is required for this event. <http://pdc.wfu.edu/event/10175/>

**Wednesday, September 21**

*College Fall Budget Requests Due by 5:00 p.m. (Department Chairs Submit)*

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To share news or events with the College Faculty, contact Melanie Hylton in the Office of the Dean of the College. The next issue will be sent on Monday, September 12. Submissions are due on Tuesday, September 6 by 5:00 p.m.

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