



# WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

## *Dean's Office Digest* January 8, 2018



Welcome back and happy spring semester! We have several terrific college-wide events ahead: public scholar [Michael Eric Dyson](#)'s talk in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. on **Monday, January 22, 2018**; *Hidden Figures* author [Margot Lee Shetterly](#)'s talk on **Monday, February 5, 2018**; [Senior Orations](#) and Faculty Awards at [Founder's Day Convocation](#) on **Tuesday, February 16, 2018**; [Dean's List Gala](#) on **Tuesday, February 23, 2018**. Come celebrate with your students the values we uphold in our academic community. Meanwhile, the [College Curriculum Review Committee](#)'s work has not slackened over the break. The recently administered faculty survey on the core curriculum netted a remarkable 82% participation rate. Thank you! The CCRC will meet **Friday, January 12, 2018** to discuss this critical feedback and plan the next steps.

Colleagues frequently ask me why are we doing this review. What's wrong with our core curriculum? What's your agenda? I do not think our core curriculum is broken, nor is there an agenda. I am asking us as a college faculty to do nothing more than our collective duty, which is to periodically evaluate whether we believe our general education curriculum is meeting the needs of our students. It has been 19 years since we conducted a comprehensive review, and 11 since we reduced divisionals. Our current review, which builds on last year's examination of best practices at other schools and revealed that we stood virtually alone among peer and aspirational schools in not conducting an in-depth review for so long, is in direct response to the Committee on Academic Planning's 2006 recommendation that we examine our core curriculum more regularly.

This spring the CCRC, representing faculty at all stages of their career from every division of the college, is studying the work of the [American Association of Colleges and Universities](#) on defining the purpose of a liberal arts education; analyzing our own data from the faculty survey, core curriculum course selection, and other internal sources; and working to identify key student learning outcomes (such as the knowledge, skills, and ways of thinking that students should possess by the time they graduate from Wake Forest University). The CCRC will seek specific feedback and approval from the college faculty as we develop these student learning outcomes, and indeed, at every stage of the review process. Please refer to our CCRC [webpage](#) for a more extensive description of the CCRC work and to give us your feedback.

The transformative strength of our liberal arts education at WFU is in our shared commitment to the intentionality of our core curriculum. Periodic review, however daunting, ensures we continue to provide exceptional learning opportunities,

knowledge bases, and skill sets for all our students, truly preparing them to lead full, rich lives of meaning and purpose. In the end, this curriculum review is an exciting, empowering pursuit, one that embodies our highest aspirations for our students and for each other.



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## REMEMBERING DAVID CATRON



We are saddened by the loss of [David Catron](#), Professor Emeritus of [Psychology](#), who passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017. He joined WFU's faculty as an instructor in 1963 and taught at the university for 33 years. His retirement was recognized at commencement in 1994. A memorial service was held last week in the Saal at Salemtowne Retirement Community.

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## Z. SMITH REYNOLDS FELLOWSHIP AND INTERNSHIP

**Deadline for applications: Monday, January 8, 2018, 12:00 pm**

[Z. Smith Reynolds](#)  
FOUNDATION

Please encourage your students to apply for the following two paid opportunities through the [Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation](#):

- The [ZSR Fellowship](#) is a two-year, full-time, paid fellowship for a recent college graduate or a graduating senior who is interested in philanthropy, public policy, community service, and/or in the nonprofit sector.
- The [ZSR Summer Internship](#) is an eight-week, paid summer internship for an undergraduate or graduate student who is interested in philanthropy, public policy, community service and/or the nonprofit sector.

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## AGING RE-IMAGINED 2.0

**Deadline for submissions: Monday, January 15, 2018, 5:00 pm**

WFU will host "[Aging Re-Imagined 2.0](#)," a symposium on various aspects of aging on **Thursday, May 3, 2018** and

**Friday, May 4, 2018**. Artists, clinicians, community

members, and researchers are encouraged to offer submissions for DEAC Talks (similar to TED Talks) and posters that address aging.



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## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



**Tuesday, January 16, 2018, ZSR Library Auditorium**

The [College](#) will welcome new students with an orientation that will address "Academic Success" and "Success and Support Outside of the Classroom." Students will hear from various departments

and receive a campus tour. Contact [Cherise James](#), Associate Director of Orientation and Lower Division Programming, or [India Dunn](#), Academic Counselor, for more information.

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING SUBMISSIONS

### Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

The theme for WFU's Black History Month 2018 is "*I, too, am America*," which is derived from Langston Hughes' poem "[I, too, Sing America](#)." Organizations and departments can submit programs to be included on the Black History Month Calendar by accessing the attached [Google Form](#).

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LAURA VENESKEY  
Art



KRISTIN BEAVERS  
Health & Exercise  
Science



WAYNE SILVER  
Biology



DIEGO BURGOS  
Spanish & Italian

### NEW IDEAS SERIES

**Thursday, January 18, 2018, 3:00 pm,  
ZSR Auditorium**

The [Office of the Dean of the College](#) invites you to learn more about the new ideas and recent scholarship of faculty colleagues across the College. The [New Ideas Series](#) will be held the third Thursday of each month. Each speaker will have eight minutes to present their "New Idea." Please join us at 3:00 pm for refreshments; speakers will begin at 3:20 pm.

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### CALL FOR FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR PROPOSALS

**Deadline for proposals: Friday, January 19, 2018, 12:00 pm**

The [Committee on First-Year Seminars](#) is accepting proposals for new seminar courses to be taught during the Fall 2018 semester or thereafter. Click on the following links for [proposal guidelines](#) and [submission form](#).



### STUDENT ADVISER NOMINATIONS

**Deadline for nominations: Sunday, January 21, 2018**

The [Office of Academic Advising](#) is seeking nominations for 2018 student advisers. If you would like to recommend students as student adviser candidates, please complete and submit [this form](#). Please be aware that this recommendation does not guarantee the student a position as a student adviser. He/she must apply, interview, and be selected for the position.

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### URECA SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS AND WORKSHOP

Please note the upcoming deadlines for summer funding opportunities:



- Faculty-student team applications for the [Collaborative Summer Scholarship Award](#) are due by **Tuesday, January 30, 2018**.
- Student applications for the [ACC-IAC Fellows Program in Creativity and Innovation](#) are due by **Friday, February 2, 2018**.
- Student applications for [Richter Scholarships](#) (primarily overseas opportunities) and the [Wake Forest Research Fellowship](#) and [Wake Forest Arts and Humanities Research Fellowship](#) are due by **Friday, February 9, 2018**.

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:00 pm, ZSR Library Auditorium**

The [URECA Center](#) will sponsor a Summer Fellowship Workshop to discuss the purpose of each fellowship. Please contact [Wayne Pratt](#), URECA Center Activities Coordinator, if you have questions about this workshop.

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### TELL YOUR STUDENTS: SENIOR ORATIONS



### **Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 5:00 pm, Pugh Auditorium**

Join members of the WFU community as ten of the best and brightest graduating seniors present their essays in the long-standing tradition of [Senior Orations](#).

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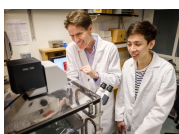
## **REGISTER FOR WISE CONFERENCE**

**Thursday, February 8 - Friday, February 9, 2018, Downtown Marriott**

WISE aims to further global awareness and intercultural competence of faculty and staff in order to share that knowledge with students, both in and out of the classroom. Make plans to attend this pioneering [conference](#) hosted by the Center for Global Programs and Studies. [Registration](#) is required, but there is **no cost** to attend for WFU faculty and staff.



## **CALL FOR FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS**



**Deadline for nominations: Friday, February 9, 2018**

The [College Board of Visitors](#) sponsors an annual award that recognizes outstanding academic leadership by a faculty member of the Undergraduate College. This award is limited to permanent faculty (tenure track and teaching professors) working in the Undergraduate College. Nominations should be sent to [Denise Griggs](#).

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## **T-CART GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Deadline for applications: Friday, February 9, 2018**

The [Provost's Office](#) is partnering with the [Teaching and Learning Collaborative](#) and [Information Systems](#) for the [T-CART Grants](#), which provide faculty with funding to advance their teaching, learning, scholarly, and creative work. For questions, please contact [Kami Chavis](#) or [Elliott McKoy](#).



## **REYNOLDA CONFERENCE GRANTS DEADLINE**

Faculty members applying for the [Reynolda Conference competitive grant](#) are strongly encouraged to submit a full draft of their proposals by **Thursday, February 15, 2018** in order to receive committee feedback and comments. Applicants must first submit a completed cover page to [Allison Perkins](#) and [Dean Franco](#) by **Thursday, February 1, 2018**. Final proposals in PDF form are due by **Saturday, March 31, 2018**.

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## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT, ARCHIE, AND RESEARCH FUNDING**

**Deadline for applications: Thursday, February 15, 2018, 5:00 pm**

The deadline for spring applications for [Faculty Development](#), [Archie](#), and [Summer Research Funding](#) (excluding book development) is **Thursday, February 15, 2018**. Please submit your application using only forms updated July 1, 2017 (links [here](#)) to [Leigh Anne Wray](#).



## **CALL FOR FACULTY FELLOWSHIP NOMINATIONS**

**Deadline for nominations: Thursday, March 15, 2018**





The Wake Forest College Faculty Fellowships honor our best teacher-scholars who have distinguished themselves as dedicated and successful teachers and mentors in their disciplines. All nominations must be endorsed by the chair. Chairs and senior faculty, please refer to the guidelines [here](#) and then email your nomination letter and supporting documentation to [Leigh Anne Wray](#). Information should be submitted electronically as a single PDF email attachment.

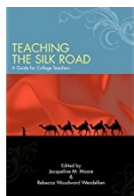
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## FACULTY SURVEY REGARDING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

Faculty and staff who wish to be identified as supportive of first-generation college students are invited to take this short [survey](#). Individuals filling out the survey may also mark if they are first-generation college graduates themselves.



## SILK ROADS WINSTON-SALEM FACULTY WORKSHOPS



[Silk Roads Winston-Salem](#), in partnership with the [Teaching and Learning Collaborative](#), held three faculty workshops on "Integrating Silk Roads into Your Teaching" in November and December. The workshops were anchored on discussions of the book, [Teaching the Silk Road: A Guide for College Teachers](#). More information about the workshops can be found [here](#).

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## DO YOU ADVISE SENIORS INTENDING TO GRADUATE IN MAY?

Please review [DegreeWorks](#) on behalf of each graduating senior you advise. The requirement block and individual course requirements should have green check marks beside them or a single squiggly line (if a student is enrolled in but has not completed the course requirement). If any of your students have unmet requirements (empty red check boxes), please immediately reach out to them because **THEIR MAY GRADUATION COULD BE IN JEOPARDY**.

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## SUMMER SESSION INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Summer Session 2018 course information and calendars are finalized and updated on the [website](#). Encourage your students to visit the website to begin making their summer plans. If you are a faculty member interested in teaching in the summer, there is still time to get your course on the record. Contact [Anna Henley](#) to discuss teaching opportunities.

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## EMERGENCY FINANCIAL FUND IN DEAN'S OFFICE

The [Ellis Family Emergency Aid Fund](#) helps with emergency needs of students who are experiencing financial hardship, especially as it relates to academics. This fund can cover such costs as textbooks, travel expenses related to a family emergency, and the psycho-educational assessment for a suspected learning disability. If you become aware of a student who might have financial hardship, please contact [Christy Buchanan](#) in the Office of Academic Advising.

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## THE DEACONS' GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE

The Demon Deacons were among eight college football teams that played in a bowl game and boast a Graduation Success Rate above 90 percent. WFU's team has a GSR of 93 percent, joining a select group that includes Northwestern, South Carolina, and Stanford.



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## FACULTY AND STAFF MEAL PLANS



WFU faculty and staff can purchase [meal plans](#) for eating in the dining halls during the spring semester. The plans range in size and can make each meal at a dining hall cost as low as \$6.

## *Faculty Accomplishments*

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### DAN LOCKLAIR'S SYMPHONY GETS NATIONAL BROADCAST



[Dan Locklair](#), Professor of Music and Composer-in-Residence, had the third movement, *Thanksgiving*, from his [Symphony No. 2 "America"](#) receive a national broadcast on the prestigious syndicated program [Performance Today](#) on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. The symphony made its [world premiere](#) in October.

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### SARAH McDONALD RECEIVES FUNDING FROM NIH

Sarah McDonald, Associate Professor of Biology, received funding for her proposal entitled "Rotavirus Genome Replication and Virion Assembly" from the [National Institutes of Health](#).



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### CHRISTIAN B. MILLER WRITES FOR WALL STREET JOURNAL



[Christian B. Miller](#), the A.C. Reid Professor of [Philosophy](#), wrote an essay entitled "[Science-Tested Tips to Be a Better Person](#)" published in the Wall Street Journal on Friday, January 5, 2018. The Wall Street Journal also published the first review of his new book, [The Character Gap](#), on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

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### JAMES OTTESON WILL GIVE KEYNOTE LECTURE IN CHILE

[James Otteson](#), Professor of [Economics](#), will give a keynote lecture at the [International Adam Smith Society's annual conference](#) in Vina del Mar, Chile, on **Saturday, January 13, 2018**. His lecture is entitled "Adam Smith's Libertarian Paternalism." Prior to the start of the conference, Otteson will participate in a debate on "[Liberty versus Equality in Adam Smith](#)" at the Centro de Estudios Publicos in Santiago, Chile.



## *Engaged Liberal Arts in Action*

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### CLASSROOM TO COMMUNITY



Classroom to Community: Enhancing Patient Care with [Take the Fight \(TTF\) to Cancer](#) integrates academic work in the [Humanities](#) and Social Sciences with community service through TTF, a nonprofit organization founded at WFU's [Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) that gives students the opportunity to work as lay patient navigators. Twelve WFU students in the course

presented their project proposals to providers, patients, and family members at the cancer center on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The projects included a cultural competency workshop for clinicians and a guided self-reflection journal designed to support patient coping and to facilitate patient-provider communication. The students who participated in the event were:

Christopher Aragon	Ashley Bartlett
Tone Deinema	Rebecca Glass
Joseph Kastrenakes	Yvonne Li
Amy Pfeffer	Gloria Qiao
Lucy Toma	Michael Wynne
Mike Zappa	Celia Zhou



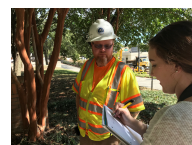
## JOURNALISM STUDENTS PRODUCE "HEARD IT HERE"



Nine WFU students took part in a form of community journalism in an upper-level course taught by [Phoebe Zerwick](#), Director of [Journalism](#), in Fall 2017. The students produced a regular online news report entitled "[Heard it Here](#)" focused on the people and places that make downtown Winston-

Salem a community.

Zerwick said their mission was to present "downtown's many voices with stories that build community through accurate, independent and accountable reporting."



## MUSICAL EMPOWERMENT

[Musical Empowerment](#) consists of WFU students who volunteered in the fall to teach music lessons to



underprivileged children at Speas Elementary School in Winston-Salem.

Several elementary students showed off what they had learned from Musical Empowerment with a recital at [Brendle Recital](#)

[Hall](#) on Friday, December 8, 2017. WFU student Linda Sui coordinated the recital.



## NIAF ON CAMPUS COMES TO WFU

WFU senior Mary Taormina was among 15 students nationally who were selected to participate in the [NIAF on Campus](#) program for 2017-18. She will serve as the official ambassador of Italian culture at WFU, promoting the Italian culture on campus and around the community under the supervision of [Silvia Tiboni-Craft](#), Assistant Teaching Professor of Italian.

## TECH TIP: Lynda.com

David John, Interim Director of Academic and Instructional Technology

*This tech tip comes from Instructional Technologist Ryan McCollum.*



Do you want to become more proficient using technology tools such as Photoshop or Excel but don't have time to go to a long workshop? All WFU faculty, staff, and students have access to [Lynda.com](https://www.lynda.com), a website with thousands of instructional videos on many technology related topics. Visit the [ITG website](#) to learn more about accessing and getting started using Lynda.com.

For other tips and tutorials, visit the [Instructional Technology Group site](#) or contact your [instructional technologist](#).

### *Upcoming Deadlines*

*Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Fellowship and Internship - Applications due by*

**Monday, January 8, 2018, 12:00 pm**

*Aging Re-Imagined 2.0 - Submissions due by Monday, January 15, 2018, 5:00 pm*

*WFU's Black History Month - Calendar submissions due by Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

*Committee on First-Year Seminars - Seminar proposals due by Friday, January 19, 2018, 12:00 pm*

*Student Advisers - Nominations due by Sunday, January 21, 2018*

*Collaborative Summer Scholarship Award - Applications due by Tuesday, January 30, 2018*

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*T-CART Grants - Applications due by Friday, February 9, 2018*

*Richter Scholarships - Applications due by Friday, February 9, 2018*

*Wake Forest Research Fellowship and Wake Forest Arts and Humanities*

*Research Fellowship - Applications due by Friday, February 9, 2018*

*Faculty Development, Archie, and Summer Research Funding - Applications due by Thursday, February 15, 2018*

*Wake Forest College Faculty Fellowships - Nominations due by Thursday, March 15, 2018*

### *Upcoming Events*

*New Student Orientation - Tuesday, January 16, 2018, ZSR Library Auditorium*

*New Ideas Series - Thursday, January 18, 2018, 3:00 pm, ZSR Library Auditorium*

*Michael Eric Dyson* - Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:00 pm, Wait Chapel

*URECA Center Fellowship Workshop* - Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:00 pm, ZSR

**Library Auditorium**

*Margot Lee Shetterly* - Monday, February 5, 2018, 7:00 pm, Wait Chapel

*WISE Conference* - Thursday, February 8 - Friday, February 9, 2018, Downtown

**Marriott**

*Senior Orations* - Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 5:00 pm, Pugh Auditorium

To share news or events with the College Faculty,  
contact [Alex Abrams](#) in the Office of the Dean of the College.

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Our next issue of the Dean's Office Digest will be Monday, January 22, 2018.

Submissions are due Tuesday, January 16, 2018, by 5:00 pm.

