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Dean's Office Digest November 19, 2018



The welcome arrival of Thanksgiving break also means final exams are almost upon us. Please (re-) familiarize yourself with our exam policies below (such as no major tests the last week of classes, allowing students to reschedule one of their exams if they have more than two in one day, and providing alternate exam dates). Submit your final grades on time (by noon on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**) and avoid incompletes. Know that while most students experience some exam-related stress at the end of the semester, at least a quarter of our students are juggling these heightened academic demands with other difficult life events. Remember that faculty are often the first community members to recognize students in distress. Help your students by urging them to take advantage of our support services or reach out to those [offices](#) yourself for their help.

From the Dean's Office

COLLEGE HOUSE EVENTS

Monday, November 19, 2018, 11:00 am, College House, 2430-A Reynolda Road

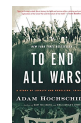


[Martha Allman](#), Dean of [Admissions](#), will lead a "[Coffee and Conversation](#)." Retired and current faculty are invited to attend. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served. Please RSVP to wfhhouse@wfu.edu.

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 11:00 am, College House, 2430-A Reynolda Road

[Chuck Thomas](#), Professor of [History](#), will lead a discussion on [To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918](#) to kick off the [College House Book Club](#). All faculty are invited to attend the book club, not just retired faculty.

Please RSVP to wfhhouse@wfu.edu.



ADVICE AND STRATEGIES FOR MID-CAREER FACULTY

Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Reynolda 301



Associate professors are invited to join the [Office of the Dean of the College](#), the [Mentoring Resource Center](#), and the [Professional Development Center](#) to discuss time management, writing strategies, and re-engagement post-tenure.

ACADEMIC ADVISING ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCING TATIANA OSTWALT

Welcome to Tatiana Ostwalt, the new Administrative Assistant in the [Office of Academic Advising](#)! Tatiana received her Bachelor of Arts degree in [Politics and International Affairs](#) and [Russian](#) from WFU in May 2018. Read about her [here](#). In her new role, Tatiana provides administrative support for the Associate Dean for Academic Advising, and helps support the work of the OAA.

CALL FOR FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

Deadline for proposals: Friday, January 18, 2019, 12:00 pm

The [Committee on First-Year Seminars](#) is accepting proposals for new seminar courses to be taught during the Fall 2019 semester or thereafter. Click on the following links for [proposal guidelines](#) and [submission form](#).



FINAL EXAM POLICIES

There should be no departure from the final exam policy unless prior arrangement has been made through the Committee on Academic Affairs. If you have any questions about this policy, please consult your chair or Senior Associate Dean of Academic Advising [Christy Buchanan](#). The policy states:

- Students should have no more than two final exams in a 24-hour period. If they do, they should be permitted to reschedule one.
- Alternative exam times can be scheduled in addition to the regularly scheduled exams, provided the additional times fall within the allotted time period for exams. Evenings could be used for scheduling.
- No exams should be given in lieu of final exams before the beginning of the regularly scheduled exam period.
- Tests counting one-fourth or more of a student's grade are not to be given during the last week of classes. If such tests are deemed necessary at the end of the semester, they should be given during the scheduled final exam period.

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

Faculty must adhere to the policy of awarding "Incomplete" grades as described [here](#) in the [Academic Bulletin](#).

POST-REGISTRATION ADVISING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Open Course Report is an easy-to-read listing of Spring 2019 courses with open seats, updated weekly from the end of registration through the last day to add. Tell your advisees who are looking for course openings that they should view the Open Course Report on the [Office of Academic Advising website](#).

ADVISING SENIORS INTENDING TO GRADUATE IN MAY

Please review [DegreeWorks](#) for each senior you advise. The requirement block and individual course requirements should have green check marks beside them or a squiggly line (if they are enrolled in but have not completed the course requirement). If any students have unmet requirements (empty red check boxes), please reach out to them immediately because their May graduation could be in jeopardy.



LETTERS SO DEAR

Orientation and Lower Division Programming has launched a new initiative called the "Letters So Dear" campaign, which infuses encouraging and authentic messaging to our first-year and transfer students. You can see the Letters So Dear archive [here](#) or join our mailing list on the same webpage. If you know upperclass students who could write a letter, please encourage them to send their submissions via email to [Cherise James](#).

MELLON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ENGAGED HUMANITIES COURSE PLANNING GRANT

Deadline for proposals: Friday, February 8, 2019

The Engaged Humanities Course Grants will support up to four pairs of cross-disciplinary faculty (which may include partnerships with Wake Forest's [law](#), [medical](#), and [divinity](#) schools) to design and offer either team-taught courses, linked courses, or co-taught sequential courses that will engage students in Public Humanities and emphasize collaborative research or creative work. Click [here](#) for more information.

**COURSE LOCALIZATION SUMMER PLANNING GRANT****Deadline for proposals: Friday, February 8, 2019**

The Course Localization Summer Planning Grant provides an opportunity for faculty to focus their research on issues that are important to local community members, including housing and gentrification, environmental justice, political activism, food insecurity, and racism. The [Office of the Dean of the College](#) invites proposals from faculty to transform an existing course into one that is locally engaged and/or that addresses issues that are significant to the community. Click [here](#) for more information.

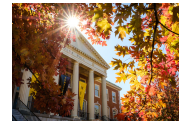
From Around the College

**WAKERSPACE OPENS****Monday, November 19, 2018, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

[WakerSpace](#) is now open to all students, faculty, and staff. The 3,000-square-foot facility is located in the former temporary home of Student Health, in parking lot Q. Please visit the space and learn about the technologies that are available to assist you in advancing an idea to a working prototype. WakerSpace staff members and volunteers are ready to help you with your projects.

REYNOLDA CONFERENCE GRANT INFORMATION SESSION**Monday, November 19, 2018, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, ZSR 476**

The [Reynolda Conference competitive grant](#) offers faculty \$20,000 to hold a three- to five-day seminar on a humanities topic of their choice. The grant award supports travel, lodging, and stipends for invited scholars, as well as stipends for WFU and Triad area scholars. The conference topic is open, and it is expected that faculty will propose topics based on their ongoing research. Please join the [Humanities Institute](#) for an information session to learn more about the grant and application process. Please RSVP via email to [Aimee Mephram](#).

**STUDY SMARTER, NOT HARDER****Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Benson Center**

The [Learning Assistance Center](#) is offering students [quick tips](#) to study and get tools before final exams. The information session will be held outside the food court at the Benson Center.

TLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 3:30 - 4:45 pm, ZSR 665**

[Kristi Verbeke](#), Director of Educational Development, and [Anita McCauley](#), Assistant Director, will hold a workshop entitled "Finishing with a Flourish: Activities to Spark Connection and Reflection on the Last Days of Class." Register [here](#).

CALL FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING AWARD APPLICATIONS**Deadline for applications: Monday, February 4, 2019, 5:00 pm**

Applications for the [Innovative Teaching Award](#) are being accepted. The [Teaching and Learning Collaborative](#) will recognize up to five faculty members with this award in Spring 2019. This award recognizes faculty who have redesigned or introduced courses with innovative, research-based approaches to teaching with new methods and technologies. All faculty are invited to apply. One application per faculty member will be accepted.



ANTISEMITISM IN THE AGE OF TRUMP

Thursday, November 29, 2018, 6:00 pm, Byrum Welcome Center



In light of the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the [Jewish Studies Program](#) will present a roundtable discussion entitled "[Antisemitism in the Age of Trump](#)." Six faculty members will explore how the current political climate is contributing to a resurgence of antisemitism both in the United States and globally. A Q&A session will follow. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact JewishStudies@wfu.edu or 336-758-2512.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERIES

The office of [International Student and Scholar Services](#) will host a Lunch and Learn that will focus on hiring international employees. Lunch will be provided. Contact [Blair Bocook](#) if you have any questions.

CONSIDERING THE J-1 VISA FOR INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES

Thursday, November 29, 2018, Noon - 1:30 pm, Reynolds Gymnasium A330

Does your department hire international faculty and/or staff to teach courses and/or conduct research at WFU? Did you know you could host an international employee for up to five years without paying any visa sponsorship fees? Please join [International Student and Scholar Services](#) for an overview of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. Registration is required; sign up [here](#).

LMS COMMITTEE CONSIDERS OPTIONS

WFU faculty and students have expressed interest in evaluating [Sakai Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#) options. The LMS committee, which includes faculty representing the College, sent a survey to all faculty, staff, graduate students, and a sample of undergraduate students in October. There were nearly 1,000 responses, either recorded or partial (including 198 faculty and 183 staff). The LMS committee hopes product demonstrations will begin in Spring 2019. Regular updates on the LMS evaluation process will be posted [here](#).



Faculty Accomplishments

HANES ART GALLERY EXHIBITION RECOGNIZED



The [Hanes Art Gallery](#) exhibition "[Vesna Pavlović Lost Art](#)" and the publication [Vesna Pavlović's Lost Art: Photography, Display, and the Archive](#) received the [2018 SECAC Award for Outstanding Presentation and Publication of Contemporary Materials](#). The [Office of the Provost](#), the [Office of the Dean of the College](#), and the [Department of Art](#) supported the project. An official launch of the book will be held at [Bookmarks](#) in April 2019.

MICHAEL BERRY RECEIVES DEFENSE FUNDING

[Michael Berry](#), Professor of [Health and Exercise Science](#), earned funding for his proposal entitled "Balancing operative and rehabilitation needs in critically ill burn patients who require multiple planned surgical interventions" by the [United States Department of Defense](#) and the [University of Kentucky Research Foundation](#).



KEITH BONIN AWARDED FUNDING FOR PROPOSAL



[Keith Bonin](#), Professor of [Physics](#), earned funding for his proposal entitled "Chromatin mobility in response to DNA damage" from the [National Institutes of Health](#) and [Wake Forest University Health Sciences](#).

PETER BRUBAKER EARNS NIH FUNDING

Peter Brubaker, Department Chair and Professor of Health and Exercise Science, received funding for his proposal entitled "PILOT: Does a tailored-progressive physical activity intervention before and during non- and Hodgkin lymphoma anthracycline-based chemotherapy preserve exercise capacity, QOL, cardiac and cognitive function?" from the National Institutes of Health and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.



MARK CURTIS RECEIVES KAUFFMAN GRANT

Mark Curtis, Assistant Professor of Economics, was awarded a grant from the Kauffman Foundation to study the effect of policy changes in entrepreneurship. The grant was part of the Knowledge Challenge: Insight to Impact to find "innovative approaches to address the biggest problems facing entrepreneurs."

MICHAEL GROSS EARNS NATIONAL SCIENCE FUNDING

Michael Gross, Associate Professor of Engineering, received funding for his proposal entitled "CAREER: Processing High Surface Area, Nanostructured Ceramic Scaffolds at High Temperatures via In-Situ Carbon Templating of Hybrid Materials" from the National Science Foundation.



SUSAN HARLAN PROFILED ON INSIDE HIGHER ED

Susan Harlan, Associate Professor of English, was featured in an article on Inside Higher Ed about her new book, Decorating a Room of One's Own. Click [here](#) to read the article.

STACI HEPLER RECEIVES FUNDING FOR PROPOSAL

Staci Hepler, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, was awarded funding for her proposal entitled "A Bayesian Spatio-Temporal Approach for Estimating County-Level Opioid Misuse Rates in Ohio" from the National Institutes of Health and The Ohio State University.



ERANDA JAYAWICKREME EARNS FUNDING

Eranda Jayawickreme, Associate Professor of Psychology, received funding for his proposal entitled "Strengthening Character Through Challenge and Failure" from the John Templeton Foundation and Arizona State University.

KIMBERLY WORTMANN SPEAKS AT UNIVERSITIES

Kimberly Wortmann, Assistant Professor of the Study of Religions, discussed Islam and Africa at several recent speaking engagements, including at the "Islam and Race" panel at Harvard University. She spoke at the "Muslim Youth and Lived Islam in Africa & Beyond" workshop at the University of Florida and gave a lecture entitled "Endowments, Wills, and Charitable Societies" at Northwestern University.



Latest Faculty Books



Susan Harlan. *Decorating a Room of One's Own: Conversations on Interior Design with Miss Havisham, Jane Eyre, Victor Frankenstein, Elizabeth Bennet, Ishmael, and Other Literary Notables*. Abrams Image. October 2018.

Michael Hyde. *The Interruption That We Are: The Health of the Lived Body, Narrative, and Public Moral Argument*. University of South Carolina Press. September 2018.



TECH TIP: GOOGLE DOCS TIPS AND TRICKS



[Rick Matthews](#), Director of [Academic and Instructional Technology](#).

Google Docs continues to expand its functionality. It has come a long way since its 2006 launch. Instructional Technologist [Scott Claybrook](#) writes about some [Google Docs tips and tricks](#) he has discovered recently.

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

Upcoming Deadlines

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Senior Colloquium - Student nominations due by Monday, December 10, 2018

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

Our next issue of the Dean's Office Digest will be Monday, December 3, 2018.

Submissions are due Tuesday, November 27, 2018, by 5:00 pm.



