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The College Board of Visitors (CBOV) has supported an annual award to recognize outstanding academic leadership in the Undergraduate College since 2016-2017. The award recognizes academic leadership in the college as a valued practice and confirms that departmental and other college academic leaders can be effective agents of change on behalf of the institution, students and colleagues. I am delighted to announce that this year's recipient of the CBOV Faculty

Leadership Award is Jay Ford, Professor in the Department for the Study of Religions.

Multiple nomination letters cite Jay's exemplary leadership as former chair of his department, as well as his significant leadership across the college and the university over many years. As one letter observed, "Most Chair tasks occur behind the scenes and remain invisible to faculty ... yet the role of Chair is vital for creating a department and college climate that fosters excellence in teaching, advising, research and service. Without such leadership, departments cease to flourish, [and become] mired in inefficiency, individualism and low morale. Some Chairs fail, others fulfill the letter — if not the spirit — of the position, and a few excel ... Jay Ford has excelled as the Chair of the Department for the Study of Religions."

Jay's leadership in the college has been equally exceptional. His committee service has included the Committee on Academic Planning (CAP), the Strategic Resource Committee, and the Review Committee for the Promotion of Teaching Professors and Professors of the Practice. He has been the faculty representative to the Trustees in the areas of academics and finance, and he has been elected to serve on the Faculty Senate. Most recently, he chaired the Dean's Curriculum Review Task Force. One example of Jay's leadership includes his chairmanship of the Committee on Orientation and Lower-Division Advising (2006-2009), during which he spearheaded a strategic plan to create our current Office for Academic Advising, generating significant enhancements to new student orientation, lower-division advising, registration, major advising and other programs supporting Wake Forest students in the transition to college and beyond.

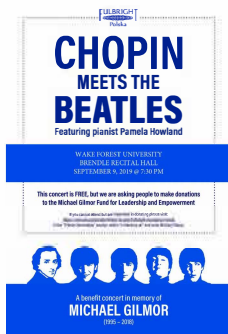
Colleagues describe Jay as an "inspirational, effective and tireless leader" who demonstrates "hard work, dedication and grace" regardless of the challenge at hand. Writes CBOV chair Hannah Kehaya, "Since its inception in 2017, the CBOV has bestowed the Faculty Leadership Award to honor exceptional faculty. This year's recipient, Dr. Jay Ford, exemplifies the kind of

leadership and community-building this award was designed to honor. He joins previous recipients Dr. Keith Bonin and Dr. Sarah Raynor, as testaments to our faculty's commitment to academic excellence and to our Wake Forest students!" Jay will be formally honored at the CBOV meeting in October, and in addition to his receiving a plaque and \$3,000, his department will receive \$7,000 to support a powerful academic vision. Keith Bonin and the Physics Department used their award in 2017 to bring in leading physics scholars to speak with students. Sarah Raynor and the Department of Mathematics & Statistics used their award in 2018 to reimagine the Mathematics & Statistics Center (the redesign opened this August). Please join me in congratulating Jay Ford. We are all in his debt for his visionary leadership and service.



From the Dean's Office

FULBRIGHT DAY OF CELEBRATION AND BENEFIT CONCERT



All-day events today, Reynolda Hall; Benefit concert "Chopin Meets the Beatles" at 7:30 p.m., Brendle Recital Hall

Today is a [Fulbright Day of Celebration on the Reynolda Campus](#). Former Fulbright Scholars (faculty, professional and study), Fulbright Program Advisers and U.S. Department of State representatives will come to Reynolda Hall for information sessions, workshops and a reception. Then, at 7:30 p.m., pianist Pam Howland will present a benefit concert "[Chopin Meets the Beatles!](#)" on behalf of Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Poland Michael Gilmore, who died soon after his return from duty. The concert, in Brendle Recital Hall, is free and open to the public.

COLLEGE HOUSE HOSTS COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m., College House

[The College House's](#) next Coffee and Conversation will be held on Tuesday, September 10, at 10 a.m. Tim Pyatt, the Dean of the Library, will share "What's New at ZSR." RSVP to wfhhouse@wfu.edu.



NEW FACULTY IN THE FOREST PROGRAM

Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Autumn Room in Reynolda Hall

In August 2013, the College started the "New Faculty in the Forest" program, designed to help new faculty be more thoroughly acclimated to the institution. This year-long, optional program was a way to connect new faculty to different offices on campus – both student-serving and faculty-serving in nature – through a series of monthly, interactive meetings. The 2019-2020 program is open to faculty members in their first, second, or third years at Wake Forest. The

program is organized into a student-serving theme in the fall term and a faculty-serving theme in the spring term.

The first program, "Resources for Students with Disabilities," will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the Autumn Room, 2nd Floor, Reynolda Hall. Ashley Heffner, staff psychologist with the Learning Assistance Center & Disability Services, will be the guest speaker.

For more information and a full list of events, [click here for the program flyer](#). If you have any questions about the program, please contact [Leigh Anne Robinson](#) or [Tony Marsh](#).

NEW IDEAS SERIES RETURNS NEXT WEEK Thursday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m., ZSR Auditorium

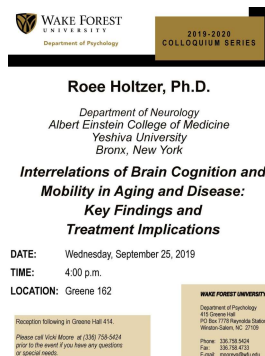


The Office of the Dean of the College invites you to learn more about the engaging scholarship of our College colleagues.

Sept. 19
Refreshments at 3 p.m.
Speakers present from 3:30 to 4 p.m.
ZSR Library Auditorium

 STACY BUTLER Department of Mathematics & Statistics	 STEVE DAVIS Department for the Study of Religions	 ANDREA ECHEVERRIA Department of Spanish and Italian	 ROBERT BELLUTA Department of History
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Learn more about the engaging scholarship of our College colleagues with [the New Ideas Series](#). The 2019-2020 series begins on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the ZSR Auditorium. Refreshments will be available at 3 p.m. Speakers will begin at 3:20 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.



WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
Department of Psychology
2019-2020 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Roe Holtzer, Ph.D.
Department of Neurology
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Yeshiva University
Bronx, New York

Interrelations of Brain Cognition and Mobility in Aging and Disease: Key Findings and Treatment Implications

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2019
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Greene 162

Reception following in Greene Hall 414.
Please call Vicki Moore at (336) 758-5424 prior to the event if you have any questions or special needs.

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PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT KICKS OFF COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m., Greene 162

The Department of Psychology has invited Dr. Roe Holtzer for a talk on "Interrelations of Brain Cognition and Mobility in Aging and Disease: Key Findings and Treatment Implications" on September 25 at Greene 162. The 4 p.m. event is part of the 2019-2020 Colloquium Series. A reception will follow in Greene Hall 414. For more information, contact [Vicki Moore](#).



SEP 27TH 5:30-8PM

11TH ANNUAL
WORLD CULTURAL FESTIVAL

WEST END MAMBO

FEATURING
Come enjoy various cultures from around the world through creative displays and activities, a variety of foods, information about student organizations, and several performances!

Manchester Plaza
(Rain location Benson 401)

SAF
INTERCULTURAL CENTER

ANNUAL WORLD CULTURAL FESTIVAL COMING TO MANCHESTER PLAZA

Friday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Manchester Plaza

The 11th Annual World Cultural Festival is a celebration of difference in order to unite, inspire and entertain the entire campus community. The festival, set for Sept. 27 on Manchester Plaza, creates a space to introduce various cultures through creative displays and activities; a wide variety of cultural foods; information about different cultural groups; and several cultural performances. For more information, contact [John Williams](#).

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND ARCHIE AWARDS Deadline for applications: Monday, October 7, 2019

The deadline for fall applications for Faculty Development and Archie Funding (excluding book development and summer research grants) is quickly approaching. Please submit your application to [Leigh Anne Robinson](#). Visit the [College website](#) for more information.

LOOKING FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSESSORS



You can coordinate a project-based learning experience at [Reynolda House](#)! Folks in Engineering; Mathematics & Statistics; and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies departments have already reached out this year with academic interest in this historic site/art museum. Contact Manager of Community and Academic Learning [Amber Albert](#) to set up a learning experience for you and your students.

Wake Forest's newest study away experience will begin in Spring 2020. [Wake West](#) will allow students to study and intern in the innovative and dynamic culture of the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley. Courses will include *COM/ENT 250: Communication in Entrepreneurial Settings* and *ENT 201: Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship*. Internship areas will include start-ups, growth companies, large corporations, governmental organizations, nonprofits and more. Student applications will be accepted until October 1. Wake West is led by [Rebecca Gill](#), director and associate professor of

communication and Larry J. Merlo Presidential Chair in Communication and Entrepreneurship.



MATH & STATS CENTER OPENS AT 117 KIRBY HALL



Office of Academic Advising Announcements

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING WEBSITE

[The Office of Academic Advising's easy-to-navigate website](#) features a user-friendly adviser's page, connecting advisers to a secure drive with pertinent resources and "Explore the Forest" with departmental guides for students interested in a major.

NEW DEAC WEEK 2019 REFLECTION

On Wednesday, August 21, to Sunday, August 25, we welcomed 1,353 new and 33 transfer students to Wake Forest. The Orientation schedule was packed with festivities such as the [Making of a Demon Deacon](#) pinning ceremony, [New Student Convocation](#), Departmental Open Houses and informational sessions. The evenings were filled with social events such as [Playfair](#), [Deacon Olympics](#), the ever-popular Taste of Winston-Salem, the Student Union Mega Movie Night and the Student Government Soccer Tailgate on the Hill. Thank you to all that played a part in welcoming our newest class to our Demon Deacon community! A full collection of Move-In and New Deac Week photos can be found [here](#).

NEW STUDENT ADVISING AND PROJECT WAKE 2019

Many thanks to the 132 faculty and staff members who are advising our 1,395 first-year and transfer students beginning with New Deac Week 2019. The 152 student advisers who assisted were knowledgeable and indispensable partners in advising. We are also grateful to the 37 faculty and staff who led 34 discussion groups with more than 350 students for Project Wake: In Pursuit of ... Happiness.

SUMMER ADVISER WORKSHOPS FOR FACULTY

The OAA held eight summer workshops for academic advisers over four months. Topics included: an Overview of Academic Advising; Student Services; the Role of the Student Adviser; and Advising Students with Special Interests. Thank you to the campus partners who took the time to present information from their respective offices and make such a rich program possible!

STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

A predictor of academic success for our newest students is knowing that faculty care about them. Being accessible can make a difference. The OAA is available for support. Faculty can use Academic Alert to report concerns about attendance, poor classroom performance or significant changes in appearance or behavior. If a student displays disruptive, troubling or threatening behavior, please relay those concerns [here](#).

FALL IN THE FOREST

First-year students are participating in Fall in the Forest "check-ins," which are required over the first few weeks of class as part of extended orientation. The first check-in focuses on bystander intervention methods for alcohol, mental health or sexual assault. The OAA is grateful for its partnerships with the Office of Wellbeing and the SAFE Office for this program. The second check-in is the Academic Success Event that includes first-year students meeting with their student adviser and advising groups.

From the University

MITCH LANDRIEU COMING TO WAKE ON SEPT. 17

Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m., Brendle Recital Hall



RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

The [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#) and the [Office of the Chaplain](#) want students, faculty and staff to be aware of a broad range of religious observances during the 2019-2020 academic year. [Click here for a list of holy days when absence from work or school is common.](#)

STUDENT MENTORING CAMPAIGN: WHO ARE YOUR PEOPLE?

We know that a primary indicator of well-being and success after college graduation is when [students have had a mentor who cared about them during college and provided support in working towards goals](#). So how do we help college students identify mentors and engage in meaningful relationships that support their needs and goals?

This fall semester, the [WFU Mentoring Resource Center](#) is kicking off the student mentoring campaign, "Who Are Your People?" designed to

WHO ARE YOUR PEOPLE?

By "your people," we mean the individuals in your life who serve as mentors, coaches, advisers, and wise counselors. Those people who you call on for advice, wisdom, and feedback. It's who you call or text when making big decisions or struggling with something.

So, Who are your people?



Learn how to find your people and engage in these relationships. Plus, hear from Wake Forest alumni and students on how they found their support network during college and beyond. Go to mentoring.opcd.wfu.edu/who-are-your-people/

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help students think about what they need, identify who can meet those needs (faculty, staff, peers or offices on campus) and four keys to building effective relationships with mentors and supporters. Learn more [here](#).

LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER'S TUTOR SCHEDULE NOW OPEN



[The Learning Assistance Center](#) offers peer tutoring in a variety of subjects. The Fall 2019 schedule is now live, and [students can create an account and start booking appointments](#). Students can make appointments 3 to 14 days in advance and can meet with a tutor three times per week per subject. For more information, contact tutor coordinator [Laura Denlinger](#).

Tech Tip

TIP: CLOUD STORAGE OPTIONS COMPARED

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



Watch this space in each Dean's Digest for handy tech tips. This tech tip comes from instructional technologist [Scott Claybrook](#).

WFU faculty, staff and students now have three primary options for storing and working with files in the cloud: Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive and Dropbox. Information Systems created a very nice table comparing these three options. We share their table [here on the ITG website](#).

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

Recent Research Awarded to Faculty

[Lindsay Comstock-Ferguson](#), Associate Professor of Chemistry, received funding for "RNA Modification and Antibiotic Resistance" by the National Institutes of Health and Emory University.

[Martin Guthold](#), Professor of Physics, received funding for "Identifying the Function of the Fibrin(ogen) Alpha-C Connector Region" by the National Institutes of Health and East Carolina University.

[Ana Iltis](#), Professor of Philosophy, received funding for "APOLLO Scientific and Data Research Center Application" by the National Institutes of Health and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

[Brad Jones](#), Professor of Chemistry and Dean of Graduate Programs in Arts and Sciences

(Reynolda Campus), received funding for “NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program” by the National Science Foundation.

[Bruce King](#), Professor of Chemistry, received funding for “New Oxidation-Sensing Probes to Evaluate Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Lung Injury” by the National Institutes of Health and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

[Stephen Messier](#), Professor of Health and Exercise Science, received funding for “Weight Loss and Exercise for Communities with Arthritis in North Carolina WE-CAN” by the National Institutes of Health.

[Jack Rejeski](#), Research Professor of Health and Exercise Science, received funding for “Promote Weight Loss in Obese PAD Patients to Prevent Mobility Loss: The PROVE Trial” has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and Northwestern University.

[Christina Soriano](#), Associate Provost and Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance, received funding for “A Randomized Trial of Dance of Mood, Balance and Brain in Alzheimer’s Disease” by the National Institutes of Health and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

[Timo Thonhauser](#), Professor of Physics, received funding for “Understanding and Tailoring Diffusion and Co-Adsorption Inside the Confined Pores of Metal-Organic Frameworks” by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Recent Faculty Publications

[Marianne Erhardt](#), Assistant Teaching Professor of English, ["You Call That Wild,"](#) *Oxford American*, Issue 106, Fall 2019.

[Danielle Parker Moore](#), Associate Professor of Education, with Juan F. Carrillo and Tim Condor, [*Mentoring Students of Color: Naming the Politics of Race, Social Class, Gender, and Power*](#), Brill | Sense Publishers, 2019.

[Betina Cutaia Wilkinson](#), Associate Professor of Politics and International Studies, with Liz Torres-Ramirez (Class of 2020), [*White-Latino Relations*](#), Oxford University Press, 2019.

Faculty Accomplishments



Upcoming Deadline

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Upcoming Events

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- September 25, 4 p.m., Greene 162

11th Annual World Cultural Festival - September 27, 5:30 p.m., Manchester Plaza

To share news or events with the College Faculty, contact [Bethany Leggett](#) 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, September 23, 2019.

Submissions are due Tuesday, September 17, 2019, by 5 p.m.

