Like you, I find myself worrying a lot about the many serious challenges so many of our students and their families face. Last week, the Supreme Court began reviewing whether the Trump administration can legally shut down the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which protects some 700,000 young undocumented immigrants from deportation and has allowed many to receive federal financial aid through college work study programs. It will be a long eight months before the Supreme Court renders its decision, most likely in June 2020; this waiting game will only exacerbate the high levels of anxiety and fear DACA students and their families already face.

Many staff, faculty, administrators, and students recognize how unsafe undocumented students on our campus feel given this ongoing political uncertainty and have asked how they can better support them in these worrisome times. Please review the resources available on the Office of Diversity and Inclusion’s website, under the heading Undocumented Student Support. The Office of Civic and Community Engagement (OCCE) also offers a training workshop titled UndocuPeers that explores the particular challenges undocumented students face in the U.S. Moreover, the ODI and ODOC stand ready, as we have since 2016, to provide our undocumented students with the critical support they need — including assisting with attorney consultations — in this especially challenging time.

While national political vicissitudes wreak havoc on some of our students’ lives, other students manage to wreak havoc on themselves through their own poor decision making. Please actively discourage your seniors from participating in the “Senior Fifth.” This unfortunate tradition is characterized by participating seniors setting out to drink a fifth of liquor during the tailgate of the last home football game of the season; this year, this will be the WF vs. Duke game on Saturday, Nov. 23. Calling out this event and personally discouraging your students from participating is one of the most effective ways to ensure their safety. Faculty expressions of caring are among the strongest proven antidotes to these kinds of self-destructive behaviors.

Thank you for your commitment to “the whole student” at Wake Forest. This is one of the most important reasons why the Wake Forest education we offer is indeed transformative.
MAGNOLIA SCHOLARS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

This year, we are celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Magnolia Scholars program, which provides scholarships, academic support, study abroad opportunities, and counseling for 120 first-generation students. Read about Director Nate French and the Magnolia Scholars program at wakefo.rest/magnoliascholars or check out a video by Wei Ying (’17 MFA).

CLASSROOM STUDY SPACE AVAILABILITY: WE NEED EACH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN UP

Deadline to register your rooms for open space: Wednesday, Nov. 20

Classroom Study Space Availability

The Office of the Dean of the College, along with ZSR Library and Student Government, is collecting information from departments on classroom study space availability during Reading Days and finals week (Dec. 7-14, 2019). Sign up here before Nov. 20 to offer open study rooms available for our students.
The College House's next Coffee and Conversation will be held on Tuesday, November 19, at 10 a.m. We will welcome Paul Escott, Reynolds Professor Emeritus of History and former Dean of the College (1995-2004). He will speak on “The Worst Passions of Human Nature: White Supremacy in the Civil War North.” RSVP to wfhhouse@wfu.edu. Spouses and guests are welcome. Visiting, part-time, and adjunct faculty have access to College House, too. Email wfhhouse@wfu.edu for keycard access.

WAKE FOREST CONSENSUAL RELATIONSHIP POLICY UPDATED

Human Resources, in collaboration with the provost, his staff, and the deans across the university, have updated the Wake Forest Consensual Relationship Policy. Click here to read the full policy.

ERIC SCHWITZGEBEL TO GIVE LECTURE FOR PHILOSOPHY FORUM

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m., Tribble B316

Virginia Schaefer
Dean of Faculty

“Aiming for Moral Mediocrity”

Most people aim to be about as morally good as their peers—not especially better, not especially worse. We do not aim to be good, or non-bad, or to act permissibly rather than impermissibly, by fixed moral standards. Rather, we notice the typical behavior of our peers, then calibrate toward so-so. This is a somewhat bad way to be, but it’s not a terribly bad way to be. We are somewhat morally criticizable for having low moral ambitions. Typical arguments defending the moral acceptability of low moral ambitions—the So-What-If-I’m-Not-a-Saint Excuse, the Fairness Objection, the Happy Coincidence Defense, and the claim that you’re already in The-Most-You-Can-Do Sweet Spot—do not survive critical scrutiny.

Eric Schwitzgebel
Professor of Philosophy
University of California, Riverside

Philosophy Forum

“Majoring in Morality”

The New Faculty in the Forest Holiday Social will be on Tuesday, November 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Reynolda House Museum of American Art. RSVP here or email Leigh Anne Robinson.
FACULTY’S NOMINATIONS FOR SENIOR ORATIONS SOUGHT

Nominations due today

Faculty: Please nominate students to prepare orations for the 2020 Senior Colloquium competition, which will take place on Wednesday, February 5.

Nominated students will have demonstrated substance, depth, clarity, and style in their oral presentations. These students must be eligible for graduation in May 2020 or have graduated in August or December 2019.

To nominate, please send the full name of your nominee(s); we need no other reference information. We will contact nominated students and invite them to submit manuscripts. All nominations must be submitted to Sarah Frederick in the Office of the Dean of the College by end of Monday, November 18.

For more history on this long-standing tradition, and examples of past orations, please visit the Senior Orations webpage.

A READING BY AUTHOR ABBEY MEI OTIS

Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m., ZSR Auditorium

The Dillon Johnston Writers Reading Series in the Department of English presents a reading by author Abbey Mei Otis at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, in ZSR Auditorium. A reception and book signing will follow.

Abbey Mei Otis is a writer, a teaching artist, a storyteller, and a fire-starter raised in the woods of North Carolina. She loves people and art forms on the margins. Her story collection, Alien Virus Love Disaster, (Small Beer Press) was a finalist for the 2019 Philip K. Dick Award and the Neukom Literary Arts Award for Speculative Fiction. For more information, contact Joanna Ruocco and visit english.wfu.edu.

NEW IDEAS SERIES

Thursday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m., ZSR Auditorium

Learn more about the engaging scholarship of our College colleagues with the New Ideas Series. This month’s program will feature Patricia Dos Santos from the Department of Chemistry; Robert Whaples from the Department of Economics; Betina Cutaia Wilkinson from the Department of Politics and International Studies; and Will Fleeson from the Department of Psychology.
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**DR. KENNETH RIBET TO GIVE DUAL TALKS**

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m., Porter Byrum Welcome Center; Thursday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m., Carswell 101. Click image for full-size poster.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE T-CART GRANTS PROGRAM**

IS offers grants for technology inclusion and WakerSpace use; Deadline is Feb. 14

Is there a new technology you’d like to try to complement your research and pedagogy, inspire your students, and facilitate learning? Apply for one of the T-CART grants by February 14, 2020.

**DR. TINA BOYER PRESENTS LECTURE ON 15TH CENTURY DOOMSAY BLOCK BOOK**

Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m., DeTamable Auditorium in Tribble Hall

**Dr. Tina Boyer**

**presents**

*The Antichrist and the Fifteen Signs of Doomsday*

**The Antichrist and the Fifteen Signs of Doomsday** was a popular block book of the fifteenth century. Not only does it outline the countdown to the end of the world but also shows the Antichrist performing wonderful miracles. The miracles do not happen through divine help, but through magic and alchemy that the Antichrist learned from evil magicians. What were these miracles and why do they not appear anywhere but in this book? The exploration of this question leads to a search for how apocalyptic texts were used in the fifteenth century and the origins of the Antichrist’s miracles.


**Tuesday, November 26**

**4:00 pm**

**DeTamable Auditorium**

**Tribble Hall**
TIP: VoiceThread is integrated with Canvas!

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 Suzanne Thompson.

You can create a VoiceThread assignment in Canvas, asking students to:

- Create a VoiceThread
- Comment on a VoiceThread
- Watch a VoiceThread

As you grade the VoiceThread assignments, the grades go into the Canvas grade book. Learn more about VoiceThread and how to create a graded VoiceThread assignment in Canvas: https://itg.wfu.edu/blog/canvas-voicethread/

For other tips and tutorials, visit the Instructional Technology Group site or contact your instructional technologist.
From the Office of Academic Advising

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.

CALL FOR FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

Deadline for proposals: Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, Noon

The Committee on First-Year Seminars is accepting proposals for new seminar courses to be taught during the Fall 2020 semester or thereafter. Click on the following links for proposal guidelines and submission form.

STUDENT ADVISER NOMINATIONS

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 6

The Office of Academic Advising is seeking nominations for 2020 student advisers. If you would like to recommend students as student adviser candidates, please complete and submit this form: https://forms.gle/z5b48XTUfmg0G8ne9. A recommendation does not guarantee the student a position as a student adviser. He/she must apply, interview, and be selected for the position.

JOHN JAMES JOINS OAA AS ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Welcome to John James, the new Academic Counselor in the Office of Academic Advising! John, originally from Cary, North Carolina, graduated from Wake Forest College in 2014. From there, he went on to Union Theological Seminary of NYC to pursue his Master of Divinity. While completing his degree, he began working with Columbia University’s Disability Services as a proctor. The office brought him on full time as Student Services Coordinator, following his graduation from Union, where he organized intake and registration for the DS office. After two years, John decided he was ready to return closer to the family, friends, and mountains waiting for him in North Carolina and looks forward to reuniting with the Wake Forest community in his new capacity.

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. Letters So Dear are sent out each Monday and provide advice, messages of support, and details about programming occurring on campus. 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.

POST-REGISTRATION ADVISING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Open Course Report is an easy-to-read listing of Spring 2020 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.

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 Associate Dean of Academic Advising Ashley Hairston.

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.
NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS MONTH

INCLUDES DR. SHONDA BUCHANAN

EVENT

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m., ZSR Auditorium

The Intercultural Center and the Native American Student Association have partnered for the Native American Awareness Month. The 2019 theme is Genocide. Keynote speaker Dr. Shonda Buchanan will give an address on “Finding the Missing Pieces: Using Black and Native Women's Bodies as Acts of Genocide” on Wednesday, November 20, at 5 p.m. in ZSR Auditorium. In coordination with Native American Awareness Month, there is a display in Benson featuring beads and red dresses. The beads represent the magnitude and uncountability of Native deaths because of genocide; and the red dresses attempt to honor Native women who have been murdered, kidnapped, and violated under duress of genocide. There is a sister display at the entrance of ZSR Library. Click on the poster for a full-size image.
EDUCATING THE WHOLE STUDENT
Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 3:30 p.m., ZSR 665

Ten years ago, Wake Forest produced a series of white papers as part of its Strategic Plan. One of those white papers, “Educating the Whole Person,” highlighted the institution’s commitment to helping students “find their place in the world” by educating their “mind, body, and spirit.” In this workshop, CAT Executive Director Betsy Barre will facilitate a conversation about the significance of this commitment, and what it might mean for our work with students inside and outside the classroom. Register here.

INTELLECTUAL WELLBEING MONTH
Today at 11:30 a.m., Benson Food Court

An upcoming wellbeing event is open to faculty, staff, and students. “Herbal Teas and Traditional Remedies” is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today at the Benson Food Court.

FINISHING WITH A FLOURISH: ACTIVITIES FOR THE LAST DAYS OF CLASS
Thursday, Nov. 21, at 3:30 p.m., ZSR 665

Join us to discuss practical and easy-to-implement activities that will help your students integrate their learning across the semester. You will leave this workshop with a plan for making your last day more engaging and meaningful for both you and your students. Register here.

DH@Wake Workshop Series
Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 2:30 p.m., ZSR 665

The ZSR Library will offer a series of workshops this fall, including:

- Research Photo Management with Tropy on Tuesday, November 19, 2:30 p.m., ZSR 665
HELP US PREVENT HARM FROM “SENIOR FIFTH” THIS WEEKEND

What a fall it has been for our Demon Deacon Football team! As the season is nearing an end, so too is the time for our seniors to attend their last home football game on Nov. 23rd vs Duke. Unfortunately, some students may also be planning to participate in “Senior Fifth.”

“Senior Fifth” is extremely dangerous! Over the past few years, the WFU Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition, campus partners, and student leaders have worked hard to reduce and prevent harm surrounding “Senior Fifth.” This effort has included outreach by faculty to undergraduate senior students. We encourage you to talk with your senior students about good judgment at their last home football game, thereby ensuring the safety and care of each student and the broader Wake Forest community before, during, and following the game. We are also reaching out to ask you to consider sending a personal email to seniors with whom you have a relationship, encouraging them not to take part in “Senior Fifth” and to take care of themselves and others during this dangerous activity. (Find our letter template HERE. Feel free to add your personalization. Please list the names of the seniors to whom you’ll be sending an email HERE to avoid duplication.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS AND GIVEAWAYS FOR WFU FOOTBALL VS. DUKE
Purchase tickets by Friday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.

It has already been a special season for Wake Forest Football, and we invite you to help celebrate a special group of seniors, all of whom will soon be graduates, continuing the tradition of academic excellence that you help foster. Click here to purchase $15 tickets, take advantage of our exclusive faculty/staff giveaways, and help send out Demon Deacon senior student-athletes on a high note with a win against Duke. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, November 22, at 5 p.m. Use promo code WFUSAVES to receive the discount.

DISCOUNTED WFU BASKETBALL TICKETS

With your support and assistance, we are hopeful that our final home football game will be a cherished memory for everyone, especially the Class of 2020. The Spirit of Wake Forest lives in all of us. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to continuing a legacy of greatness at Wake Forest!

Thank you and Go Deacs!
The WFU Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition
AN EVENING WITH DEMETRIUS HARMON
Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., Brendle Recital Hall

Demetrius Harmon is a Shorty Award winning artist who uses his platform to creatively entertain and inspire others through his content. Having publicly addressed battling depression, Harmon has become a prominent advocate for mental health awareness.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL PROGRAMS AND STUDIES
WISE 2020 workshop on February 13 and 14

VERGER CAPITAL MOVING FROM STARLING HALL TO DOWNTOWN

Verger Capital, formerly the Office of Investments, is the Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) firm that manages Wake Forest University’s endowment as well as the assets of other nonprofit clients. To accommodate continued growth, the firm will be relocating from its office on campus in Starling Hall to downtown Winston-Salem at 751 West Fourth Street. As a result of this move, Verger and its employees will no longer have access to inter-office mail. As of November 26, 2019, you may reach Verger at the following address and phone number. All Verger email addresses will remain the same.

EVERY CAMPUS A REFUGE SEEKS DONATIONS FOR FAMILIES

The Wake Forest University chapter of ECAR (Every Campus A Refuge) is a team of faculty, staff, students through SAFAR (Students Association for the Advancement of Refugees), and community members who help refugees fleeing violence and persecution. We provide ESL tutoring; driving lessons; transportation to medical appointments; team mentoring for career and job placement; and many other things, from the trivial to the critical.

Several of the families whom we support are facing critical needs, including medical expenses, utilities, winter clothes, and transportation. We need your help to cover these costs. Please consider making a donation in any amount to our GoFundMe campaign.
Recent Faculty Research Awards

Peter Brubaker, Professor of Health and Exercise Science, received funding for “Transition from Risk Factors to Early Heart Failure: Prevalence, Pathogenesis and Phenomics (MESA 6)” by the National Institutes of Health and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Black in America Art Exhibit - now to Nov. 30, Benson 4th Floor
WFU AARF Donation Drive - December 6 and 13, Tribble A109

To share news or events with the College, contact Bethany Leggett in the Office of the Dean of the College.
If you wish to unsubscribe to the Dean’s Office Digest, please contact Bethany Leggett.
Our final issue of the Dean’s Office Digest this semester will be Monday, December 2, 2019.
Submissions are due Tuesday, November 26, 2019, by Noon.