Our jobs as teachers and staff members can be distilled into two responsibilities: to challenge our students to a better life of the mind; and to encourage our students, in all the ways we can, to be good, maturing, and responsible citizens. Our colleagues in Admissions always give us a head start, recruiting and enrolling many wonderful, young would-be scholars. My work with students – including and well beyond those who may enter or leave with some special academic recognition, and affirmed with every course and every semester for 40 years – tells me how fortunate we are to teach at a college of the caliber of Wake Forest. Our challenges can be small or large, depending on course preps, time and space constrictions, and the occasional indifferent student. Not to mention extraordinary national adjustments to our very pedagogy. But overwhelmingly our jobs are ones of privilege: We have the honor, and the happy responsibility, to require (encourage, nudge, inspire, cajole) our students to respect and acquire in themselves an integrity of learning.

I’ve always thought the hardest part of being an adult was admitting when one didn’t know something. (I indict myself in that challenge.) It seems harder, somehow, when we do know quite a bit about a few things, evolved from our graduate school days through scholarship and honing of the craft. Those students I will remember most – and there are many, happily – are those that seem to put aside ego long enough to ask and try to answer hard questions, whether interpreting an equation or analyzing a novel. And often those students also are civic leaders, selfless and passionate, carrying the banner of pro humanitate through personal and meaningful contributions. Beyond our generic advantages as teachers and staff members of working in academe, we have the specific bounty of many, many Wake Forest young people who really do try to think deeply, later to contribute something great and positive to the world. Thus our mission and our fortune.

At a moment none of us could have predicted, we can celebrate, predictably, the wonderful students who make our jobs, day in and day out, such a pleasurable journey.

- Tom Phillips

Note from Michele: For four decades, Tom Phillips has been a powerful force for good in the lives of our best and brightest students. He has been a wise and generous mentor to our merit scholars and a consummate educator in the classroom. He has led our Honor and Ethics Committee, multiple trips to our Study Abroad Houses, and Interdisciplinary Honors, and created the wonderful WordsAwake Symposium to celebrate Wake Forest’s most gifted authors. He insists on excellence in all its forms and expects his students and colleagues to do the same. He is generous, compassionate, and kind, and sports a wonderfully ironic sense of humor. Tom may be retiring from his role as Associate Dean and Director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program on June 30, 2020, but we are fortunate he will be continuing to teach as an adjunct starting next spring.
Welcome to ODOC

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the Office of the Dean of the College starting July 1, 2020:

Rebecca Alexander
Associate Dean for Research and Community Engagement

Adam Friedman
Director of the Instructional Technology Group

Anne Hardcastle
Associate Dean for Academic Planning

Thank You

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following members for serving the College and the Dean's Office with steadfast commitment to our Teacher-Scholar mission.

Christa Colyer will return to the Department of Chemistry on June 30, 2020, after completing her term as Associate Dean for Academic Planning.

Rick Matthews, Director of Academic and Instructional Technology and Professor of Physics, will retire on June 30, 2020, after 41 years at Wake Forest.

Tom Phillips, Associate Dean and Director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program, will retire on June 30, 2020, after 40 years at Wake Forest.

New Title

Starting on July 1, 2020, Associate Dean Eric Stottlemyer will have a new title, Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary Programs and Experiential Learning. We look forward to Eric's continued leadership and direction on engaged learning and overseeing the multiple interdisciplinary programs within the College.

Department 2020 celebrations

Departments are scheduling their own virtual celebrations for the Class of 2020. Check the list here.
Faculty Retirements

RETIRING FACULTY

The following faculty members are retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. Thank you for your incredible dedication and commitment over the years! We will be sharing stories about these faculty members in a special communication in a few weeks. Here, we have included the department and year they started teaching at Wake Forest.

Corey D. B. Walker

Corey D. B. Walker has been named Wake Forest Professor in the Humanities with a joint appointment in the Interdisciplinary Humanities Program and the Department of English. Walker will also have an affiliate faculty appointment in the Department for the Study of Religions. In addition, Walker will be charged with founding an African American Studies Program.

John E. R. Friedenberg
Associate Teaching Professor, Theatre, 1988

Brian Gorelick
Associate Professor, Music, 1984

Judy Kem
Professor, French Studies, 1987

Rick Matthews
Professor, Physics, 1979

Catherine Seta
Professor, Psychology, 1987

Alan Williams
Professor, History, 1974

Faculty Announcements

RON DOYLE NAMED WRIGHT PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

Wake Forest University has named Ron Doyle as the inaugural Katherine and Dickerson Wright Presidential Chair in Computer Science and Entrepreneurship. As the presidential chair, Doyle will focus on educating computer science students through an entrepreneurial lens and showcasing technological advantages for startups, venture capitalists, and those enrolled in the Center for Entrepreneurship programs and courses.

Doyle comes to Wake Forest with an extensive career in technological ventures — having worked in the field for 25 years including currently at CA Technologies and IBM before that — and understands how technology and innovation enhance each other. His focus at Wake Forest will be in preparing students to enter the workforce with a creative approach to their future prospects.

The chair — one of 10 presidential chairs created from the Wake Will Lead campaign to recruit and retain faculty who are exceptional researchers in their field as well as dedicated teachers — is named for Katherine and Dickerson Wright, Wake Forest parents who were founding partners of the Office of Personal and Career Development.

Read more about Doyle and the presidential chair position here.
We thank the upcoming chairs for their leadership and service in the year ahead. We also thank the faculty members in Art, History, Mathematics & Statistics, Music, Philosophy, and Politics & International Affairs who will serve as associate chairs, coordinators, and section chairs.

The following faculty members have been newly appointed (seen in the bottom image) or reappointed to be chairs of their departments.

**LIST OF CHAIRS**

**Anthropology**
Steve Folmar

**Computer Science**
William Turkett

**History**
Monique O’Connell

**Politics & International Affairs**
Michaelle Browers

**Spanish and Italian**
Kathryn Mayers

**Art**
David Finn

**Education**
Alan Brown

**Philosophy**
Win-Chiat Lee

**Sociology**
Catherine Harnois

**Study of Religions**
Lynn Neal

**Biology**
Susan Fahrbach

**Engineering**
Olga Pierrakos

**Physics**
Daniel Kim-Shapiro

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**New Chair Leadership**

**Art:** David Finn  
**CSC:** William Turkett  
**EDU:** Alan Brown  
**POL:** Michaelle Browers  
**SOC:** Catherine Harnois  
**SPA/ITA:** Kathryn Mayers
Faculty Promotions

**PROMOTION TO FULL PROFESSOR**

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**Faculty Fellowships**

**Hoak Family Faculty Fellowship**
Leigh Ann Hallberg | Art

**Dunn-Riley Faculty Fellowship**
Amy Lather | Classics

**Zachary T. Smith Faculty Fellowship**
Mollie Canzona | Communication

**Kulynych Faculty Fellowship**
Rowena Kirby-Straker | Communication

**Dunn-Riley Faculty Fellowship**
Grey Ballard | Computer Science

**Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Faculty Fellowship**
Erin Branch | English
Molly Knight | German & Russian

**A.J. Sterge Faculty Fellowship**
Sarah Mason | Mathematics & Statistics
Jeremy Rouse | Mathematics & Statistics

**Scott Family Faculty Fellowship**
Adrian Bardon | Philosophy
Fred Salsbury | Physics

**Shively Family Faculty Fellowship**
Will Walldorf | Politics & International Affairs

**F.M. Kirby Family Faculty Fellowship**
Christian Waugh | Psychology

**Bryant-Groves Faculty Fellowship**
Tanisha Ramachandran | Study of Religions
Faculty Awards

The chair who nominated Stephanie Koscak, this year’s recipient of the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching, describes her as “naturally gifted as a teacher, possessing an intuitive understanding of human learning.”

Many of her colleagues describe Koscak’s approach to teaching as lively, organized, and engaging. “She is a model of planning and organization, with the effect of offering her students many doorways through which to approach and understand the material of the course,” says one colleague. Another echoes those sentiments when saying, “She is clearly a talented and committed teacher with a great deal of expertise in leading student discussions and creating a welcoming and yet rigorous space for intellectual encounter.”

It is clear that throughout her five years at Wake Forest, she has focused on creating a class atmosphere where students engage both analytically and creatively, resulting in her receiving the Teaching and Learning Center’s Innovative Teaching Award in 2017. One such pedagogical exercise allowed students to gain the skills of historical research and deep, critical thinking about primary and secondary sources that resulted in a professional, published monograph. She consistently receives positive feedback from her students. One explains how “Analyzing the primary source documents was extremely valuable to my growth as a historical thinker,” and another comments on the benefits of large and small group discussions, saying, “That is really helpful because sometimes if I’m unsure about something, I won’t participate in a large class discussion but I will in a smaller one.”

Most notably, Koscak “creates a natural analytical learning environment, in which she enables her students to learn by confronting intriguing, beautiful, and significant problems. She presents her students with authentic tasks that will challenge them to grapple with ideas, rethink their assumptions, and examine their understandings of reality. She strives to have students recognize how the present moment, and our own position within it, always shapes and influences the way we understand the past, even as we aim for objectivity.”

For her commitment to innovative pedagogy and excellence in the classroom, the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching is presented to Stephanie Koscak.

The Wake Forest University circle of Omicron Delta Kappa is proud to honor Dr. Sam Gladding for his work, which exemplifies the Kulynych Family Foundation Award in its role to recognize a faculty member who bridges the gap between academic, community, and student life.

Dr. Gladding joined the faculty in 1990, and since then, he diligently serves Wake Forest and the field of counseling. His work has earned him numerous recognitions and leadership roles including past president of the American Counseling Association, past chair of the American Counseling Association Foundation, and Associate Provost at WFU from 1997-2007. A prolific writer, his works include Volume 6 of The History of Wake Forest University. Amidst an outstanding academic career, Dr. Gladding personifies Pro Humanitate, and he takes interest in his students and the greater Winston-Salem community.

One student writes, “Dr. Gladding embodies everything it means to be a member of the Wake Forest community.” Just in the past few years, Dr. Gladding has taken on additional roles to engage directly with students. He is now a Faculty Fellow with a first-year residence hall and the advisor to the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. It is evident that Dr. Gladding goes above and beyond in his commitment to student life. A student notes, “at nearly every type of Wake Forest event—whether it be athletics, philanthropy events, speakers, or student concerts—Dr. Gladding makes an effort to support every aspect of the university. You may have seen him walking laps around Hearn Plaza with his wife, Claire, at Hit the Bricks, passing out coffee and bread at Lovefeast, or cheering on the Deacs at a home football game.”
Faculty Awards

URECA FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK IN THE SCIENCES

PATRICIA DOS SANTOS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CHEMISTRY

The chair who nominated Patricia Dos Santos wrote that she “fully incorporates undergraduates into her research group and makes them integral parts of [her] team.” In her 12 years in the Wake Forest Chemistry department, the award winner has mentored 54 students, including 21 who completed departmental honors theses. Her students have contributed to publications and given presentations at national and international conferences. Her mentorship has a broad reach, in that her NSF grants have supported students from Salem College, Winston-Salem State University, and other local institutions to join Wake Forest research labs. Former student Hannah Martin writes “Dr. Dos Santos … gave me the freedom to think for myself and be creative. She is endlessly dedicated to her students … working with [her] allowed me to attend a medical school with a dedicated research year, where I am now applying the lessons she taught me to new research questions.” Courtney Smith, nearing completion of a Ph.D. in Pharmacology at Yale, said “Dr. Dos Santos guided my research efforts and created a positive learning environment that was a great place to grow as a scientist, while also taking time to discuss and help me make strides towards my career goals … I wouldn’t be where I am today without her guidance and support!” For her consistent contribution to guiding undergraduates in the discipline of biological chemistry, Dr. Patricia Dos Santos is presented this award for excellence in mentored scholarship in the sciences.

URECA FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ZAK LANCASTER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ENGLISH

Dr. Zak Lancaster, the recipient of this year’s faculty award for excellence in mentored scholarship in the humanities has guided student research projects in linguistic analysis of student writing since joining the Department of English in 2012. As described by his department chair, the award winner is “an exemplary mentor of student research in every way…students learn immensely from their work with him as they encounter new worlds of academic inquiry.” His students have presented their work in the Smithsonian “castle” on the National Mall, engaging visitors in conversations about language and meaning while slideshows ran on screens behind them. Former student Maddie Moseley wrote that Dr. Zak Lancaster “not only strives to make students the best that they can be, but he values their experience in making sure they are excited and enjoying the opportunity to learn.” Keru Lou wrote “he is interested in and also shows respect to my cultural background as I am international student … our discussion about cultural values eventually developed into one of the areas of findings in our research … I learned so much about research skills, linguistic concepts, and cultural differences while working with Dr. Lancaster.”

EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING AWARD

LEAH ELYCE ROY, TEACHING PROFESSOR AND WRIGHT FAMILY FACULTY FELLOW, DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Leah Roy was selected as the 2019 winner of the Award for Excellence in Advising because of her tremendous dedication to advising, and the personal care and attention she gives to each of her advisees. She has been nominated by several students and colleagues over recent years. Many describe Professor Roy as caring deeply about the wellbeing of students “socially and personally,” as well academically. Students note her dedication to knowing them individually. She is diligent in maintaining contact with advisees, even when they try to drift out of contact. One student wrote: “She treated us as her personal missions,” and “I will forever be grateful she helped me find myself. Without her I might not be as happy at Wake Forest.”

“She treated us as her personal missions.”
Faculty Awards

JON REINHARDT AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING
TERRY BLUMENTHAL, PROFESSOR, PSYCHOLOGY

Terry Blumenthal joined Wake Forest as an Assistant Professor in 1987. He received the Award for Excellence in Research in 1996, and, in 2012, Neuroscience Faculty Mentor Award. He has a long history as a stellar example of what it means to be a Wake Forest teacher-scholar.

One of his former students classifies him as “both a lifelong student and a lifelong teacher in the truest sense of those words. He spends countless hours researching and teaching his students how to do their own research, not just because it is his job but because he lives to learn from the studies he creates and conducts.” The student goes on to say, “In the classroom, his love of his subject is palpable and he never waives from a love of physiological psychology, what it teaches us about people, and how that knowledge can be translated into bettering the world we live in ... quite simply, he embodies what a teacher should be because he is already all of those things and more.”

Another pupil whom Professor Blumenthal taught as an undergraduate, shares how the recipient shaped his graduate career as well. “He served as my graduate adviser, and under his instruction, I learned many valuable lessons that I use today. His ability to explain and teach study design has aided me for my entire career. Additionally, he also taught the student “how to work in a group and act as leader … He has been an integral part of my education and has guided me when I was young and needed that guidance. He taught me life skills that I continue to use today and am thankful for everything he has done. I know his impact has not just been isolated to myself, but he has had this impact on countless students throughout the years.”

For his extensive research within the field of psychology and his impact on his students’ academic interests, this year’s Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching is presented to Terry Blumenthal, Professor of Psychology.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
KRISTEN BEAVERS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HEALTH & EXERCISE SCIENCE

Dr. Kristen Beavers has already established a national reputation of being an independent scholar and highly effective teacher/mentor. Her research focuses on the effect of intentional weight loss in older adults with obesity on changes in several indicators of health, including body composition, cardiometabolic function, and functional decline risk factors. To date, she has published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers in highly respected medical journals such as the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition and Journal of Gerontology. Dr. Beavers is the proud recipient of a Postdoctoral Individual National Research Service Award, Mentored Research Scientist Development Award, and most recently an Exploratory/Developmental Research Development Award and Research Project Grant, all from the National Institute on Aging.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
KRISTINA GUPTA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, WOMEN’S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES

Dr. Kristina Gupta’s body of scholarship as a whole demonstrates a commitment to the ethics of biomedically contoured feminist dilemmas. Dr. Gupta’s book, Medical Entanglements: Rethinking Feminist Debates about Healthcare, has just been published by Rutgers University Press (2020), and her 11 peer-reviewed articles have appeared in top-tiered international journals. She has also published two co-edited books. Already, scholars across numerous disciplines have cited Dr. Gupta’s work more than 200 times. Scholars have hailed her work as “an absolute jewel” and “a shining example” to which researchers aspire. Others have described her work as “not only smart and accessible, but also urgently needed by feminists” around the world. Her reputation as an “outstanding scholar” is truly remarkable for one so early in her academic career.

THE DONALD O. Schoonmaker FACULTY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE: ALAN BROWN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, EDUCATION

This award was established in 1988 by the Wake Forest Alumni Council to recognize extraordinary community service of a respected teacher-scholar from the College or School of Business. The award was named in memory of Donald Schoonmaker (’60), Professor of Politics. This year’s recipient is Associate Professor Alan Brown in the Department of Education.
Faculty Awards

The Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Council have awarded the first annual Faculty Appreciation Awards to Assistant Professor Veronica Cole (Psychology) and Associate Professor Morna O'Neil (Art). The councils wanted to show appreciation to all faculty members during this time, since every professor had to exercise flexibility during this pandemic with their class schedule and curriculum.

The faculty members were chosen from a pool of 150 nominations for how they engage with students in and outside the classroom; how they teach their subject in a creative or innovative manner; and how they inspire continued learning of that particular subject among their students. Each faculty member received a Whole Foods Gift Card from the councils and they were also sent the individual nominations from each student.

OFFICE OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTS FACULTY SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Given to a member of the Wake Forest faculty who represents the Pro Humanitate Teacher-Scholar ideal through their service to the broader community, this year’s Faculty Service Excellence Award goes to Dr. Dani Parker-Moore. Recipients of this award practice impactful ways to incorporate service-learning in their teaching and research, and/or advising of community-engaged students, all of which are evident through Parker-Moore’s work with the Wake Forest Freedom School.

WAKE FOREST DEBATE CELEBRATES COACH & TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Wake Forest Associate Head Debate Coach and Assistant Professor of Practice, Dr. Amber Kelsie, has been voted the No. 2 Overall Coach and No. 3 Overall Judge for the past decade by the college debate community.

Additionally, the Wake Forest College tournament, The Franklin R. Shirley Classic, has been voted the Best Regular Season Tournament for the Decade, which extends the current streak of being voted the best regular season tournament every decade since the 1970s.
CBOV LEADERSHIP AWARDS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Deadline extended to May 15 for faculty award; May 18 for new staff award

It’s time for nominations for the College Board of Visitors Faculty Leadership Award for the fourth consecutive year.

This award recognizes a faculty member who embraces this philosophy of academic leadership and community-building. The award is limited to permanent faculty (tenure track and teaching professors) working in the Undergraduate College. However, it is not limited to persons in formal leadership positions like department chair and program director.

The award recipient will receive an individual cash award as well as a donation to the recipient’s academic department or program. The recipient and their department will be recognized at the Fall 2020 College Board of Visitors meeting.

Letters of nomination should detail with clear examples how the nominee embodies the role of an outstanding academic leader at Wake Forest. A copy of the nominee’s CV should be submitted with the nomination letter. Nominations are due to Denise Griggs, Assistant to Dean Michele Gillespie, by May 15, 2020.

The College Board of Visitors is expanding their financial support for the new College Board of Visitors Staff Leadership Award.

This award will recognize a staff member who has a proven track record of supporting various Wake Forest colleagues in achieving a vision that includes but extends well beyond their own department or unit by pursuing opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Leadership is a valued practice and confirms that staff leaders can be effective agents of change on behalf of the institution, students, and colleagues. The award is limited to full-time staff working in the Undergraduate College. However, it is not limited to persons in formal leadership positions.

The award recipient will receive an individual cash award. The recipient and their department/unit will be recognized at the Fall 2020 College Board of Visitors’ meeting.

Letters of nomination should detail with clear examples how the nominee embodies the role of an outstanding staff leader at Wake Forest. Nominations are due to Denise Griggs, Assistant to Dean Michele Gillespie, by May 18, 2020.

$3 MILLION NSF GRANT SUPPORTS MUDAY, PEASE RESEARCH FOR HEAT-TOLERANT TOMATOES

Research looking into tomato pollination at high temperatures that could lead to future heat-tolerant crops has received a $3 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The coalition of scientists supported by this funding includes Gloria Muday, Charles M. Allen Professor of Biology and director of the Center for Molecular Signaling; James Pease, Assistant Professor of Biology at Wake Forest; and pollen expert Mark Johnson of Brown University, who was an undergraduate student of Muday’s at Wake Forest. Click here for the full story.

BALLARD RECEIVES NSF CAREER AWARD

Grey Ballard, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, has received a prestigious CAREER award from the National Science Foundation for his project, “Communication-Avoiding Tensor Decomposition Algorithms.”

RONIGER RECEIVES DAVIS PRIZE

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies has awarded its 2020 Harold Eugene Davis Prize to Luis Roniger, Reynolds Professor of Latin American Studies in the Department of Politics and International Affairs, and his co-author Leonardo Senkman of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in recognition of their article Conspirationalism, Synarchism and the Long Shadow of Peron in Argentina. Read more about Roniger’s award here.
Class of 2020 Celebrations

Congrats to the Class of 2020

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
The East Asian Languages and Cultures faculty sent their well wishes to graduating seniors with this video.

THEATRE AND DANCE
The Department of Theatre and Dance sent a special graduation message to the Class of 2020 in this video.

Don’t Miss This Video from our Student-Athletes
It’s great to hear our Wake Forest student-athletes tell us about their experiences in this video produced by the Academic Committee of Student Government.
#GoDeacs
The URECA Center will be able to support 74 undergraduates this summer, 61 who have been awarded Wake Forest Research Fellowships and an additional 13 who have been awarded Arts and Humanities Fellowships. Both fellowships offer students unparalleled opportunities to work with faculty on mentored research projects, and all students will be working remotely from home.

Although Wake Forest is not able to support student international travel this summer, the Undergraduate Richter Committee awarded 34 Honorary Richter Scholarships to rising seniors based on the merit and potential of their applications. An additional 17 rising sophomores and rising juniors have been tentatively awarded Richter Scholarships that will be postponed until Summer 2021.

### Wake Forest Arts and Humanities Research Fellowships

**Akaya Lewis**  
Major: Sociology  
Mentor: Ana Iltis

**Elena Marsh**  
Major: English  
Mentor: Jessica Richard

**Christina McGee**  
(supported by the Mellon Fund)  
Major: Psychology  
Mentors: Christina Soriano and Christine Hugenschmidt

**Katherine Pearson**  
(supported by the Mellon Fund)  
Major: History  
Mentor: Alisha Hines

**Mariana Trabanino**  
Major: French  
Mentor: Kendall Tarte

**Katie Von Bargen**  
Major: Spanish  
Mentor: Margaret Bender

**Elise Wright**  
Major: History  
Mentor: Monique O’Connell

**Lian (Julianne) Zhu**  
(supported by the Mellon Fund)  
Major: Music and Psychology  
Mentor: Stewart Carter

### Wake Forest Research Fellowships

**Matthew Bagby**  
Major: Biology  
Mentor: Miriam Ashley-Ross

**Lydia Bierce**  
(supported by the Office of the Provost)  
Major: Psychology  
Mentor: Kristen O’Hearn

**Jialin Chen**  
Majors: Chemistry and Molecular Biology  
Mentor: Mikhail A. Nikiforov

**Addison Collins**  
Major: Politics and International Affairs  
Mentor: Justin Esarey

**Indy Collins**  
Major: Politics and International Affairs  
Mentor: Betina Wilkinson

**Max DeMarco**  
Major: Chemistry  
Mentor: Elham Ghadiri

**Anthony DeVincenzi**  
Majors: Psychology and Spanish  
Mentor: Sara Fernández Cuenca

**Richard Diaz**  
Major: Mathematics and Statistics  
Mentor: Sarah Raynor

**Dandi (Thrandia) Dong**  
Major: Communication  
Mentor: Mollie Canzona

**Xuanyu (Faye) Fang**  
Major: Biology  
Mentor: Sarah McDonald

**Danielle Farinella**  
Majors: Biology and Chemistry  
Mentor: Regina Cordy

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Anna Flowers  
Major: Mathematical Statistics  
Mentor: Robert Erhardt

Julia Gass  
Major: Engineering  
Mentor: Lauren Lowman

Daniela Gonzalez  
(supported by the Office of the Provost)  
Major: Biology  
Mentor: Neveen Said

Andy Greene  
Major: Mathematical Statistics  
Mentor: Natalia Khuri

Claire Griffin  
Major: Engineering  
Mentors: David Carroll and Lindsey Gray

Tristan Harper  
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies  
Mentor: Carrie Johnston

Max Hazlin  
Major: Engineering  
Mentors: Lauren Lowman and Kyle Luthy

Grace Hofmann  
Major: Mathematics  
Mentor: John Gemmer

Tien-Chi (Jason) Hou  
Major: Biology  
Mentor: Ke Zhang

Alexis John  
Major: Health and Exercise Science  
Mentor: Kristen Beavers

Roddra Johnson  
Majors: Economics and Mathematics  
Mentor: James Pease

Micayla Jordan  
Majors: Economics and Sociology  
Mentor: Todd McFall

Megan Kilduff  
Majors: History and Politics and International Affairs  
Mentor: Charles William Walldorf Jr.

Alyssa Klier  
Major: Communication  
Mentor: David Yamane

Robert Langfield  
Major: Computer Science and Mathematics  
Mentor: Samuel Cho

Sixuan (Iris) Liu  
Major: Mathematics and Statistics  
Mentor: Lucy D’Agostino McGowan

Quinton Loy  
Majors: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Psychology  
Mentor: Anthony Sali

Haoxin (Coco) Luo  
Major: Mathematics and Statistics  
Mentor: Staci Hepler

Zachary Mandel  
(supported by the Center for Functional Materials)  
Major: Chemistry  
Mentor: Michael Gross

Caitlyn Marsac  
Majors: Health and Exercise Science and Mathematical Statistics  
Mentors: Jason Grayson and Natalia Khuri

Margaret C. Moran  
Major: Health and Exercise Science  
Mentor: Shannon Mihalko

Amanda Mosher  
Major: Health and Exercise Science  
Mentor: Jason Fanning

Jessica Moser  
(supported by the Center for Functional Materials)  
Major: Biochemistry  
Mentor: Rong Chen

Alli Murmello  
Major: Chemistry  
Mentor: John Lukesh

Danny Myers  
Majors: Computer Science and Philosophy  
Mentors: Victor Paul Pauca and Sarra Alqahtani

Lauren Neal  
(supported by the Office of the Provost)  
Majors: Chemistry and French  
Mentor: Roy Strowd

Ryan Oglietti  
Major: undeclared  
Mentors: Jed Macosko and George Holzwarth

Ana Rivas-Chavez  
Major: Biology  
Mentor: Erik C. Johnson

Haley Schulberg  
Major: Politics and International Affairs  
Mentor: John Dinan

Tanner Stewart  
Major: Engineering  
Mentor: Erin Henslee

Zoe Stuckey  
Major: Psychology  
Mentor: E.J. Masicampo

Yiwei (Isabella) Tian  
Major: Computer Science  
Mentor: Jennifer Burg

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Wake Forest Research Fellowships (continued)

Kelvin Tran
Major: Biology
Mentor: Miles Silman

Emmaline Trentham
Major: Spanish
Mentor: Glen Marrs

Rebecca Walker
Major: Biology
Mentors: Jim Curran and David Ornelles

Catherine (Cat) Walwer
Major: Communication
Mentor: Christopher Zarzar

Hannah Watson
Major: Biology
Mentors: Wayne Silver and Cecil Saunders

Nathan Whitener
Majors: Computer Science and Mathematics
Mentor: Natalia Khuri

Ana Worthington
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Mentors: Ana Iltis and Chandylen Nightingale

Kevin Woytowich
Major: Mathematics and Statistics
Mentors: Katherine Moore and Kenneth Berenhaut

Haoqing (Donald) Wu
Major: Chemistry
Mentor: Ulrich Bierbach

Jingqian (William) Wu
Major: Computer Science
Mentor: Sarra Alqahtani

Xiaotong (Eva) Wu
Majors: Music Performance and Psychology
Mentor: Lisa Kiang

Hongyi Xu
(supported by the Office of the Provost)
Majors: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Philosophy
Mentor: Karen Haas

Zhiyang Yu
Majors: Computer Science and Engineering
Mentor: John Holmes

Shiqi (Nikky) Yu
Majors: Computer Science and Statistics
Mentor: Sneha Jadhav

Qinger (Monica) Zeng
(supported by the Center for Functional Materials)
Majors: Physics and Computer Science
Mentor: Ilaria Bargigia

Jingwen Zhang
Majors: Computer Science and Psychology
Mentor: Minghan Chen

Luoping (Robin) Zhang
Major: Computer Science
Mentor: Grey Ballard

URECA Center Student Awards

Sarah Ahmed (Honorary)
Major: Psychology
Mentor: Mark Scholl

Mohamed Ahmidouch (Honorary)
Majors: Biology and Chemistry
Mentor: Steve Folmar

Grant Alexander (Honorary)
Major: Politics and International Affairs
Mentor: Sarah Lischer

Cassie Ball (Honorary)
Majors: English and Religion
Mentor: Jefferson Holdridge

Yujia (Alice) Cai
Majors: Biology and Mathematical Statistics
Mentor: Staci Hepler

Caitlin Cregan (Honorary)
Major: History
Mentor: Stephanie Koscak

Shudi (Didi) Dong (Honorary)
Majors: Politics and International Affairs
Mentor: Peter Brubaker

Sara Hong (Honorary)
Majors: History and Politics & International Affairs
Mentor: Susan Rupp

Charles Horn
Majors: History and Politics & International Affairs
Mentor: Susan Rupp

Kgosi Hughes
Major: undeclared
Mentor: Patricia Lord

Grey Hyatt (Honorary)
Major: Biology
Mentor: Saylor Breckenridge

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Chidi Iloabachie (Honorary)
Major: Health and Exercise Science
Mentor: Jason Fanning

Jacklyn (Jacks) Kernohan (Honorary)
Major: Psychology
Mentor: Deborah Best

Andy Killebrew (Honorary)
Majors: Economics and English
Mentor: Barry Maine

Alex Klee (Honorary)
Majors: Religious Studies and Psychology
Mentor: Mark Jensen

Alice Li
Major: undeclared
Mentor: Robert Hellyer

Xingxiang (Sean) Liu
Major: Music
Mentor: Stewart Carter

Yinqi Liu (Honorary)
Major: Music
Mentor: Marco Sartor

Grace MacNeil (Honorary)
Majors: Psychology and Spanish
Mentor: Linda Howe

Haonan Miao (Honorary)
Majors: Mathematics and Economics
Mentor: John Dalton

Cameron Munley (Honorary)
Majors: Biology and Anthropology
Mentor: Miles Silman

Lilian Nassif (Honorary)
Majors: English and Communication
Mentor: Cagney Gentry

Nana Ogburn (Honorary)
Major: English
Mentor: Stephanie Koscac

Grishma Patel
Major: Engineering
Mentor: Kyana Young

Meghan Pressimone (Honorary)
Major: Chemistry
Mentor: Rebecca Alexander

Ben Raiford
Major: Mathematics
Mentor: John Dalton

Colleen Riley (Honorary)
Major: Biology
Mentor: Wayne Silver

Dustin Rosh
Major: Spanish and Italian
Mentor: Jerid Francom

Maya Sowells (Honorary)
Major: Communication
Mentor: Polly Black

Kiah Stith (Honorary)
Major: English
Mentor: Rian Bowie

Lejiu (Julie) Sun
Major: History
Mentor: Qiong Zhang

Pawita (Bella) Sunthornpong
Majors: Business and Enterprise Management and Psychology
Mentor: E.J. Masicampo

Dylan Tynes
Majors: Economics and History
Mentor: Monique O'Connell

Meredith Vaughn (Honorary)
Major: Engineering
Mentor: Monique O'Connell

Rebecca Walker (Honorary)
Major: Biology
Mentor: Patricia Lord

Wenxin (Christina) Wei
Major: Psychology
Mentor: Heiko Wiggers

Siyu (Eva) Wu (Honorary)
Major: Computer Science
Mentor: Molly Knight

Crista Wyrocki (Honorary)
Majors: English and Health and Exercise Science
Mentor: Jenny Pyke

Emma Young (Honorary)
Major: Communication
Mentor: Mary Dalton

Haorui (Laurent) Zhang
Majors: Accounting and Mathematical Statistics
Mentor: Leann Pace

Yixin Zhang (Honorary)
Majors: Computer Science and Mathematical Statistics
Mentor: Victor Paul Pauca

Fuyuan (Freya) Zheng
Major: Anthropology
Mentor: Karin Friederic

Hairuo Zhu
Major: History
Mentor: Raisur Rahman
The following students or recent alumni have been selected for U.S. Student Fulbright Program Study/Research Scholarships or English Teaching Assistantships for the 2020-21 award cycle. Due to COVID-19 concerns, most of these placements will begin in January 2021.

Many thanks to our Campus Committee members who interviewed and nominated a total of 41 seniors and recent alumni in September and October. Of those, 20 students/alums were selected by Fulbright in January as semi-finalists. Of those, seven students have won Fulbrights and five more are currently alternates.

Congratulations to:

**Yongsu (Jacob) Ahn**
Teaching Assistantship, Thailand

**Moriah Jackson (MS-WFSOM)**
Medical Sciences, Malaysia

**Ludan Gbaye**
Neuroscience, Mexico

**Will McKay**
Teaching Assistantship, Germany

**Danielle Medina-Hernandez [*’18***]**
Biology, Denmark

**Thomas Poston [*’18***]**
Developmental Studies, Cambodia

**Grace Russell**
Teaching Assistantship, Thailand

Five current seniors or recent alumni have been chosen as U.S. Student Fulbright Program alternates and may be elevated to Scholar or ETA status between now and the fall. Congratulations to:

**Emma Beveridge:** Teaching Assistantship, Andorra

**Kalyn Epps [*’19***]**: Teaching Assistantship, Spain

**Jennifer Hernandez-Gonzalez:** Teaching Assistantship, Germany

**Spencer Milanek:** Teaching Assistantship, Germany

**Libby Mohn:** Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan
The following awards have been given by the respective programs and departments (Note: the awards are listed by department/program):

**Department of Anthropology**
- Outstanding Senior Award for 2020 | Anthropology | Juliana Rubinatto Serrano
- First Rank in the First Year | Arabic | Omar Shaltout
- Outstanding Senior in Arabic | Arabic | David Mulder

**Carolina Biological Supply Research Award** | Biology | Mariel Olivia O’Connor

**Walter S. Flory Outstanding Student in Biology Award** | Biology | Lydia Lucille Faber

**The William C. and Ruth N. Archie Student Award** | BioChemistry | Celia Zhou

**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) Research Award** | Biochemistry and Molecular Biology | Callie Elizabeth Ollish

**Riley Scholarship Award** | Center for Entrepreneurship | Erick A. Mora

**Senior of the Year Award** | Center for Entrepreneurship | Phillip S. Yurchenko

**Department of Chemistry**
- The ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry Undergraduate Award | Chemistry | Paul Keegan Rose
- The ACS Division of Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Award | Chemistry | Daniel Santana
- The ACS Division of Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award | Chemistry | Yunxin Yao & Noah Hunter Watkins

**Classical Association of the Middle, West and South**
- Outstanding Student Award | Classics | Zoe Schneider
- Honors in Classical Languages: Latin | Classics | Emelyn Hatch

**Society for Classical Studies Outstanding Student Award** | Classics | Emelyn Hatch

**The John W. Sawyer Award** | Computer Science | Emily (Xuqing) Luo

**Outstanding Major in Chinese** | East Asian Languages & Cultures | Alexandra Grace Casale

**Outstanding Minor in Japanese** | East Asian Languages & Cultures | Jasmine Kasumi Roby

**Outstanding Minor in Chinese** | East Asian Languages & Cultures | Jacquelyn Sanders Morey

**Bio-Chemistry and Molecular Biology**
- James & Courtenay Harton Backerman, American Institute of Chemists Foundation Undergraduate Student Award | Chemistry | Nolan Michael Green
- John W. Nowell Award in Undergraduate Chemistry | Chemistry | Noah Hunter Watkins

**The Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence Award** | Chemistry | Madison Amy Kalk & Sheehan Tucker Payne

**Andronica Award** | Classics | Zoe Clay
- Classical Association of the | Economics | James Albert Ridgeway

**David and Lelia Farr Prize for Excellence in Economics** | Economics | Robert Dominic Michele

**Bashir El-Beshti Prize in Renaissance Studies** | English | Christopher David Verrill

**DA Brown Award in Creative Writing** | English | Carson Elizabeth Markland

**The H. Broadus Jones Senior Excellence Award** | English | Grace Franzese

**The Jerry B. and Callie Irene Stone Award Honoring Professor Alonzo Kenion** | English | Allison Mae Curley

**Harold Dawes Parcell Award for Excellence in French** | French Studies | Katherine Margaret Dougherty

**James C. O’Flaherty Award in Excellence in German and German Studies** | German and Russian | KB Omar A. Pasha

**The Paul M. Ribisl Health and Exercise Science Academic Achievement Award** | Health and Exercise Science | Jordan Neoma Pizzarro

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The William L. Hottinger Health and Exercise Science Major Contribution Award | Health and Exercise Science | Grace Elisabeth Russell

The Michael S. Lawlor Award for Outstanding Student in the Health Policy & Administration Minor | Health Policy & Administration Minor | Grace Elisabeth Russell

Outstanding Elementary Hindi-Urdu Student | Hindi-Urdu | Shardil Ahmad

Outstanding Intermediate Hindi-Urdu Student | Hindi-Urdu | Elizabeth Dicus

Forrest W. Clonts Award for Excellence in History | History | Jack Beyrer & Julia Jeannette Mroz

Outstanding Senior in the Global Trade and Commerce Studies Minor | International Studies | Erin C. Perry & Brandon P. Schmetterer

Outstanding Senior in International Studies Minor | International Studies | Alice Romanov

The Bynum G. Shaw Prize in Journalism | Journalism | Elizabeth Maline

Outstanding Minor in LALS | Latin American and Latino Studies Program | Lauren Mauney & Ellie Bruggen

M. Stanley Whitley Award for Excellence in Linguistics | Linguistics Program | Matthew Tyler Capps

1976 Math Faculty Legacy Prize in Statistics | Mathematics & Statistics | Weixi Cheng

Diggs Mathematics Award | Mathematics & Statistics | Addie Harrison

The John Y. Phillips Prize in Mathematics | Mathematics & Statistics | Dylan King

Outstanding Statistics Student Award | Mathematics & Statistics | Weixi Cheng

The William C. and Ruth N. Archie Student Award | Mathematics & Statistics | Dylan King

Honors in Middle East and South Asia Studies | Middle East and South Asia Studies | Yabsear Bekele; Paige Cohen; Morgan Fogelman; & Mohammad Malik

The Giles-Harris Competition in Piano: The Sinal Prize | Music | Andrew Murphy

The Gregory D. Pritchard Scholar Award in Philosophy | Philosophy | Dylan Franklin Brown

William Eugene Speas Memorial Award | Physics | Jiqing Zhu & Robert William Bradford

The C.H. Richards Award for Excellence in Politics and International Affairs | Politics & International Affairs | Ashley Estrela

The Donald O. Schoonmaker Student Prize for Community Service | Pro Humanitate | Ellie Bruggen

The Robert C. Beck Prize for Excellency in Psychology | Psychology | Grace E. Anderson

Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Award | ROTC | Abigail Moore

Military Distinguished Graduate Award | ROTC | Abigail Moore, Hunter Stinson, & Gabriel Sowards

Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Gold Medal | ROTC | Robert Faulkner Wilson

Ruth Foster Campbell Award for Excellence in Spanish | Spanish and Italian | Megan Sierra Elwood

The John Allen Easley Award in Religious Studies | Study of Religions | Rebecca McKinley Parsons

The John Thomas Albritton Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies | Study of Religions | Michael Luke

Caroline Sandlin Fullerton Acting Awards | Theatre and Dance | Lainey Drake - Li'l Bit (How I Learned to Drive); R. J. Pratt - John Proctor (The Crucible); Elijah Brown (Ever in the Glades); Christopher Quiroz - Rev. John Hale (The Crucible); Adarian Sneed - Chorus (How I Learned to Drive); Katy Millan - Abigail Williams (The Crucible); & Sophie Thomas - Mary Warren (The Crucible)

Dyeann and Henry Jordan Theatre Scholarship | Theatre and Dance | Cassidy Noble (renewed), Lainey Drake, Gwyneth Lonergan, & Christopher Quiroz

Faculty and Staff Special Recognition | Theatre and Dance | Matt Crawford & Jonathan Chen

Harold Tedford Dedication to Theatre Award | Theatre and Dance | Victoria Hardgett

Hugo Award for Design | Theatre and Dance | Silin Chen & Christian Ricci

Johnnie Collins III Drama Scholarship | Theatre and Dance | Sophie Thomas

The Knox Dance Scholar Award | Theatre and Dance | Payton E. Calvert, Donna C. Moseley, & Mckenzie LeeAnn Needham

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Department/Program Student Awards and Honors

Marie Bagby Service to AAP Award | Theatre and Dance | Izzi Einhorn

Senior Theatre Scholar for Academic Excellence | Theatre and Dance | Madeleine Ash, Katy Milian, Silin Chen, & Victoria Hargett

Senior Service | Theatre and Dance | Madeleine Ash, Silin Chen, Ria Matheson, Habby Olusesi, & Christian Ricci

Southeastern Theatre Conference Awards presented at Annual Conference in Louisville | Theatre and Dance | Silin Chen - 1st Place Scenic Design for *Ever in the Glades*; Silin Chen - Honorable Mention Projections Design for *How I Learned to Drive*; & Michael Littrell - Second Place Sound Design for *Ever in the Glades*

The Wake Forest University Theatre Association Academic Award for Excellence | Theatre and Dance | Madeleine Ash, Kathryn Juliet Milian, Silin Chen, & Victoria Rose Hargett

The Florence Robinson Neuroscience Award | Undergraduate Neuroscience Program | Grace Anderson

The Academic Award for Outstanding Senior | Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | Madeline Marianne Katsarelis

The Academic Award for Outstanding Senior | Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | Madeline Marianne Katsarelis

The Academic Award for Outstanding Senior | Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | Quynh Nhu T. Vu

The Elizabeth Phillips Award for the Best Essay | Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | Meara Waxman

The Leadership Award for Outstanding Senior | Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | Catherine (Cat) Marie Mizzi

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

The Lura Baker Paden Award | Sarah Hope Shmerler

The Delmer P. Hylton Accountancy Award | Cheng Chi

The Academic Excellence in Finance Award | Kenneth Carter Van Winkle

The Academic Excellence in Mathematical Business Award | Isaac R. Satterwhite

The Patel Prize in Finance | Kenneth Carter Van Winkle

The Levar Hairston Courage Award | James Edward Sowa & Harry Baker Young

The Spirit of Wayne Calloway Award | Kenneth Carter Van Winkle