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THE LONGER ONE LIVES, the more “where were you” moments fill their story. People of my generation ask one another: “Where were you when John F. Kennedy was shot?” and “Where were you when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon?” For other generations, there is somber unity in wondering, “Where were you during the attacks of 9/11?” Many of these historical markers are points of connection — a shared experience that unites us, but at the same time, opens an opportunity to convey a very individual and personal story.

Where were you when the world changed? What were you doing? Whom were you with? What do you remember? How did it change you?

Where were you? In three words, we acknowledge that something affected all of us drastically, and yet we’re curious to know what it meant to you personally.

I believe 2020 will be one of those “where were you” moments. In the last

We are all facing this storm, and yet, it is different for each one of us.

In recent years, the good ship Wake Forest has enjoyed the wind at our back and the sun in our face. We have seen Wake Forest prosper, expand its reach, hire great people, take on innovative projects and begin to address, however imperfectly, our issues regarding race and inequity. Our course seemed set, and all we needed to do was adjust the sails and occasionally change tack.

But that world is no more. In this perfect storm, we face gale-force winds and heavy seas. What is before us is rigorous, demanding and uncertain in ways none of us has ever experienced. This is true not only of Wake Forest but for every college and university, every business, every industry, every community, trying to make sense of its mission in the teeth of this multiheaded storm. But that is where our opportunity lies; in the confluence of crisis and confusion, our opportunity is taking root.

Wake Forest exists to educate young people, committed to pursuing their potential and passion, in order to better our world. Our commitment to excellence in our academic work is unyielding, and

we intentionally design our education in the context of an engaged, personal community. All the while, we are unwavering in our dedication to educating the whole person and upholding our commitment to Pro Humanitate.

In 2020, that mission and this community are being tested. This time is asking us to examine what we do and who we are. So, we must ask: What can we do, in the coming days, to sustain what is strong about the Wake Forest

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several months, we all have seen our world shift in ways we never could have imagined. We have been whipsawed by an unseen and unknown virus; we have been attempting to navigate a pending economic recession that threatens financial stability; and we are contending with the stark reality that racism, injustice and inequity are still alive and well in America. Any one of these elements would be challenging, but the convergence of three of them sets up a perfect storm.

community? What can we jettison that is unworthy or unnecessary? How, working together in these times, can we build a better, more welcoming, more intellectually engaging, more united, more hospitable place for everyone? This is no simple task. But in this perfect storm, which invites us to try a different course, we are inspired by that challenge.

What gives me confidence in these days, with these complexities, are the people of Wake Forest. I have never seen such creativity, teamwork, sacrifice and commitment by scores of faculty and staff, working mightily on behalf of

the common good. It is something I will never forget and for which I am deeply grateful.

And outside the gates of Wake Forest, we have watched as alumni have risen to the occasion in their communities, leading and laboring with a spirit of service and sacrifice. Circumstances build character and conflict tests it, but crisis defines character. And this perfect storm has solidified so many Wake Forest faithful as true leaders of character.

We often herald our institutional commitment to Pro Humanitate — for humanity — and in these stormy days, these many pervasive acts of goodwill and generosity of spirit have been a welcomed beacon, steadying the course for this very special community of learning.

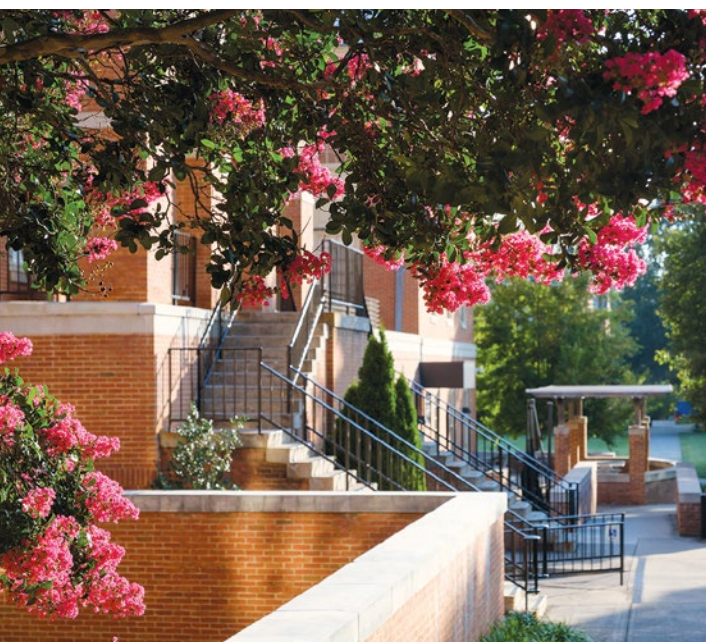
When we look back on this time, I hope we are seen as people who used the challenges we faced to redefine how we connect with each other; change our perspectives; use

our voices to raise others up; push the bounds of creativity to find solutions we never knew we needed; reconsider our priorities and reorient our focus; foster a new love for our neighbor; determine what is truly important and what matters most; and learn to be remarkably flexible and resilient, patient and full of goodwill.


Where were you in 2020?

Let us all be able to say that we were in the storm. And all the while, we were becoming better because of it.

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SAVING *the* 'IMPOSSIBLE CITY'

*As the waters rose and a pandemic followed,
alumna MELISSA CONN went to work to
preserve the past and ensure the future of Venice.*

By Kerry M. King ('85)

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATTEO DE FINA





Previous page: Melissa Conn with Titian's 16th-century "Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple," restored by Save Venice in 2010-2012, in the Gallerie dell'Accademia. **This page:** Conn's office in the Palazzo Contarini Polignac (far right) is a short walk from Casa Artom (center), where she studied as a student.

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NOVEMBER 2019 MELISSA CONN ('87, P '22) WAS AT HER HOME IN THE CASTELLO DISTRICT OF VENICE — NEAR THE CITY'S MEDIEVAL ARSENAL THAT BUILT THE SHIPS THAT FUELED THE CITY'S RISE TO MARITIME AND ECONOMIC POWER — WHEN THE WIND AND RAINS BEGAN. "WHEN THE WATER WAS RISING AND THE WINDS PICKED UP, IT BECAME OMINOUS," SHE RECALLS. "BUT NOBODY HAD ANY IDEA IT WOULD BE THE SECOND HIGHEST TIDE EVER."

In a city used to tidal floods rolling in from the Adriatic Sea, this storm was different. It submerged iconic St. Mark's Square and 80% of the city, sent corrosive saltwater pouring into ancient churches, and threatened irreplaceable Renaissance art and architecture. It is on record as the second highest *acqua alta* since 1966.

While the water was still rising, Conn was already planning the restoration work — and there would be a lot of it — which has defined her three decades in Venice to save the city's endangered artistic and cultural treasures.

"This is what we're here for, to bring the world's attention to the fragile nature of the artistic patrimony of Venice," says Conn, the

longtime director of the Venice office of Save Venice. Based in New York, Save Venice is the largest international nonprofit dedicated to preserving the city's art, architecture, history and culture. Conn's work took on renewed urgency after the flood.

"In some ways, Venice is one of the wonders of the world. The fact that man created such an incredibly beautiful city, the impossible city built out of the water, makes Venice unlike any place else, and it should be preserved."

Saving Venice, she says, should matter to all of us, whether we're Italian or American, whether we've been to Venice or not, for all that Venice gives us.



KARSTEN WÜRTH

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FROM HER FOURTH-FLOOR office in the 15th-century Palazzo Contarini Polignac overlooking the Grand Canal, Conn can almost see Wake Forest's study-abroad center,

Casa Artom. It is just a block away, beside the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, but a bend in the canal hinders Conn's direct view. She had never been out of the United States until she studied at Casa Artom and fell in love with Venice. "It was an incredible experience for art history, and I got the big bug for Italian art."

Now she's so thoroughly Venetian that she's entrusted with overseeing millions of dollars a year, donated primarily by Americans, to preserve her adopted city's heritage. She links the Save Venice board and the New York home office to Italian government cultural officials, museum directors and conservators.

Save Venice was founded in 1971 after the record-breaking 1966 flood raised awareness of the need to protect the city's historic art and architecture. (Venice and its lagoon are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.) Since then, the organization has funded the restoration of more than 1,000 individual artworks.





Left: Save Venice volunteers mop up saltwater in the 16th-century church of San Sebastiano after the November 2019 flood. Save Venice has restored the church's ceiling, walls, floors, front and side façades, and paintings and frescoes by Paolo Veronese.

Right: Conservators restore a rare 1930s gondola, inscribed with the name "Laura," now on display in the Ca' Rezzonico Museum.

Conn has worked for Save Venice since 1989 and was named director of the Venice office in 1998. An art historian, she oversees several dozen conservation projects a year, primarily of 16th-century art and architecture, in museums, churches and *scuole* (grand meeting halls for religious confraternities or professional associations). The list of restorations under her care is long and impressive — masterpieces by Renaissance artists Titian and Tintoretto, sculptures, frescos, mosaics, rare books and once, a 1930s gondola, the fourth oldest in Venice.

Save Venice board chair Frederick Ilchman, chair of the art of Europe at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, worked with Conn in Venice 20 years ago when he was a doctoral student. "She is respected throughout the city," he says. "She has a love of Venice and preserving Italian art."

When we talked by Zoom in mid-May, Conn had just returned from visiting the 16th-century church of San Sebastiano, a short walk from the Save Venice office and its Rosand Library and Study Center. An ongoing 10-year, \$5 million restoration has restored the building's façade, ceiling, walls, floors, and paintings and frescoes by Paolo Veronese. Most recently, work was underway to repair subfloors under the bell tower, damaged in the November flood. It's the project closest to her heart, both because of the scale of the restoration and the fact that she has overseen it from the beginning.

When I ask Conn what it's like being an American working to save Venice's treasures, she hesitates to answer because those lines long ago blurred. She married a Venetian — whom she met when she studied at Casa Artom — and they have two sons with dual American-Italian citizenship. Both sons were born in the city hospital, the Scuola Grande di San Marco, during restoration of the building's late-15th century façade, Conn's first major restoration project as director of the Venice office.

Her older son, a Wake Forest junior, is named Sebastiano, which leads me to ask if he is named after the church of San Sebastiano. "No," she says, laughing. "I knew you were going to ask that. He was born before we started (the restoration). One of the nuns asked me that years ago and said it was my destiny."



CONN GREW UP IN the small Ohio town of Salem, whose most famous son is the late watercolorist Charles Burchfield. (Salem, Ohio, was originally settled by Quakers

in the early 1800s, 50 years after Moravians founded the Salem that became part of Winston-Salem.) She remembers being impressed when she was a student intern at Reynolda House Museum of American Art and found a Burchfield painting, "The Woodpecker," in the museum's collection.

Her attorney father planted the seed, however small, for her interest in art and history. He often took his three daughters — Conn is the middle child — to art museums and historical sites when they were growing up. Childhood trips to beaches in Maine and Delaware led her to dream of being a marine biologist. That changed when Conn's high school English teacher showed students slides of her summer vacation in Europe. Conn was captivated by the teacher's photographs of canals and Renaissance architecture in Venice.


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*“It’s inspiring to watch Melissa lead students through a church or museum that is full of masterpieces of art, all restored through the sponsorship of Save Venice. She can weave in the history of that neighborhood in Venice, the building’s construction, the paintings and sculptures that decorate the interior, past conservation treatments of these works and, finally, the restorations.”*

FREDERICK ILCHMAN  
CHAIR, SAVE VENICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS







When she learned that Wake Forest had a study-abroad program in Venice, she found her college home. She found her major — and, as it turned out, eventually her career — during an art history class with Professor of Art Harry Titus, although at the time her tastes in art ran more to American than Venetian. “I’ve always had an interest in art, but the fact that you could actually study it in art history ... the combination of history, art, the social and political background of what was happening when something was created, I found interesting,” she says.

As a senior, she spent the fall semester at Casa Artom with Titus. While most of her classmates traveled to other parts of Italy and Europe over long weekends, she stayed in Venice to immerse herself in the city’s culture and history. She also met an Italian architecture student, Fabrizio Tibolla, whom she would marry in 1993. When she returned to Wake Forest for her last semester, she couldn’t wait to get back to Venice.

**Left:** A conservator listens for hollow sounds as he taps on an 11th-century mosaic at the ninth-century church of Santa Maria Assunta on the island of Torcello in the Venetian Lagoon. A hollow sound denotes that there is a space between the wall and the mosaic, meaning that the conservator will inject consolidating agents to re-adhere the mosaic layer to the brick wall that supports it. **Above:** Melissa Conn takes an up-close look at one of Veronese’s three large ceiling canvases, restored by Save Venice in 2009-2011, in the church of San Sebastiano.

“Just for a year,” she kept telling her parents.

After graduating, she worked at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., before returning to Venice as an au pair. There, she started volunteering with Save Venice, which in a strange twist led her back to the United States to work in Save Venice’s home office in New York. In 1989, she moved to Venice to stay.

She had always planned to return to school to earn a master’s or Ph.D. in art history but between raising her two sons and working at Save Venice, she never found the time, making her something of a rarity in the world of art historians. Instead, she says, she earned her advanced degree “on the streets of Venice.”

In every corner of the city, she finds connections with the people who once lived there. “You have this real sense of history that you’re surrounded by the places where artists and musicians lived and worked. I live near the church where (Baroque composer) Antonio Vivaldi was baptized and a five-minute walk from

where he worked. When I walk to the church that houses Paolo Veronese's paintings, he (Veronese) walked the same way to the church."

Titus, who's now retired, has visited Conn in Venice and says that her nontraditional path is to her credit. "She has had as interesting a career as any of our students who went on to graduate school because she's been hands-on with the work all this time. The work she has been involved with over the years has been spectacular."

**F**OR THOSE WHO live in Venice, they have to love the water, even though it constantly threatens the city they love. "Water is the reason why Venice is here, so the people could escape the barbarians on the mainland. There were no fortress walls; the water protected them," Conn explains. "Water is what made the Venetians wealthy ... through the salt trade and then as merchants and ship-builders at the arsenal, which had the first assembly lines for ships. It's the blood of Venice, the lifeline of Venice."

And residents must learn to live with floods. But the floods of past years are becoming more frequent and severe, even as the city struggles to complete a multibillion dollar, oft-delayed 20-year project to install massive floodgates in the Venetian Lagoon. Last November's near record-breaking flood wasn't a one-day event but several floods that lasted into December.

After that first night of wind and rain, Conn pulled on her hip boots, grabbed mops and buckets, and went to work. With colleagues, volunteers and her younger son, Lorenzo, she mopped up corrosive saltwater from marble floors in the 15th-century Ca' d'Oro museum on the Grand Canal and helped priests and nuns load waterlogged debris from San Sebastiano onto barges to be carried away.

"It was a very American thing to do," she says of her immediate efforts to help stem the damage. "I couldn't just stand there and watch and say, 'We're going to give you money.' Save Venice isn't just about (raising) money. We're here to give moral support, too."

Save Venice launched an emergency fund to respond to the widespread damage. Supported by the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C., the fund raised more than \$700,000 from donors in the United States and Italy. In the days that followed, Save Venice installed pumps and flood barriers,

shored up damaged stone walls and floors, and cleaned mosaic and marble floors.

Emergency restoration work began at some two dozen sites, including the ninth-century church of Santa Maria Assunta on the island of Torcello in the Venetian lagoon and the 15th-century Scuola Dalmata di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, once the meeting hall for immigrants from Dalmatia, now part of Croatia.

**T**HE NEXT STORM arrived in February, but this one was a pandemic. Conn had just wrapped up Save Venice's three-day masquerade ball, The Carnevale Gala, which raised more than \$500,000. Then COVID-19 began spreading across Italy. The Italian government issued strict stay-at-home orders, shutting down Save Venice's conservation projects.

Conn was scheduled to lecture at Casa Artom, but Wake Forest students studying there were sent home in late February. When Wake Forest closed the Reynolda Campus in mid-March, Conn's older son, Sebastiano, couldn't return to Italy, so he went to live with Conn's sister's family in Ohio. Conn and her husband decamped to the mountain town of Agordo for the weekend and ended up staying for two months. They returned to a different city in May. The tourists were gone, shops and restaurants closed, and boat traffic on the city's main thoroughfare, the Grand Canal, had slowed to a trickle.

Her 20-minute walk from her home to her office — she prefers walking to taking the *vaporetto* water bus — is different, too. The canals are cleaner, and the city is quieter, more walkable and livable. As she walks past the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica, past shuttered tourist shops and docked gondolas, and over the Ponte dell'Accademia bridge, she can, once again, fully appreciate the beauty of the city that she fell in love with as a student.

"You can see the architecture and the buildings without worrying about tripping over someone," she says. "You're much more aware of the reflections on the Grand Canal, because before the boats stirred up silt from the bottom. There's much more wildlife. We don't normally have ducks, and now there are colonies of ducks. Fish are more noticeable because they're not being disturbed by the boat traffic."



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“Save Venice, with the best art restorers and experts in conservation and art history, has been taking care of, like a mother with her children, the treasures of Venice. It is love for the buildings, the paintings and all that witnesses the grandiose past of Venice. It’s an act of love of Americans for the city, its treasures and an act of civilization, ‘Pro Humanitate’ at work.”

ROBERTA MOROSINI
WAKE FOREST PROFESSOR
OF ITALIAN



Above: A conservator works on a painting by Vittore Carpaccio, one of the paintings that wrap around the walls of the 15th-century Scuola Dalmata di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni.
Left: Conservators restore a 16th-century Veronese painting, Conn’s favorite painting, in the church of San Sebastiano.



With fewer tourists, Venice has a chance to reinvent itself to become a living city again, Conn says. She's hoping that more Italians, especially students and young people, will be able to afford to live in the city. The millions of tourists who annually visit the city — pre-COVID-19 — overwhelm the city's population, which has declined from about 170,000 in 1950 to 53,000 today.

Before a Zoom call in mid-June, Conn had just returned from the church of Santa Maria Assunta on Torcello. There she met with conservators who are restoring the church's ninth-century walls and 11th-century mosaics, the oldest remaining in Venice. "I really like being in touch with the artworks," she says of her frequent site visits to meet with architects, conservators and Italian art historians. "Being on a scaffolding or being with restorers or conservators is the most inspiring part of my job."

In the heat of the Venetian summer, Conn was already looking ahead to Save Venice's 50th anniversary in 2021. She's overseeing \$5 million for 48 conservation projects in the next year alone. Work has already begun on restoring the 16th-century Italian Synagogue in the Venetian Ghetto, five centuries ago the first segregated, walled quarter for Jews in Europe. Restoration work is also underway at the church of the Frari on Titian's 500-year-old "Assumption

Left: Titian's 500-year-old "Assumption of the Virgin" at the church of the Frari.
Below: A conservator works on a painting at the church of Santa Maria Assunta.



Wake Forest's VENICE CONNECTION

When Wake Forest decided in the early 1970s to start a study-abroad program, then-President James Ralph Scales looked first to Italy. Scales was fond of quoting poet Robert Browning: "Open my heart and you will see/ Graved inside of it 'Italy.'"

In 1971, the University leased an 1828 palazzo, a former American Consulate, on the Grand Canal in Venice, with help from then-U.S. Ambassador to Italy Graham Martin ('32, LL.D. '69). (Martin had previously served as ambassador to Thailand and would later serve as the last United States ambassador to South Vietnam.) The first nine students to study at "the Venice house" arrived in fall 1971 with John Andronica (P '89, '92), then an assistant professor of classical languages and literature.

Three years later, the University purchased the house for \$250,000 from the U.S. government. The house was named Casa Artom in honor of the late Dr. Camillo Artom, a prominent Italian biochemist who fled Italy in the late 1930s. After coming to the United States, he taught at the School of Medicine until retiring in 1961. He was the first recipient of the University's Medallion of Merit, in 1969.

Artom's wife, Bianca, served as Casa Artom's summer director and taught Italian language and literature on the Reynolda Campus from 1975 until retiring in 1990. Following her death in 1994, she was recognized as the founder of the Venice program and honored in the name of the house.

Since 1971, about 2,000 undergraduates have spent a semester at Casa Artom, and several hundred undergraduates and law students have studied there in the summers. Because of COVID-19, the program is suspended this fall.

of the Virgin," thought to be the largest painting on wood in the world. Conservators are scrambling to finish as much work as they can while tourists are gone and before the floods inevitably come again this fall.

For an American devoted to saving Venice's past from the ravages of pollution, climate change, more frequent floods, too many tourists and simple old age, Conn is optimistic. "I have to be. Venice has been through so many floods, plagues and wars. The fall of the republic, the French occupation, the Austrian occupation. Yes, sea levels are rising, but we'll just keep adapting. That's what's always been done."

Saving one of the world's great cities isn't only about the past; it's also about the future, she says. "Art and beauty matter, and you want those things in your life. Remembering what a city has been in the past can make the future a little brighter because you're not giving up."



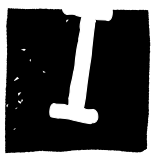


Against the backdrop of these challenging times, Wake Forest Magazine asked three professors to reflect on 'meaning.'

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“Grow Small” to find MEANING in a WOUNDED WORLD

by Lucas Johnston ('98)



TEACH COURSES on religions and environmental issues, with values and ethics always at the forefront of our conversations. We are a meaning-making species, or so we are told. We find faces in the clouds, we look up to the “man in

the moon” or imagine a god — or gods— peering down upon us, judging our actions. We are not so different from our ancient ancestors. Our brains are hardwired for such proclivities. And for many, propitiation of these agents gives meaning to their lives.

As for the planet, that gaze from above hasn’t helped us to heal or even slow the infliction of wounds on the world. In the most recent scientific surveys, more than 500 species of land animals will be on the brink of extinction in the next 20 years — the same number lost over the whole of the preceding century. Biodiversity drawdown is accelerating. It’s likely that 25% of mammal species and 41% of amphibian species will die off in my lifetime. These are the very building blocks of our lives. As the eminent Stanford

biologist Paul Ehrlich said in a recent study: “When humanity exterminates other creatures, it is sawing off the limb on which it is sitting.”

How do we imagine what it means to be human, to find meaning, in such a world? How do we imagine what it means when economic, political and social “progress” can, with the swipe of a bulldozer, destroy thousands of years of human meaning-making by erasing indigenous artifacts and histories? It seems that in our present context “meaning” is reduced to control over forms of economic, political and social capital. Add to that COVID-19, a zoonotic pandemic that accentuates existing racial, economic, political and social disparities.

Can our current predicament provide an avenue to rethink what it means to be human? What if we imagined these wounds and their systematic symptoms not as endemic to our species, but rather a product of our present mode of life? What if we re-imagined ourselves as a part of, as participants in, the world around us, rather than captains of a ship that continues to list violently? Maybe in the interconnected crises lies an opportunity for a midcourse correction.

As I write this during the summer, our students are in some cases sitting home, closer to their parents or guardians than they might like with little chance for a respite, or caught far away from home, weathering our current moment more alone than ever. What sorts of counsel might help in such circumstances to put into relief what it means to be human — to pursue a life that is important and meaningful — and to initiate a midcourse correction?

I suppose my only suggestion is to “grow small.” To attend to the simple ways, on totally mundane days, in which they might cultivate meaning. There is nothing revolutionary or profound here. Such suggestions are rather anemic given the scale of the problems. But some



meaningful pursuits might include spending time with family and companion animals; maybe keeping a close and curious eye on other creatures; watching butterflies when we can spot them and birds when we can't; and just asking other people to watch with us.

A contemplative exercise I've assigned in my courses is to go to the same place every day for a month — sit under a particular tree, nestle in a wooded spot or select a nice urban cityscape and observe the ways in which we respond to nature and how natural agents respond to us. In a city, students might note how people walking down the sidewalk have to weave through the world, stepping aside for other humans or walking around trees, which, though encircled by concrete and little urban fences,

still influence the flow of human traffic. If sitting in a less developed space, they might note that they see the same birds or squirrels or other creatures each day. They might notice a rustle in the trees. Or recognize an acknowledgment by one of these creatures.

Now, those things won't fix the drawdown of biodiversity, unsustainable subsistence regimes or the systematic racism that creates the conditions in which people of color, women, indigenous populations and others have to take to the streets to get noticed. But sometimes I wonder if they might help to cultivate the sort of people who can unplug, hug (when they can) and keep an eye out for birds. Eat food made by friends

and family. Make food for friends and family. Be present in the world. For now, these small things can make meaning in a world of wounds. They are not enough. But just maybe little attempts to find meaning in the most mundane acts of outward attentiveness, compassion and care are a good first step toward a midcourse correction, toward mending our ways — and our wounds.

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EPICURUS and MEANINGFUL

PLEASURE

by Emily Austin



FOR THE PAST YEAR. I've been writing a book about the ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus, who offered his readers advice about how to achieve tranquility, understood as the consistent experience of pleasure in the absence of anxiety.

When the pandemic hit, and then when the country exploded in fiery protest, I thought, "This is perhaps not a very good time to be writing a book about pleasure in the absence of anxiety." It seemed indulgent, almost perverse, to think about tranquility as accounts of suffering spiraled through my news feed.

I eventually started writing again, though, because I knew that Epicurus designed his account of pleasure and meaning with pandemics and social unrest in mind. In fact, the Roman poet Lucretius abruptly ended his spirited defense of Epicureanism, "On the Nature of Things," with a gruesome account of a plague that struck democratic Athens, revealing in its wake the greedy and superstitious underbelly beneath the city's veneer of excellence. My own book, by eerie coincidence, was already contracted to conclude with a chapter about pandemics. So what, in brief, does Epicurus think a pandemic tells us about living a meaningfully pleasant life?

On the personal front, the pandemic gave us a sudden and clear vantage point from which to see what actually matters to us. We missed some pleasures dearly, sometimes with an intensity that surprised us, while other pleasures dropped away almost without our noticing. I missed the classroom but not Starbucks. No doubt some of my

students missed Starbucks but not the classroom. The loss we all suffered most acutely, though, was the feeling of safely being in the company of our friends and family.

And yet, let's be honest. How often have we passed up opportunities to be with our friends and family to pursue pleasures that now seem inconsequential by comparison? If we were to map our newfound calculus of value onto our previous actions and decisions, we might discover how far we have regularly departed from the better path. Moving forward, perhaps we should keep the map in hand. Maybe we should not move to a cooler city if it takes us away from our aging parents. Maybe a rare and memorable event with friends is of greater value than laboring for an A in Introduction to Philosophy. Take it from me, a philosophy professor — your relationships are more important than my course.

Now that I've called attention to your college memories, let me introduce the second Epicurean point about personal pleasure during a pandemic. Epicurus believed that we can use memories of past pleasure to counteract current pain. Think of your past pleasures as a library of stories and their associated feelings that you never tire of revisiting. An Epicurean should make it a lifelong project to build a collection

of memories as large, varied and rich as possible. I suspect you have recently been replaying a lot of those memories and that they are not of solitary shopping or your GPA in college. Moving forward, we should not relapse into wasting our time on things not even worth remembering.

The final, and most important, Epicurean lesson from our cultural moment is not about our private discoveries of meaning but about how those discoveries should affect our path forward as a community. For many of us, the simple truth is that the pandemic sent us home, safe and employed, not terrified of hunger or life on the streets. We had material security, physical protection and good health insurance. Just as we reacquainted ourselves with our deep gratitude for that security, we watched those assurances slip away from tens of millions. Protesters in the street showed us that many of our fellow citizens have never truly felt secure at all. So again, were we to map our newly rediscovered sense of what matters most onto how we have spent

our communal resources in the past, we could measure how far afield we have strayed. Let's keep the map in hand.

Lucretius is, I think, correct that a pandemic is a stress test and reckoning for both an individual and a community. To the extent that we pass the test, we pass it because our actions past and present are in harmony with the values that a pandemic forcefully reveals as most fundamental to human well-being. The land of easy and shallow pleasures will surely return. What remains unclear is whether they will again distract us from collectively pursuing the greater and more meaningful pleasures.

Associate Professor of Philosophy Emily Austin, the Bitove Family Faculty Fellow, specializes in ancient Greek philosophy and focuses on ethics and emotions in her research. She is writing a book, "Doing Pleasure Right: Epicureanism as a Way of Life."



Reframing the 'M' Words

by Samuel T. Gladding
(’67, MAEd ’71, P ’07, ’09)



FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS the words “meaning” and “mattering” have been bandied about in American society like birdies in a badminton game. The popularity of these terms has a lot to do with the times in which we live and how

we view the world. In a pandemic, we recognize medical personnel and grocery store clerks as people who matter and make meaningful contributions to society. In other times, different occupations and individuals have been thought of in this way.

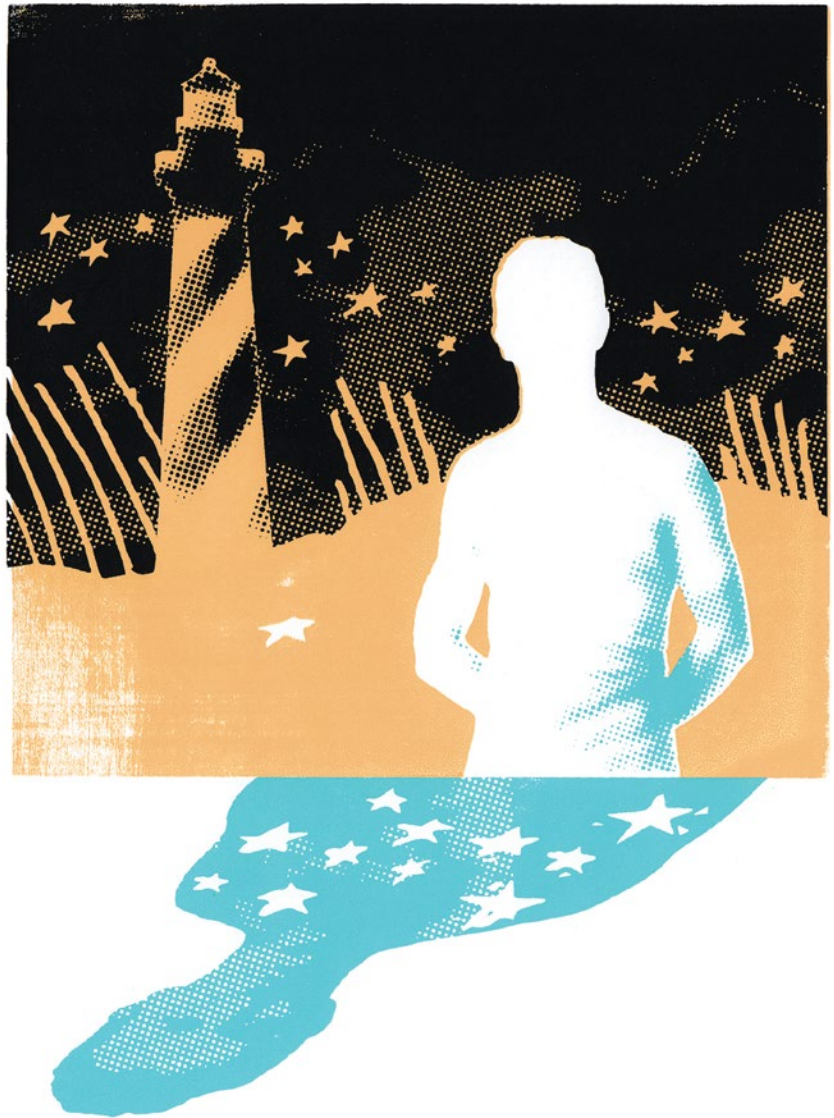
One of the strongest voices in the conversation about the two “M words” is Gregg Levoy, a former journalist. He looks at careers as callings and states the meaning individuals receive from their work can be life enhancing if people adopt a mindset that what they do matters. Another important person in the dialogue is Laurie Santos, a professor at Yale whose course on happiness has become phenomenally popular. Santos has found overall well-being correlates strongly with shared social experiences and not with the accumulation of wealth or goods. Social experiences, like acts of kindness and gratitude, connect us with substantive involvement with others that matters. They have significant meaning for us despite our intuitive tendencies to want higher status symbols. The reason these nonmaterial behaviors are so important is that they become embedded in our memories. Put another way, we become acclimated over time to prestige possessions from luxury cars to electric guitars. Their newness fades, as does our pleasure with them. However, recollections of experiences spent with individuals we care about continue to be treasured and grow stronger with time.

One of the best ways to focus on meaning and mattering is through “savoring.” It is a process attributed to Loyola University Chicago’s Fred Bryant. In savoring, a person thinks of past happy or pleasing events whether mundane (such as a gathering with friends), significant

(like a promotion) or altruistic (for example, serving the homeless). In the process, positive emotions well up again. These feelings add to the pleasurable-ness of our days and to positive mental health. As an example, I remember shaving the heads of disabled men in India when I worked in the homes of Mother Teresa with Wake Forest students during the winter break of 1995. Having a clean scalp mattered to these men. Otherwise, they would get lice. Though I was clumsy with the razors, I found the experience meaningful in multiple ways and now regularly savor it.

Two other practices may also add to meaning and mattering times. They are gratitude and imagery of what our lives would be in the absence of certain people. Gratitude, whether in the form of a kind word on a cloudy day or a helping hand along the way, is something we value. At such times, we are thankful. Martin Seligman, the originator of positive psychology, has found when individuals write letters of gratitude to those who have been of assistance and hand deliver them in person, the grateful writer benefits, as does the person receiving the message. Keeping a gratitude list is a positive step in finding meaning in life.

Imagining what our lives would be like had we not met certain people is a final meaning and mattering strategy. It is graphically displayed in the film “It’s a Wonderful Life” when George Bailey is shown by his guardian angel, Clarence, what the town of Bedford Falls would have become had it not been for George’s good deeds over the years. Likewise, when we examine our lives, we find others have made a difference in who we are and the way we have become. Without these individuals, our lives would not be as good. In my own life, a then Wake Forest undergraduate — Ed Hallman (’68, P ’99) — played a critical role in my decision to transfer to The Forest when the first college I attended was not a good fit. In our conversation about possibilities, Ed told me, “Wake Forest is the next best place to Heaven.” I was curious and thought I had to see for myself. Without



such a strong recommendation, I might have finished my education at another institution instead of coming to “Mother So Dear.”

I am glad the “M words” have become prominent in society. They offer us guidance in the seas of change we navigate. They are like the lighthouses on the Outer Banks in that they help us stay alert, on course and move in meaningful ways that matter.

Samuel T. Gladding (’67, MAEd ’71, P ’07, ’09) is a professor of counseling and the author of “The History of Wake Forest University, volume 6.” His latest book, “Off the Courthouse Square,” is a memoir of his first 21 years of life, including stories about his undergraduate days at Wake Forest.





NATIONAL TREASURES

WAKE FOREST ALUMNUS

HELPS CARE FOR

the

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

AND ITS VAST COLLECTIONS

by

CAROL L. HANNER

As chief of staff for the Librarian of Congress, RYAN RAMSEY ('03) has full access to the many wonders of the world's largest library that are not on display to the public.

Ramsey graciously gave a pre-coronavirus private tour of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to Wake Forest Magazine. He offered his insights into some of his favorite "secret treasures" among the Library's 171 million items (though some of his favorites are viewable online or can be reviewed in a reading room upon request).

Photography courtesy of the Library of Congress



At Wake Forest, RYAN RAMSEY [' 0 3] served in student government — Speaker of the House and president — to push himself past his introverted personality, and he discovered he wanted a career in government. He had favored math and science in high school, but he fell in love with history and double-majored in history and political science. He reveled in the diversity of the liberal arts catalog, wishing he could take 20 courses every semester.

This has made him perfectly suited as chief of staff at the Library of Congress, “although I never would have drawn a straight line from there to here,” he says. He worked first in Iowa on the presidential campaign of John Edwards of North Carolina, then in other political jobs, including with U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. (Deacon classmates connected Ramsey to several jobs, and he is paying it forward by advising students at Wake Washington Center.)

He moved to the White House Presidential Personnel Office for Barack Obama. As the congressional liaison, he was the first stop for members of Congress who wanted to recommend an appointee. He moved to the Department of Homeland Security, enjoying the variety — border security, cybersecurity, immigration, the Secret Service, the Coast Guard, crisis communications and dealing with Congress and stakeholders.

The White House invited him back for what he calls “a dream job” driving the legislative process for 200 nominees, including ambassadors and Cabinet secretaries requiring Senate confirmation. That’s how he met Carla Hayden (L.H.D. ’19), named Librarian of Congress in 2016. Because she was the Library’s first nomination in 28 years, Ramsey spent a great deal of time working with staffers, who were unfamiliar with the process and a bit daunted given the Library’s status as a “fiercely nonpartisan entity,” Ramsey says. He got to know Hayden well. She is a respected professor and the first professional librarian in the position in more than 60 years, having led the Chicago and Baltimore public library systems. Later, she recruited Ramsey to bring his political skills to her ambitious agenda.

Like many people, Ramsey imagined the Library full of “dusty manuscripts and rare books,” but he found a never-ending supply of fascinating items, from photography to film to the world’s largest collections of comic books and baseball cards. The Library also offered a bit more freedom than the pressure-filled White House, giving him more time with his wife, Deirdre, and their children, now 4 and 7 years old.

And his favorite place at Wake Forest happened to be Z. Smith Reynolds Library, where he became a voracious reader for the first time. “I was in two reading-heavy majors, and I found myself reading all that, plus the same amount outside of class ... that I would serendipitously find at ZSR that were really on obscure, random topics,” he says.

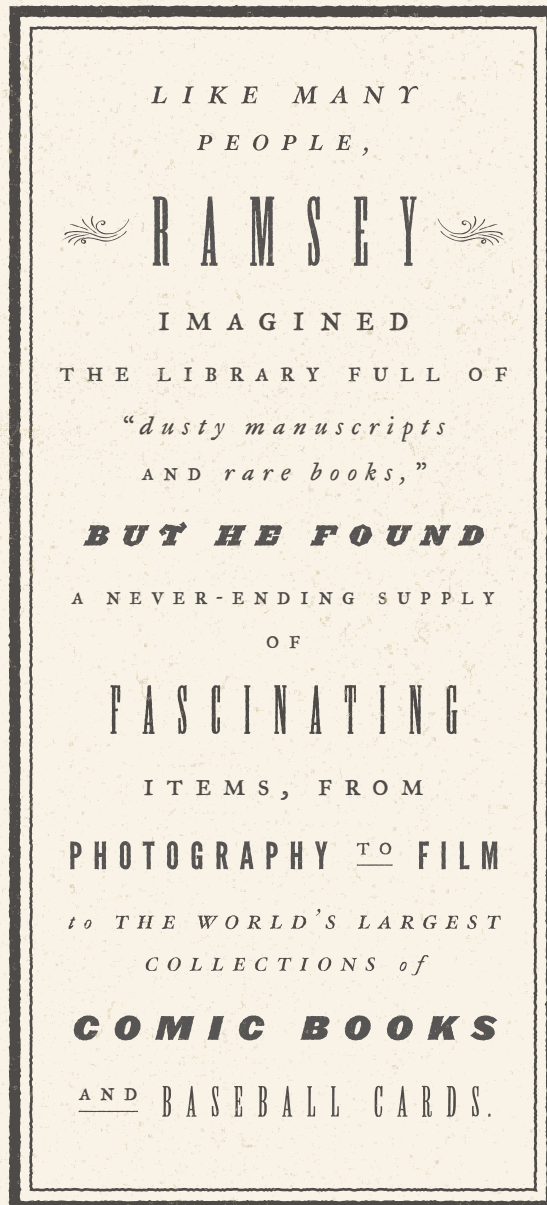
He joined Hayden’s office in 2017. Besides enjoying the Library’s variety, architectural beauty and historical richness, Ramsey fully supports Hayden’s goals, including a capital campaign to make the Library more accessible and increase its use, such as for researching genealogy. “We’ve got 2 million visitors a year, but we would like more of those visitors to be inspired by what they see here and to want to use the collection,” Ramsey says.

Hayden wants to create a “treasure gallery” to better display such gems as an original illustrated Gutenberg Bible, one of a handful on vellum, and a draft of the Declaration of Independence in Thomas Jefferson’s handwriting with edits by “BF” (Benjamin Franklin) and “JA” (John Adams), with changes such as “subjects” replaced with “citizens.”

A project called “By the People” enlists the public to transcribe hard-to-read cursive writing to make documents more searchable online. Other goals are digitizing more material and creating an interactive gallery where visitors, especially students, can touch objects or learn how to do bookbinding.

Ramsey is proud of the Library’s off-the-record dinners for members of Congress and their spouses

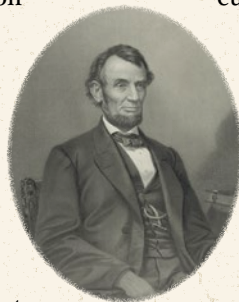
to hear prominent historians and socialize with people they don’t normally interact with. “It’s been nice to see people who have been battling all day set it aside for the evening, and they’re not doing it for perception. There are no cameras around,” he says. “That is one of the most meaningful parts of this job.”



RAMSEY'S FAVORITE **OBJECTS**

Contents of
PRESIDENT
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S
POCKETS
when he was assassinated

LINCOLN CARRIED two pairs of spectacles, one with a sliding temple mended with string; a Confederate \$5 bill, possibly a souvenir from a victory visit to Richmond, Virginia; a cham-
ois glasses cleaner; an ivory pocket knife; a handkerchief stitched with A. Lincoln in red; a wallet; a gold and quartz watch fob; and more. A coat button that might have come off during treatment of his injuries is “a humanizing thing about



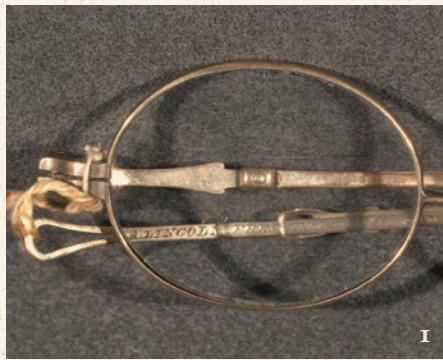
him,” Ramsey says. “That he was carrying Confederate paper money (the only currency in his wallet) is usually most surprising to people.” But what fascinated Ryan were the news clippings in his wallet, not all recent and not all complimentary. “He carried with him, literally and metaphorically, criticism from months and years before he was killed. ... They are a reminder of the emotional toll he suffered as president.”

ABOUT THE TREASURE:

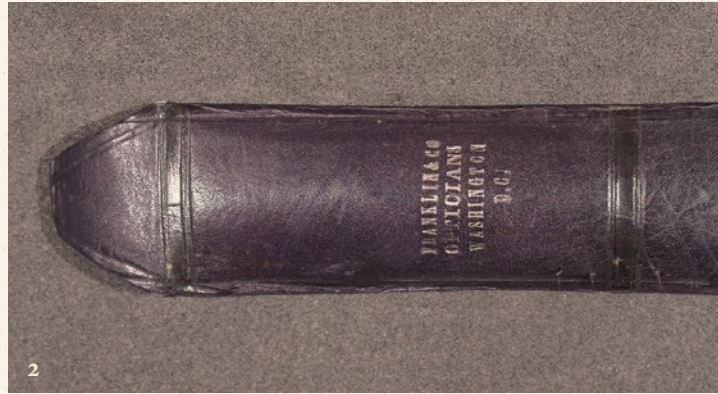
John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, shot the 16th president at Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865, five days after the Confederate Army surrendered to end the Civil War. Lincoln's granddaughter, Mary Lincoln Isham, donated the contents in 1937. The Librarian at the time left them in a safe in a small room off his office after he retired, where they were rediscovered decades later. More at bit.ly/2YmlFbG

1. Engraved glasses with string
2. Glasses case
3. Handkerchief
4. Watch fob
5. Glass cleaner
6. Button
7. Pocket knife
8. Confederate currency
9. Wallet

The Alfred Whitall Stern
Collection of Lincolnia



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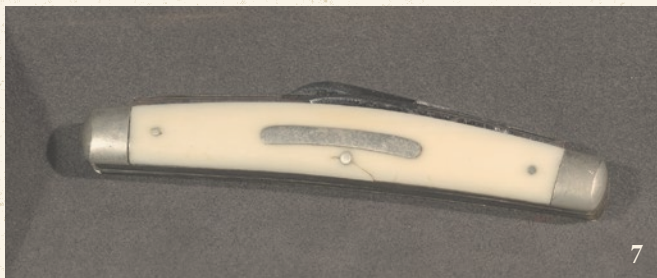
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*Jack Johnson, Bain News Service,
George Grantham Bain Collection, 1900*



*Jesse Owens, "Famous People" chapter of the e-book
"Great Photographs" from the Library of Congress, 2013*

PHOTOGRAPHY

COLLECTION

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"THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS has more than 15 million photographs," Ramsey says. "Some of my favorites relate to 20th-century athletes, especially those who deserve credit for paving the way for civil rights."

ABOUT THE IMAGES:

John Arthur "Jack" Johnson, nicknamed the Galveston Giant, was an American boxer who, at the height of the Jim Crow era, became the first African American world heavyweight boxing champion. He died in 1946 at the age of 68 in a car accident after driving away in anger from a diner in eastern North Carolina that refused to serve him. More at bit.ly/2zovHUV

Owens' photo shows him in 1936 at the start of his record-breaking 200-meter race in the Olympics in Germany, where he won four gold medals and infuriated the Nazis. More at bit.ly/3f6VOu3



The Main

❧ READING ROOM ❧

O C U L U S

IN THE MAIN READING ROOM, one of 18 such research rooms, anyone older than 16 with a reading room card can sit to review items from a Library collection. Visible from the middle is a beautiful mural by Edwin Blashfield in the dome of the rotunda. “It’s called ‘Human Understanding,’” Ramsey says. “(A female figure is) lifting the veil of ignorance from her face. And it’s meaningful that you can only see that mural when you’re on the Reading Room floor doing research. The public viewing is up behind those windows, and you can’t see it from there.”

The Library wants to open up the middle area, leaving a historical circular wooden reception desk constructed in the original building. The middle space would be opened to a lower-level floor that would become an orientation room where visitors could see the dome. The lower level currently is a work area reachable from the Reading Room only through a “secret” doorway and staircase.

“We want ... to democratize access by putting (President Thomas) Jefferson’s library underneath and allow people to feel that inspiration and learning from there,” Ramsey says. Jefferson sold his 6,487-book library, the nation’s largest at the time, to Congress after British soldiers in the War of 1812 burned the library established in the Capitol in 1800. In 1851, another fire destroyed two-thirds of Jefferson’s books. The remaining books were moved to the current Jefferson Building, completed in 1897 to house the Library of Congress.



CAROL M. HIGHSMITH



W E S L E Y B R A N C H

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P A P E R S



“RICKEY (AN AMERICAN BASEBALL PLAYER and sports executive) is credited with integrating baseball in 1945 when he signed Jackie Robinson,” Ramsey says. “Rickey was a great judge of talent, and we have his scouting reports. Hank Aaron visited the Library last year, and we were able to show him his own scouting report by Rickey, which he hadn’t seen before.”

ABOUT THE IMAGE:

Rickey’s scouting report on Hank Aaron.

More at bit.ly/2y57TiX

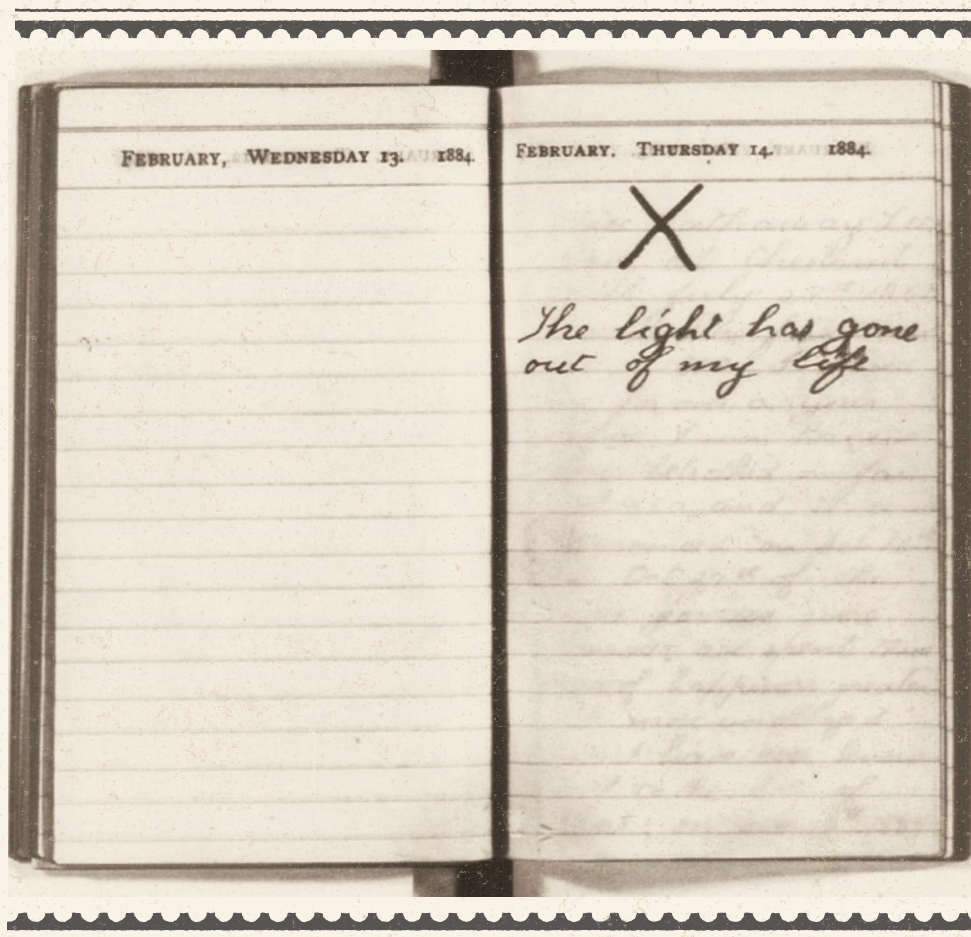
Cincinnati, Ohio
May 2, 1963
Cincinnati vs Milwaukee

AARON, HANK

Surely one of the greatest hitters in baseball today. Can hit late with power, - good wrists. But in spite of his hitting record and admitted power ability, one cannot help think that Aaron is frequently a guess hitter. Will take three strikes down the middle and in fact frequently acts frozen on pitches. For years I have believed and I still believe that Aaron has more trouble with the breaking stuff. He stands close enough to the plate to pull the outside ball and does pull it. However, he is a foot length further from the plate than Frank Robinson of Cincinnati.

BRANCH RICKEY

Branch Rickey Papers, Manuscript Division



Theodore Roosevelt Papers: Series 8, Vol. 7: Personal Diaries, 1878-1884

President

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S

DIARY

“TEDDY ROOSEVELT’S PERSONAL DIARY, which fits in his breast pocket, has Feb. 14 crossed out in a red X and (the words written), ‘The light has gone out of my life’ because it was the day that his wife and his mother had died in the same house on the same day (in 1884),” Ramsey says. “That was before he went off to his adventures (from capturing cattle thieves in the American West to soldiering to tracking lions in Africa), before he became president, but it helps to lend some context to the man he became. It was a way of coping with his sadness.”

More at bit.ly/2YopdtP

RAMSEY'S
TREASURED
MOMENTS

HAYDEN'S
SWEARING-IN

Carla Hayden, the first woman and first African American to be Librarian of Congress, is a native of Abraham Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, Illinois. She was only the third person, after Lincoln and President Barack Obama, to take the oath on the Lincoln Bible when she was installed in 2016. "It was particularly meaningful for her as a descendant of slaves, people who were punished for learning to read or trying to learn to read, to serve as the head of the world's largest library," Ramsey says. Ramsey accompanied Hayden at Wake Forest's 2019 Commencement when she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Lincoln Bible at bit.ly/2KWxSvr



Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress

CAROL M. HIGHSMITH

Synchronicity for
"THE DAVINCI CODE"
AUTHOR

"I had a fun encounter with novelist Dan Brown. He wrote the book years ago called 'The Lost Symbol' (2009), and some key parts of the story take place at the Library," Ramsey says. He was giving Brown a private tour when the novelist stopped in Jefferson's collection, looked up and happened to see a book called "Symboleography." Brown asked to view the book. "He was blown away," Ramsey says.



Birds-eye view of the city of Kokomo, Howard Co., Indiana 1868

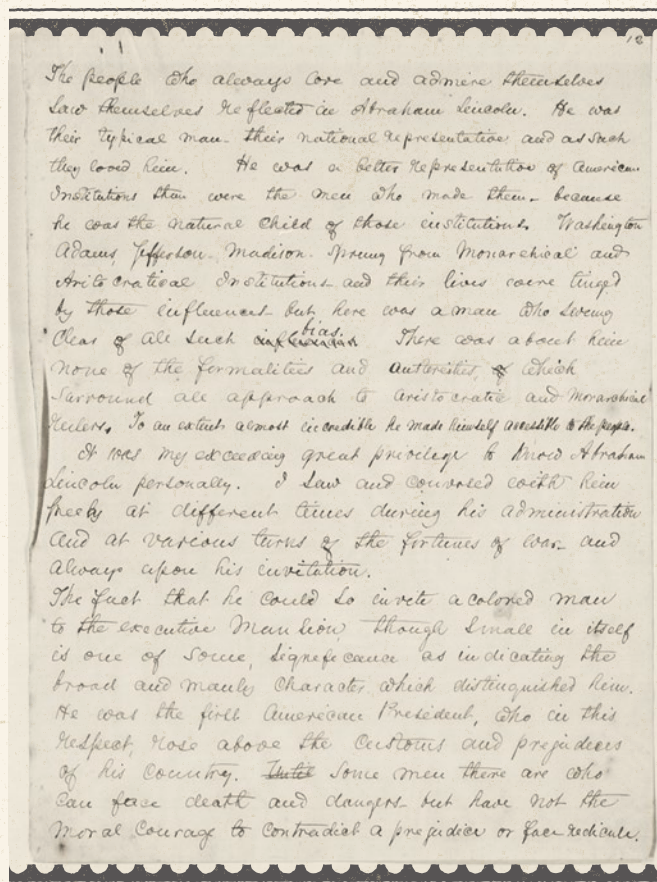
Searching LOCAL COLLECTIONS

“I can find old photographs and maps from my birthplace — Kokomo, Indiana — or my hometown of Troy, Michigan,” Ramsey says. “French President Emmanuel Macron visited the Library in 2018, and we were able to show him a Paris telephone book from the 1970s with his parents’ names and address listed.”

A RANDOM ENCOUNTER

Ramsey also was moved when he and Hayden first toured the Manuscript Division vault. The first place where Hayden asked to look at materials was the collection of papers from Frederick Douglass, a black author and statesman who had escaped slavery before Lincoln abolished it. “She chose a random folder inside of a random box and found this item.” (bit.ly/3bVygqe)

“No people or class of people in this country have a better reason for lamenting the death of Abraham Lincoln and desiring to honor and perpetuate his memory, than have the colored people,” wrote Douglass, “and yet we are about the only people who have been forbidden to exhibit our sorrow or to show our respect for the deceased president publicly.”



Frederick Douglass papers

Z. Smith Reynolds Library also has a digital collection with many historical photos, manuscripts and recordings.

Browse the offerings at zsr.wfu.edu/special/collections/digital

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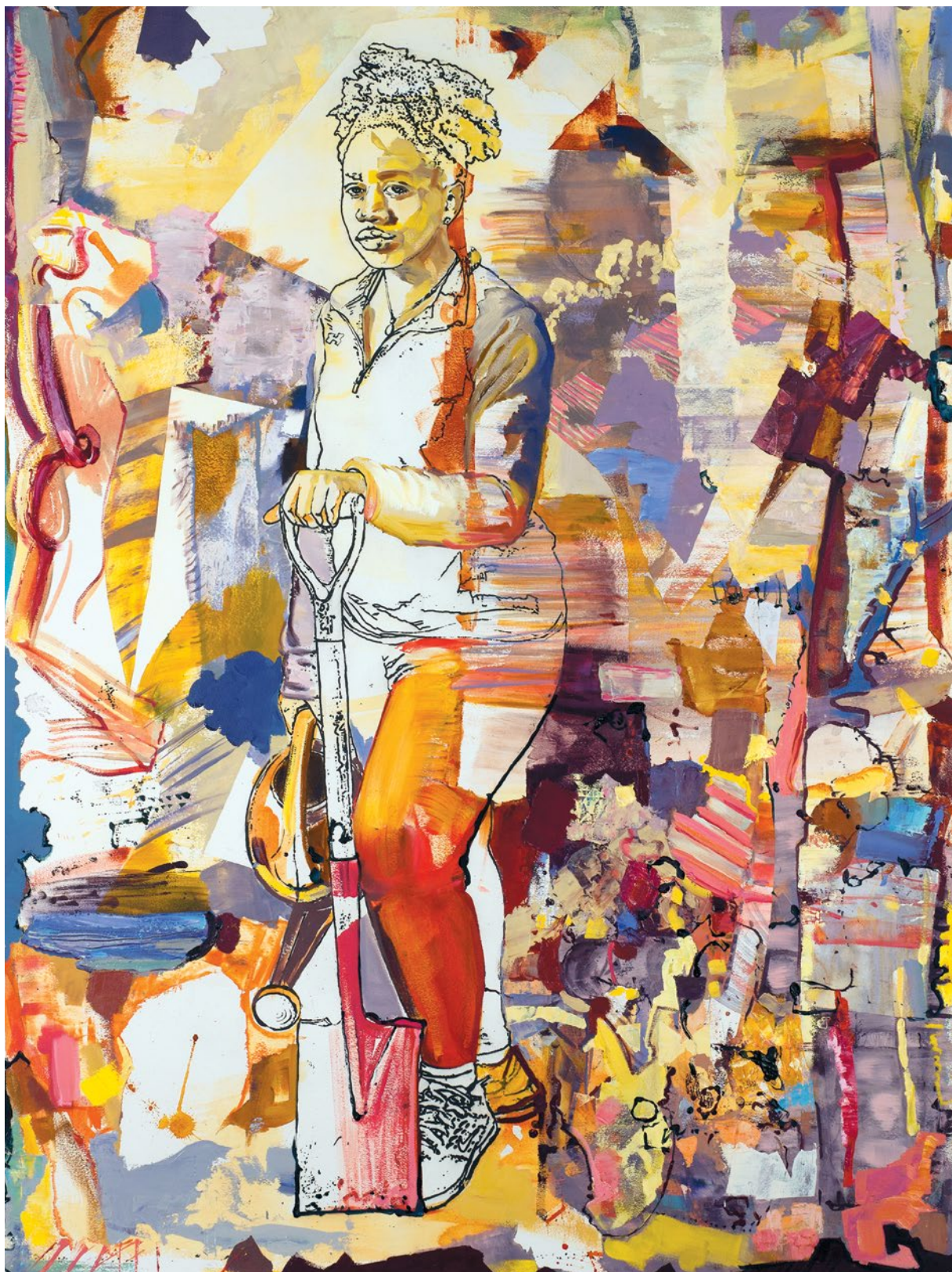
invited four

Wake Forest poets to
submit a poem that would be

assigned to a Wake Forest artist.

The four artists then
submitted a work of art to pair with the texts.

Here are the results of their
virtual, creative
collaboration.



Page Laughlin, Harold W. Tribble Professor, Painting

ARTIST'S STATEMENT: The Labor Series is one series from my Coloring Book Portfolio, an ongoing set of art projects that move between studio practice and community engagement projects. For the Labor Series, I work with the mediums of painting, photography and digital drawing in order to generate imagery for relatively large oil paintings on paper. The line drawing I develop digitally for the paintings references a coloring book, a surface design eliciting the conflict between free agency and external control — a template for “coloring” inside and outside “the lines.”

The Labor Series creates and explores images of contemporary women engaged in simple tasks of hand labor. I am interested in how we are defined by and through the ‘things we carry’ — the physical, psychological and social markers of who we are. I portray young women in young adulthood, when we shift from being carried to having to carry. I am interested in the distance between what we pick up and what we must accomplish.

David Finn has had more than 15 solo exhibitions and is the recipient of fellowship grants from the Bemis Foundation, New York Foundation for the Arts, North Carolina Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. With an abiding focus on public art, he currently works with the project “Shadow Citizens” (on Instagram). Finn is an art professor and chair of the Department of Art, where he has taught sculpture since 1987.



Digging

by **L. Lamar Wilson**

*Plant some s——! the Gangsta Gardener's
Broken sink orders. Cordoned outside
This fence, I cannot tell if a daffodil
Or spent honeycomb glares back, but surely,
It's gone & long forgotten to every eye
But mine. Defiant, I nab a too-green lime
From the sidewalk, hide my bulbous skull
Behind a fiery frond withering in the middle
Of the block. Castaway, too, I lie again, feign
I can bring a dying thing back, keep digging
& hoping I'll plumb the sophic root, here
In south-central LA. Every day, we scale
This barrier reef of chained links & lap
The daisies I imagine doing backstrokes
In what was once a pool, bring compost
& water, keep digging & hoping to play
God, call back from certain extinction
Some living thing we assume we'll always have
To waste, because you said we must. Here
I stand, my one good hand holding all
I can salvage, believing I'll be born again
In another black man's big, warm hands.
I wanna be your daisy may, gangsta boo.
Grow a baby bird or three inside, sugarplum.
A honeycreeper or giant mountain lobelia,
Some coral, any doomed thing you want.*

Assistant Professor of English **L. Lamar Wilson** taught creative writing and literature at Wake Forest from 2019-2020. His documentary poetics has been featured in two poetry collections, a stage production and a film: "Sacrilegion" (Carolina Wren Press, 2013); "Prime" (Sibling Rivalry Press, 2014); "The Gospel Truth" (2017); and "The Changing Same" (PBS/POV Shorts, 2019), a collaboration with Rada Film Group. "Digging" first appeared in The New York Times and remains online at nyti.ms/37D0BQF

WHEN THE
AUDIENCE TIRED,

Little Richard

WOULD SCOLD,
“THE BEAUTY IS STILL
ON DUTY”

by **Eric Ekstrand ('07)**

Associate Teaching Professor **Eric Ekstrand ('07)**, author of "Laodicea" (Omnidawn, 2015), teaches first year writing and creative writing. Both his father and grandfather taught at the University's medical school, and he lives with his husband, Danny. The poem first appeared in EcoTheoReview in 2015.

Paul Bright is the director of the Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery at Wake Forest. An artist known for his paper collages and sound collages — while most of us take pictures, he says, "I 'take' sounds" — he has exhibited his work in the United States, England, Germany, Italy, Canada and Switzerland.





The manila colored sun
is warming
it and warming it common
over into spring

seen
with your
thighs. Acorn green—
a tropical frog with dour

wool soviet cap. Everything
(we're not told it)
keeps going.
Order and accident mold it.

Myrtles in the dog park
are shades at our
right hand, stock
images, lore,

a very present help
in trouble. The 60's
tour bus—unshelved
relic—blows past a mixte

like a hurtled
chrome diner
and cleaves the myrtle
overhang. Decommissioned silver-liner?

Elegantly half-dressed neighbors
come off their
porches, shoulders
by their ears,

arms crossed
high on their chests.
Some missed
it, but ask the rest

if they saw (though
in the passability
neighbors use), and laugh
at its impossibility.

This is how light religion
can be. After
the Ascension,
who took roster

first to break
the silence
left to chic
and useful science?

Daniel, who will live
with dad
now that mom is
dead?

Notes

ON THE ENCLOSURE OF NOTES

by **Amy Catanzano**

We were free like fixed stars.
They fall beneath me.

I do not move; we are free to clear the space with these
stars. Space clears the stars from my eyes.
They are moving, and we

are free to fix the stars. They move
without falling. We are falling

and free. We are free

to make a spell with the stars.

Space is free; I populate
the space with stars. We fall beneath them like the sea.
We clear the sea
of its space.

We are free; the sea is free. The sea
is fixed. The sea has

moved;

I am fixed by the falling stars.

We clear the space from our eyes so that all we see
are the stars. The sea moves.

It is populated with words; the sea falls like a star.
We are free to clear the words
from our eyes.

They do not move. Words are not fixed

stars. I am free in the sea. I am free like the words
falling; nothing

is fixed. We populate the words in our eyes
with stars; we fall with them in space

up from the sea, free.

Associate Professor of English **Amy Catanzano** is the author of three books and is known for exploring poetry in parallel to physics and cosmology. Catanzano's second book, "Multiversal" (Fordham University Press, 2009), in which this poem appeared, received the PEN Center USA Literary Award in Poetry. She is also Poet-in-Residence.

Leigh Ann Hallberg teaches drawing at Wake Forest, where she is a teaching professor of art. Her artwork centers around her interest in human perception and our sense of space, semi-permeable membranes and the passage of time.



"Somatic Memory #22,"
graphite on Mylar

Activist. Artist. Filmmaker. Dreamer of a world guided by ethics and environmentalism. Associate Professor of Art **Joel Tauber** sparks discourse and facilitates change via direct actions and interventions, video installations, films, photographs, public art, podcasts and written stories. joeltauber.com

See “Seven Attempts to Make A Ritual” at joeltauber.com/holes



Hole #2
6,000 Feet Above Sea Level
Angeles National Forest
November 24, 2000

1. Make a reclining chair hole.
2. Do not cover myself with dirt when I am inside the hole because the weight of the Earth is too heavy (I had to be pulled out of the first hole).
3. Look up—not out—when meditating.
4. Ask Jason to help me film; but when I am in the hole, tell him to leave the area.

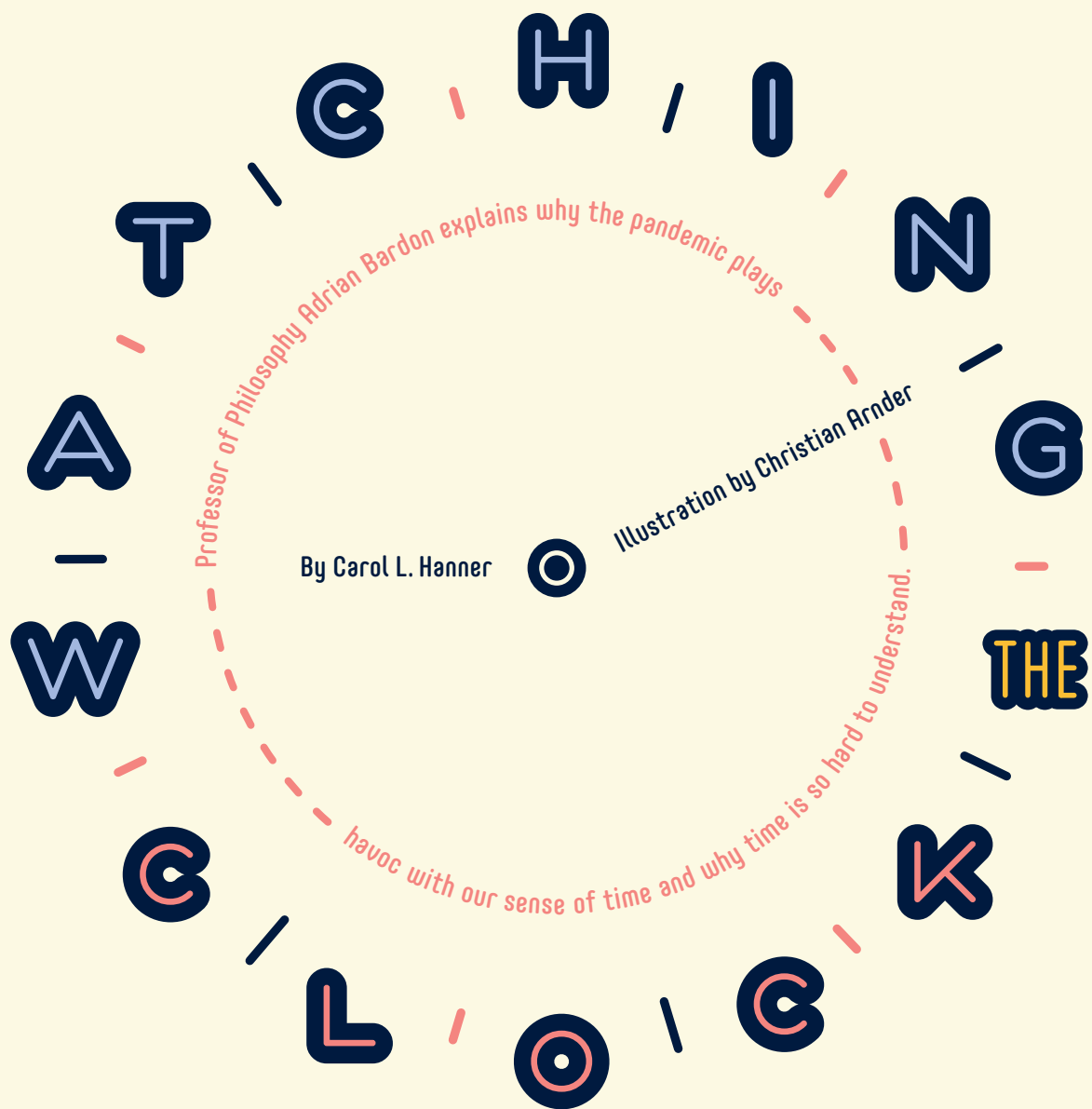
“Hole #2”, from the seven-channel video installation and photo/text series “Seven Attempts To Make A Ritual”

Associate Teaching Professor
Elisabeth Whitehead teaches
writing seminars and poetry
workshops at Wake Forest. She
is the author of two chapbooks,
“A Pilgrim’s Traveling Kit” (Cosa
Nostra Editions, 2008) and
“To the Solar North” (Instance
Press, 2014).

R^Oots

by **Elisabeth Whitehead**

there is a box inside the body where the torso should be / inside are gears that curve like
hair (or grasses) pliant as though moved by storms of blackwater (inside / also are insects
that sway) / remove the box to see to the landscape behind: in roots attending, cleft earth,
clear rain, a section of sky dug out and obscuring / where the wounds went through and
just kept going / through sun and through moon / spherical wounds / that rotate like a
wheel / the sun pitted, as the moon brittle / that all possibilities can be seen is our only
constancy / or hope in / warding off evil, cures for blistering, stings, whisperings,
protecting / the sound of a heart in an egg, in my hand, there is a box / like a dividing line
of skin / a spine that unrolls like a scroll / Buddhism which says, the mind is a waterfall,
and / stand behind the waterfall/ that is as black as the night / that breathes in my own
breath







Philosophy Professor **ADRIAN BARDON** spends a lot of time thinking about time. What is it? How do we perceive it? Why does our experience of the ticking of the clock vary so much?

And there's no time like now to consider such questions, as many have felt the pandemic distorting their perception of the calendar.

Bardon teaches courses on the philosophy of space and time, among others, and wrote "A Brief History of the Philosophy of Time" (Oxford University Press, 2013). He co-edited or edited three other books on time.

His latest book tackles another big topic. It's called "The Truth About Denial: Bias and Self-Deception in Science, Politics, and Religion" (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Wake Forest Magazine's Carol Hanner talked with Bardon about time in today's topsy-turvy world. The excerpts have been condensed and edited for clarity.

What drew you to the study of time?

Time is just the most fundamental aspect of our existence. You could say something like, "Well, it's like water to a fish or the air we breathe," but neither of those analogies really begins to capture how fundamental time is to us, and that appealed to me.

Why has our sense of time felt so warped in the pandemic for those at home? Time seemed to pass so slowly in March, then sped up in later months.

We have all these different brain systems that affect our subjective perception of time. We have to synchronize our visual

and auditory modalities, and the brain has to put those together in some kind of coherent picture of the rate and order of events outside in the world. We have our circadian rhythms, which tell us when to go to sleep and when to wake up, responding to things like light levels. Anyone who has jet lag knows how those things can get disoriented.

We have to integrate memory into our cognition and planning. We have to switch attention from one thing to another, and sometimes we want to narrow our attention to some goal. We also know that the emotional context has a big effect. If you're watching a boring

movie, time is dragging along. Just keeping track of what time it is and what day it is has to do with social interaction. You go to work five days a week and always before work you drop by Starbucks first. On the weekend you see your grandparents. Those are all things that are helping orient you in time.

An ER doctor in the middle of an ICU in New York City is having a very different kind of day, so we're talking about people in quarantine. There's anxiety if you're out of your routine. You're surrounded by distractions, especially if you have kids. Light exposure can be different.

(You're missing) everything that would have gotten you into that outward-directed, project-accomplishing state, relaxed, with the right emotion — that's called flow — when people say time just flies by. If you're in flow, you're a happy person. The pandemic situation is a flow-buster. The natural consequence of that is to enter into a different state, inward directed in a negative context, called rumination, or just called stress — that state where people say time goes slowly.

It's a perfect storm for getting you to feel temporal disorientation.

So why did April seem to speed up?

That seems paradoxical. I'm in touch with people who research time perception all over the world, and they're all getting the same questions about the same phenomenon, where it seems like the days are dragging by, but they're also flying by.

(Besides our judgments of how long an event feels at the time) there's also judgments we make after the fact, and those two judgments can diverge. The month of April just whipped by because there was just a lot less to remember as novel, interesting events — not how did it feel at the time, but how much did we do?

It seems a shame that time flies when you're having fun and crawls when you're miserable. Is there an evolutionary reason for this?

It's really goal-oriented attention that makes time fly by. When you have a goal in mind, like, "Get food today; let's go on a hunt," you've got blinders on.

That's good. You're tuning out all the extraneous stuff that doesn't directly pertain to you catching your prey.

It's a byproduct of what is advantageous to you, our ability to narrow our attention on goals that we need to accomplish. Time goes slowly when you notice a lot of stuff. When you're being tortured, unfortunately, you're really, really noticing what you're feeling. So, yeah, that's too bad.

How do children's ages affect their experience of the pandemic? You've said younger children seem to do a little better.

Young kids are more focused on their own little worlds and are set up to do imaginative play, so they get into that pleasant flow state pretty easily. I've been struck by the difference between how my children (ages 11 and 8) are handling it and my college students, who definitely seem to be suffering emotionally a lot more.

What can reduce the negative effects for those in isolation?

Ask them to be involved and mobilize them to do things that are productive. During the German bombing campaign of London in 1940 and 1941, the British government and the medical people were anticipating riots, fleeing, neurotic episodes, but they didn't see the mass panic they expected. There seems to be a pretty good historical consensus that the people in London had gotten mobilized. Everybody had a job to do — fire brigades, food deliveries, housing — that turned their attention out.

We need testers, and we need contact tracing in the hundreds of thousands. That would be a big start, not just in terms of addressing the pandemic in a positive way; it would be, I think, tremendously psychologically helpful to ordinary citizens.

What other tips would you offer?

A lot of the tips are just what you tell anybody who's depressed or upset about anything — go outside, get some exercise, have positive social interactions with people. It is kind of a cliché, but helping yourself by helping others is just absolutely the scientifically based advice that I would give.

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Time is a difficult, abstract concept. How can you explain it?

There's time and what it is in itself, which is mostly prescribed by physics. And then there's temporality, which has to do with how we live time, and that has more to do with psychology. There's this enormous disconnect between real time and lived time.

The main takeaway that makes all of your reality drop out from under your feet is that there's no such thing as past, present and future. Time does not pass. That sounds insane to people who haven't thought about it at all, but it's actually a consensus view in physics and in philosophy.

What we would call past, present and future events don't really have the properties of past, present and future, because of relativity. (Under Einstein's theories, two observers would differ in their measurements of the passage of time.)

I like to compare this to color properties. Shirts aren't blue; shirts reflect light at a certain wavelength, and our brains are so constituted that when we see it, it's a blue kind of feeling. But no matter how much you know about light and color, when you look out in the world, you see the colors; you can't help it.

This is how past, present and future works. It's a projection of our psychology based on a certain set of memories and anticipations and experiences. I'm having experiences, therefore this is the present. It's kind of like, "I'm having a blue experience, therefore I'm presented with a blue object."

What has surprised you in your study of time?

To the universe, there's no such thing as the passage of time, even though our psychology is completely set up, for robust evolutionary reasons, for us to experience the passage of time. We can't make plans if we don't think of certain events as future. We can't react unless we think of certain events as present. We can't learn unless we think of certain events as past.

So, despite being 100% confident as to what the standard scientific view is, it doesn't change my experience of the world one bit. If someone I love dies, I'm not able to console myself, as Einstein supposedly did, by noting that that person's life is just a timeless object in space/time.



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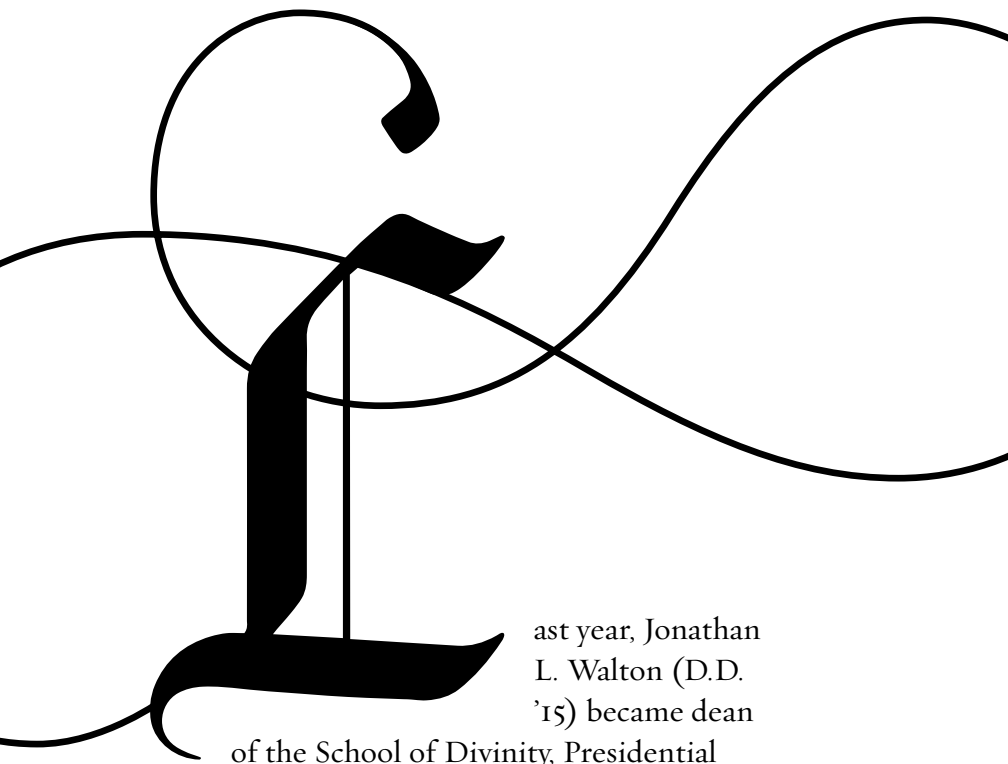
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Last year, Jonathan L. Walton (D.D. '15) became dean of the School of Divinity, Presidential Chair of Religion and Society and dean of Wait Chapel. A native of Atlanta, the social ethicist and author has degrees from Morehouse College and Princeton Theological Seminary and an honorary doctorate from Wake Forest, bestowed during Commencement 2015 when Walton was the Baccalaureate speaker.

He arrived from Harvard University, where he was the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in Harvard's Memorial Church. Because he was on sabbatical in his first months in North Carolina, he started his job on campus in January, having only two months in his day-to-day role before Wake Forest moved to remote working in response to COVID-19.

Maria Henson ('82) of Wake Forest Magazine spoke with the Rev. Walton about his background and his views of the times.



MARIA HENSON: *You were impressive when I first saw you in action at Harvard Memorial Church a few years ago at a conference. Why did you decide to leave the role of esteemed preacher in that historic church to come to Wake Forest?*

JONATHAN WALTON: I went to Harvard Divinity School not to assume the head of the Memorial Church but to be a member of the divinity school faculty. And it was there that this wonderful opportunity presented itself for me to lead the Memorial Church. And it was a beautiful time, and I learned so much and met so many incredible people during that time. Yet when the opportunity presented itself to not only return to theological education full time, but also to become dean of a university-based divinity school, it was something that I had to take seriously.

Secondly, I am a Southerner by birth and by choice. And while I loved the beautiful foliage and temperate springs of New England, many of the moral issues that I care most about — the students are on the front lines of many of these battles, whether it's issues of racial or gender justice, the role of faith in matters of community health and economic



empowerment and also helping to stem the tide of resurging xenophobia, bias and bigotry in our society. These are not academic exercises for students at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, but rather these are life-and-death pressing opportunities. So, when given the opportunity to join in the fight in my home region, it was something that I could not turn down. I felt the call to come.

MH: *I've been captivated lately by six-word memoirs. I won't ask you to describe yourself in six words, but tell us about yourself.*

JW: Anybody who receives a piece of correspondence from me, whether it's an email or a letter, they will know that I sign off with "One Luv." And that's One L-u-v. I spell it L-u-v just because I kind of view myself as a Southern hip-hop cat who has a little bit of flair. No other reason other than that. But One Luv is not referring to a Bob Marley song or a Carnival cruise. ... It's from the words of Benjamin Elijah Mays, the great preacher and educator, who said, "The love of God and the love of humanity are one love."

How can we say that we love a God whom we've never seen and not express and live out that love to and with one another who we walk beside every day? One Luv serves as this guiding principle, this overarching moral framework that we are brothers and sisters and siblings under the parenthood of almighty God. That's why I often refer to people as Brother John or Sister Jane or Sibling Dylan, because I'm affirming the spiritual human connection that we share before I think about any of the varying social categories that might divide us.

MH: *You've also described yourself as a post-civil-rights kid. Tell me about that.*

JW: My parents and grandparents were civil rights activists in their own rights. ... And they fought — and fought valiantly and courageously — to provide expanded opportunities for me and other members of my generation. And you can believe growing up, they never let us forget that. But I also know that my generation also realizes that injustice is a many-headed hydra. If you cut off one head,



injustice can grow back in another form. And so, similar to the ways that slavery gave birth to segregation, the defeat of segregation in American society gave birth to other unjust realities that previous generations did not give as much credence to.

We know that gender injustice, the rise of the prison-industrial complex, fighting for expanded opportunities for LGBTQ rights, these are all things that my generation had to take up. A generation that may not have known white- and colored-only signs, but we did know the exclusion of people because of their gender; an intolerance for people because of who they fell in love with; incapacity toward grace, which takes the form of the prison-industrial complex. And so,

that's what it means for me to be a member of the post-civil-rights generation. *Somebody who is called.* We are called to build upon and move beyond the struggles and victories of previous generations and extend those toward ... increased opportunities for all of God's children.

MH: *You arrived at Wake Forest as the University is grappling with its past. This year President Hatch apologized for the University's participating in and benefiting from the institution of slavery. What strikes you about this kind of accountability? And while you're new at Wake Forest, you're not new to the issue. I'm interested in how you're looking at that and how you can help alumni think about that.*



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JW: I’m very proud of what the University is doing. When we think of the past, particularly aspects of our past of which we’re ashamed, there are two birds that come to mind. You can either be an ostrich that sticks its head in the sand, or you can be the West African bird that is symbolized in the phrase “Sankofa,” (which) literally means, “Go back and get it.” The image of the bird is its neck reaching back to its tail.

The principle of Sankofa teaches us that the best way forward sometimes is back through. And so, if we as a University, just like we as a society, are going to progress in authenticity and honesty, there are always aspects of our past that we have to own up to lest we make the same mistakes again. It’s a matter of, in theological terms, keeping our sins ever before us so that we realize that even though we’ve come a long way, at any moment we still have to own that we are fragile, tragic creatures that are able to give in to our most base sensibilities.

The best way to repeat the past is to eradicate the past. And so, I appreciate President Hatch, (Trustees Chair) Gerald Roach (’80, JD ’82, P ’09, ’12) and members of the board of trustees for their moral courage and conviction at this time. And I appreciate the work and the labor of (Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives) Kami Chavis and other members of The Slavery, Race and Memory Project, who undertook the heavy lifting and heartbreaking work to tell a story that cuts deeply for many of us.

MH: *Where do we go from here?*

JW: Got to be willing to be a truth teller. ... Because we can either participate in a sort of willful ignorance and amnesia, or we can bear witness to the truth and allow the truth to lead us.

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MH: *As we speak today not in person but during lockdown in our homes, the world is grappling with COVID-19 and a time of suffering. What can you tell people about such times?*

JW: Moments of mass suffering reveal the folly of our claims to autonomy. Moments of mass suffering unveil the myth of our rugged individuality. No man, no woman is an island. And these moments reveal to us how interdependent we are, how much we need one another. And so, it’s the spreading of misinformation ... that seeks to continue to pit person versus person, group versus group. And if anything, COVID has demonstrated that that is unsustainable, it’s morally untenable and it is a recipe for mass extinction.

Right now, we’re bearing witness to the truth of one another’s precious humanity. All lives are precious. We should never take any for granted, and it should also remind us that in moments of crisis how we construct our society during the quote unquote times and periods of prosperity tells us something about what shape it’s going to take during periods of crisis.

This moment lays bare the gross economic, social and cultural inequality that was already present. COVID has just opened the curtain. ...

That’s how I understand our call at Wake Divinity, our mission — promoting justice, compassion and reconciliation. Justice toward the least of these, compassion toward those who exist in the shadows of life. And reconciling us all to one another, because suffering is the great common denominator. And if we can learn to identify with one another there, then we can also learn to assist and aid one another. That’s what I believe our role is at the divinity school.

EDITOR’S NOTE: *This conversation occurred before the May 25 death of George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man who was killed in police custody during his arrest in Minneapolis. His death triggered protests against police brutality nationwide. “Today our nation is in chaos,” Walton wrote to the divinity school community on June 4. “Protests and uprisings coupled with an international pandemic. Both reveal acute vulnerabilities among communities of color — manifestations of the pain and misery baked into this nation’s noble yet fragile experiment of democracy.” Read his full message at bit.ly/2DynB8J*

Crisis Response Fund keeps students and workers afloat in a time of COVID-19

By Kerry M. King ('85)

WAKE FOREST'S Crisis Response Fund has distributed nearly \$695,000 to help students, employees and contract workers navigate through COVID-related financial hardships.

"We've heard a number of stories that really pluck the heartstrings," said Director of Student Financial Aid Tom Benza (MA '12). "Students and their families are in difficult situations, and I'm grateful to all the donors who have supported the Crisis Response Fund to help meet our students' additional financial needs due to COVID."

Donations to the Crisis Response Fund are being distributed to the Student Financial Aid office to help students and to the Chaplain's Emergency Fund to assist employees and contract staff.

The financial aid office distributed more than \$150,000 in emergency aid to 127 undergraduate, graduate and professional students immediately after campus shut down in mid-March, Benza said. As the fall semester began, the office had awarded about \$1 million (including \$431,000 from the Crisis Response Fund) in additional need-based scholarship support to meet the additional demonstrated financial needs of students impacted by COVID-19.

The Chaplain's Emergency Fund has given about \$114,000 to 120 faculty, staff and contract workers. Those funds helped pay for basic necessities, including food and housing, for workers who lost their jobs or had reduced hours, said Peggy Beckman (P '12), office manager for the chaplain's office.

"The Chaplain's Emergency Fund is a lifeline to those that have nowhere else to turn," she said.

The Crisis Response Fund was established in late March with a gift of \$100,000 from President Nathan O. Hatch and his wife, Julie. In addition to hundreds of gifts from alumni, parents and students, the fund received \$271,000 in unspent funds for student organizations from Student Government and \$25,000 for the canceled staff picnic from the Staff Advisory Committee.

The University Advancement office has coordinated the fundraising for the Crisis Response Fund, which includes a website, Answering the Call of Pro Humanitate (bit.ly/3kGTeh0). Tim Snyder ('88), associate vice president for alumni and donor services, said the generous response from alumni and parents has been inspiring.

"As campus was closing (in March) we saw members of the Wake Forest community looking for ways to help one another. They were anticipating people needing help," Snyder said. "The Crisis Response Fund is a way that donors can make contributions, receive a tax deduction and have their gifts provide for needs of any member of the campus community."



When campus closed suddenly, students, employees and contract workers were faced with unexpected, immediate expenses. Some students needed help paying for plane tickets to get back home, Benza said. Some students who couldn't return home needed financial assistance for housing. Students who lost on- and off-campus jobs that they depended on to pay for housing and food needed immediate help, too, he said.

As the COVID-19 crisis and unemployment continued to spread through the spring and summer, the focus shifted to helping students who needed financial aid because their financial situations had changed, Benza said.

"The number of financial aid applicants requesting additional need-based support due to extenuating financial circumstances increased, and we've received requests from a number of families who never applied for financial aid, but now are unable to make that full tuition payment or secure a loan because of losing a job or a small-business closing," he said.

Beckman said many contract workers, including Aramark workers who lost their jobs when campus dining halls closed, needed immediate help in the spring to pay for food, rent, medications, utilities and car payments as they waited for unemployment benefits to begin.

"For those workers that live paycheck to paycheck, a small car repair, kids now eating all their meals at home, higher electric bills, etc., can throw anyone into falling behind on rent and not having enough food in the house, and the list goes on," she said.

Even as campus employees have returned to work for the fall semester, some are still facing difficult circumstances because their spouses remain out of work, Beckman said. And with most local school systems using virtual learning this fall, some employees need help with unexpected child-care expenses, she said.

"Each day a new request — many days multiple requests — come in," Beckman said. "Each person is at a place they never wanted to be. They have come to the end of their resources, and now they need help. I'm thankful that our office extends that hand and walks them through their problems and is able to pay the rent, give them money for groceries and help them when they have nowhere else to turn."

For more information on the Crisis Response Fund, visit bit.ly/3kGTeh0



1 The **Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame** named six new members to its 2020-21 class. **Michael Bingham ('09)** won four ACC individual track titles, an NCAA Championship and an Olympic medal. Quarterback **Riley Skinner ('09)** and placekicker **Sam Swank ('08)** were both members of the 2006 ACC Championship football team. **Dianne Dailey** coached the Demon Deacon women's golf team for 30 years and earned four ACC Coach of the Year honors. Soccer goalkeeper **William Hesmer Jr. ('04)** was an All-American and Academic All-American who became a star in the MLS. **Drew Taylor ('66)** won five ACC individual championships and is the first member of the swimming and diving teams to be named to the Hall of Fame. More at bit.ly/3jN11cL

2 Eight alumni were awarded Fulbright Scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Selected to teach English in other countries are **Jacob Yongsu Ahn ('19)** in Thailand, **Kalyn**

Epps ('19) in Spain, **Will McKay ('20)** in Germany and **Grace Russell ('20)** in Thailand. Selected to conduct research are **Ludan Gbye ('20)** in neuroscience in Mexico, **Moriah Jackson (MS '19)** in medical science in Malaysia, **Danielle Medina-Hernandez ('18, MS '19)** in biology in Denmark and **Thomas Poston ('18)** in development studies in Cambodia. Named as alternates were **Emma Beve-ridge ('20)**, **Jennifer Hernandez-Gonzalez ('20)**, **Spencer Milanak ('20)** and **Libby Mohn ('20)**. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. More at bit.ly/3jJnhnQ

3 Provost Emeritus **Ed Wilson ('43, P '91, '93)** is publishing a book this fall, "Songs of Wake Forest" (Library Partners Press), a collection of his eulogies and remembrances honoring more than 50 Wake Foresters at memorial services, retirements and other gatherings over five decades. The tributes incorporate poetry and stories about a

broad spectrum of people — from those who taught him on the original campus in Wake Forest, North Carolina, to his colleagues during his years as an English professor to the many who lived Wake Forest's values. They range from English professors **Lewis Aycok ('26)**, **Dolly McPherson** and **Bashir El-Beshti** to University President **Harold W. Tribble (LL.D. '46, P '55)** to the first Dean of Women **Lois Johnson** to Professor Emeritus of Theatre **Don Wolfe**. The tributes are bookended by two speeches on the character and ideals of the University. Wilson, affectionately known as "Mr. Wake Forest," earned his doctorate in English from Harvard University, then joined the Wake Forest faculty before a distinguished administrative career.

4 The Office of Civic & Community Engagement named **Dani Parker Moore**, assistant professor of education, as winner of the Faculty Service Excellence Award. She is executive director of the Wake Forest Freedom School, a

program to help close the achievement gap for underserved students. **Dwight Lewis (P '24)**, associate athletic director for community and alumni relations, received the Michael G. Ford Servant Leadership Award. **Mia Parker (P '19)**, parental involvement coordinator at Kimberley Park Elementary School, received the Community Partner Service Award. The Christman Award went to **Grace Yucha ('20)** and the Change-Maker Award to **Alexander Holt ('20)**. Service Excellence Awards went to: junior award, **Lilly Parker**; sophomore, **Kate Pearson**; first-year, **Jayden Brown**; and organization, **Wake 'N Shake**, the University's largest student-run philanthropic event. More at bit.ly/2CTk7gH

5 The **Intercultural Center** has adopted a new mission and expanded its services. In addition to existing Intercultural Programming, Student Support & Engagement and Identity Development initiatives, the center is adding learning and development opportunities. They include iLab, offering workshops and online resources to help faculty, staff and students increase intercultural awareness and interpersonal effectiveness and make the community more inclusive. The center is offering training, coaching and support in diversity, inclusion and cultural competence. More at bit.ly/301MLVL

6 The annual downtown Winston-Salem **Garden Party** to celebrate the birthday of the late **Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77)**, Reynolds Professor of American Studies, was not held in person because of COVID-19, but a pre-recorded podcast is available on Apple Podcasts. The event included original poems and spoken words from volunteers, recorded interviews with Angelou, songs, comments by Angelou's great-niece **Dori Colly** and a poetry reading by Provost Emeritus **Ed Wilson ('43, P '91, '93)**. More at bit.ly/3fc12U0

7 Wake Forest Police Chief **Regina Lawson** was among eight local law enforcement leaders who signed a statement committing to "creating a safe, secure and inclusive community for every citizen." The statement opposes racism, excessive force and the death of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers. More at bit.ly/3f5iCJp

8 **Patricia Dos Santos**, associate professor of chemistry and department

associate chair, will serve four years on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center for Scientific Review's Macromolecular Structure and Function A Study Section. The NIH invited her to help ensure the quality of its peer review process. More at bit.ly/2Dgswec

9 Wake Forest established a task force in May to implement rule changes to **Title IX**, the federal law that prohibits discrimination based on sex in any education program receiving federal money. The U.S. Department of Education, effective Aug. 14, set new requirements for how colleges and universities handle complaints of sexual assault and sexual harassment. One widely debated requirement is a live hearing with cross-examination in adjudicating cases. More at bit.ly/3lphdSC

10 **Jackie Sheridan** is the new director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program, succeeding **Tom A. Phillips ('74, MA '78, P '06)**, who retired. The program supports student scholars as they navigate post-graduate scholarships and fellowships. Sheridan was associate director of post-baccalaureate opportunities at Vanderbilt University and senior program manager for the Pickering Fellowship at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. More at bit.ly/2Pk61YD

11 A team of scientists received a \$3 million National Science Foundation grant to develop more heat-tolerant tomatoes. The coalition includes **Gloria Muday (P '16, '20)**, the Charles M. Allen Professor of Biology and director of Wake Forest's Center for Molecular Signaling; Assistant Professor of Biology **James Pease**; Associate Professor of Biology **Mark Johnson ('93)** of Brown University; and two other scientists. More at bit.ly/39zdYCA

12 For the eighth consecutive year, School of Business alumni received the Elijah Watt Sells Award from the American Institute of CPAs. **Madison Hoff ('18, MSA '19)** and **Carolyn Burns ('18, MSA '19)** were among 137 people recognized out of 75,000 who took the CPA Exam in 2019. The award honors those with a cumulative average score above 95.5 on all four sections on their first attempt. More at bit.ly/304qlDt

13 **Melva Sampson**, assistant professor of preaching and practical theology in the School of Divinity, received the Louisville Institute's First Book Grant for Minority Scholars for her project "Going Live!: Black Women's Proclamation in the Digital Age." The award provides a sabbatical for the fall 2020 semester to complete a major study that contributes to the vitality of Christianity in North America and leads to publication of a book. More at bit.ly/30ZOOcb

14 **Z. Smith Reynolds Library** is collecting evidence of the daily lives and professional activities of Wake Forest students, faculty, staff and alumni during the coronavirus pandemic. The Special Collections and Archives team is asking for records, artwork, recordings, photos and social media posts with experiences such as staying on campus, learning remotely, working from home, the shift to online learning, essential worker experiences, social distancing, self-quarantine or illness. More at bit.ly/2X1Wutl

15 Wake Forest distributed cloth masks for free to faculty, staff and students in coordination with the **Mask the City** initiative by the city of Winston-Salem to combat the spread of coronavirus. More at bit.ly/3jNeYY8

16 **Wake Reads** is a new program designed to provide story time for children while giving parents a break as they work from home and care for children out of school during the pandemic. Students, faculty, staff and alumni can submit readings to the Office of Civic & Community Engagement. More at bit.ly/2Em8Plz

17 **Hannah Scanlon ('21)** was named a 2020 Barry S. Goldwater Scholar for the 2020-21 academic year. She is one of 396 U.S. college students, including 12 from North Carolina, chosen from more than 1,300 nominated science, math and engineering students. Her research focuses on how mathematical modeling can answer questions in biology, public health and medicine, including analyzing behaviors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Scanlon, of Raleigh, has worked with Assistant Professor of Mathematics **John Gemmer**. More at bit.ly/30b69Qe

Teaching in the Pandemic

Faculty learn and innovate, mastering technology and techniques to retain excellence in student experiences.

BETSY BARRE WAS teaching her first class at Wake Forest and running the University's Center for the Advancement of Teaching this spring when the coronavirus handed her the biggest challenge of her career — followed by her greatest inspiration.

"I was asked to shift my course to an online modality, to accommodate students spread across the globe with various degrees of access to the course materials and necessary technology, and to create the conditions for learning in the midst of widespread economic and social disruption," Barre recounted in a Wake Forest video.

As the teaching center's executive director, Barre and her colleagues (four to 10 at any given time) needed to shepherd 800 teacher-scholars as they were making similar shifts.

"And we were asked to do all of this within the space of a single week," she said. "But the good news is it was also an occasion to be inspired."

As Wake Foresters do, faculty have pivoted during the summer to bring their best game to teaching in a pandemic.

Though the spring semester's surprise shift led to some "lifeboat teaching," as one professor called it, faculty have immersed themselves in an innovative peer-to-peer support model to increase their virtual skills and ideas, Barre said. "We are investing in teaching as much as technology," she said.

For four weeks during the summer, 68 faculty members trained intensively as facilitators for the Peer-to-Peer Learning Communities program. They absorbed the latest research on teaching online and debated best practices for making instruction inclusive. They learned how to use digital tools such as annotated articles using Hypothesis, recorded videos on VoiceThread and Zoom breakout rooms

The facilitators helped more than 90% of faculty this summer by forming small learning support groups of 10 to 15 people in specific disciplines across the undergraduate, graduate and professional schools. Facilitators guided the groups for two weeks, and many groups continued to share informally, Barre said. Innovation has emerged, through learning groups and faculty creativity.

- A biostatistics professor built a lightboard for her home office that allows

her online students to see the steps in solving an equation.

- A biology professor is using a database of images of African wildlife called Snapshot Serengeti for students' data analysis projects.
- A math professor developed a digital Calculus "textbook" with more than 200 videos.
- English professors reworked writing assignments with projects such as a digital interactive history for "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

Faculty researched online data sets and resources and recorded an "introduce myself to the class" video — experiences they might translate to student assignments. They are using Canvas, a Google group and Slack to stay connected throughout the semester. Support comes from the teaching center, the Office of Online Education, Z. Smith Reynolds Library and Information Systems.

More than 90% of summer students surveyed said faculty maintained a strong, engaged presence and said the online activities gave them a clear understanding of the material, Dean of the College Michele Gillespie told students and families in a Zoom town hall.

"This program is designed to uphold Wake Forest's powerful commitment to teaching regardless of modality," Gillespie said.

A professor who had previously used one-on-one reviews of student photography switched to an online gallery of all

students' work, with breakout rooms to analyze specific concepts in photos. Students achieved measurably higher levels of learning, creative thinking and critical application, Gillespie said.

Phil Anderson, associate teaching professor in the School of Business, said in a video about teaching strategies: "We will rebuild the Wake Forest community one course at a time. ... My colleagues and I are committed to figuring out how we can do this in a way that is exceptional."

The fall semester was expected to consist of four class modalities, Gillespie said. Traditional classes in person, often for labs and studios, will make up about 10% of classes.

Blended traditional classes and blended online classes will account for about 40%. Both will have face-to-face classes with the same cohort of students at specific times, while at other times students are online individually or in study groups. The blended traditional courses require in-person attendance, while students in blended online courses can opt to remain online only. About half of classes will be completely online, allowing students to study at home or abroad.

Students will not be isolated, Gillespie said. Wake Forest will plug them into the campus during the beauty of fall. Faculty will text, hold Zoom office hours, walk outside with students and more. Friends can still get together, with social distancing and health safety as a priority.

The University's approach "ensures ... that all our faculty will know how to deliver learning excellence," Gillespie said.

— Compiled by Carol L. Hanner from Wake Forest videos and stories.



Left: Betsy Barre **Right:** Lucy D'Agostino McGowan, assistant professor of biostatistics, built a Plexiglas lightboard for her home office to let students online follow the steps of solving an equation. She was a facilitator in the Peer-to-Peer Learning Communities program.

Wake Forest confronts its institutional links to slavery

THE UNIVERSITY'S Slavery, Race and Memory Project has published a collection of essays that examine the institution of slavery and its ties to the University.

"To Stand With And For Humanity: Essays from the Wake Forest University Slavery, Race and Memory Project" contains essays written by faculty and administrators. It also includes President Nathan O. Hatch's apology for the institution's participation in and benefit from slavery and remarks from Dean of Divinity School Jonathan L. Walton.

Also included in the collection are the names of some of the enslaved African Americans who helped to build and maintain the original campus and were sold to benefit it in the town of Wake Forest, North Carolina, and a photo depicting an abandoned cemetery where many of the members and descendants of the enslaved community are buried.

The publication broadens the dialogue about the University's ties to slavery and highlights work of the Slavery, Race and Memory Project Steering Committee, co-chaired by Kami Chavis, associate provost of academic initiatives, and Tim Pyatt, dean of Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

In 2016, Wake Forest began taking a deep dive into its history, and in 2017 it joined Universities Studying Slavery, a consortium of colleges and universities that are examining the role slavery played on their campuses. The Slavery, Race and Memory Project came out of that work.

The Project provides grants to faculty, students and staff to support collaborative, interdisciplinary research projects related to slavery and race. It also supports relevant programming and cultural events and hosts faculty and student colloquia.

The project's goal "is to bring awareness to slavery in the United States and to explore the University's role in slavery," Chavis said. "The essays in our

publication help to frame and augment a history that has been ignored. By acknowledging this important chapter and reckoning with it, the University can better understand the implications this history has on the Institution today."

The collection begins with a foreword by Corey D.B. Walker, who edited the publication and joined the faculty in July as a humanities professor and inaugural chair of the African American Studies program.

Walker begins by quoting from W.E.B. Du Bois' 1896 classic, "The Suppression

('03), commissioned to do original research and write an updated history of the University, contributes an essay examining the role of slavery from the University's founding in 1834 on a former plantation through its early history, titled "From the Forest of Wake to Wake Forest College."

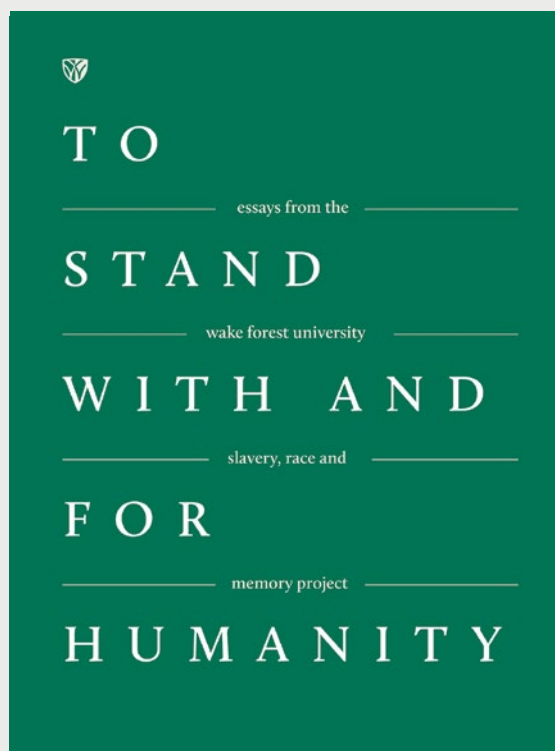
The release of "To Stand With And For Humanity: Essays from the Wake Forest University Slavery, Race and Memory Project" follows the June 9 issuance of the report by the President's Commission on Race, Equity and Community that was sent campus wide and contains 20 recommendations ranging from recruiting students, faculty and staff of color to developing more inclusive admission practices to supporting economic development in the city of Winston-Salem.

Hatch established the Commission in the summer of 2019 as part of a larger institutional effort to illuminate the University's history, address the present and reaffirm its commitments for the future. The importance of both documents is underscored by the urgency of the moment as 2020 brought nationwide protests about racism and police brutality against people of color.

The volume includes, among others, an essay about Pro Humanitate by Anthony S. Parent Jr. (P '09), history professor; an essay exploring race, religion and slavery at the University by Bill Leonard, founding divinity school dean and professor of divinity emeritus; an essay by Derek Hicks, divinity professor, about taking 21 students in his African American Religious Experience class to the original campus and a cemetery where enslaved people were buried; and an essay by Mary Tribble ('82, MA '19), senior

adviser for engagement strategies in the Office of Alumni Engagement, about her ancestors, Samuel and Sally Wait, and their links to slavery.

— Excerpted from Laurie D. Willis' University article about the project. Find all of the essays and more about the project at bit.ly/2QltsMc. Find the report by the President's Commission on Race, Equity and Community at bit.ly/2Bs9OiI



of the African Slave-Trade to the United States of America 1638-1870," written while Du Bois was a Rogers Memorial Fellow at Harvard University. Wake Forest's project "moves within the wake of Du Bois," Walker writes, confronting "the question, 'What are the costs of compromise?'" The project "possesses the potential to awaken the critical consciousness of the University in fulfilling its ethical responsibility."

Historian Andrew McNeill Canady

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Because of the ongoing pandemic and the continued risk of gathering in large groups, Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2020 and all other in-person alumni engagement events on and off campus have been canceled through the end of 2020. While this decision was not an easy one, we know that our community is resilient and remarkable. With your help, we know we will continue to connect and support each other — and before too long, see each other again. But there are still ways to stay connected virtually with Wake Forest and other alumni around the country. Visit alumni.wfu.edu for the latest information about virtual engagement opportunities.

Alex Reyes ('06, JD '09) has succeeded Sara Sitton Crawford ('90, P '20, '24) for a two-year term as president of the Wake Forest Alumni Council. Reyes is an attorney in her hometown of Minneapolis and president of WAKE-Minneapolis/St. Paul.

With all alumni events going virtual for the semester, Reyes says it's an appropriate time to be creative and reimagine alumni programming. Virtual events can be great ways to stay in touch, especially for alumni who live too far to return to campus or who live in areas with no alumni community.

"Webinars can be a great opportunity to expand the reach of programming. For example, I joined a fantastic virtual Brunch and Learn with (politics professor and faculty director of WAKEWashington) Katy Harriger and Jennifer Richwine ('93), executive director of the Wake Washington Center, this summer. While I can't wait to get back to 'normal,' we can learn from what's been successful this year."



Pro Humanitate From Home

From donating food to sewing masks to writing thank-you notes to first responders, Wake Foresters continue to serve others during the pandemic and prove that #GoodWearsBlack. Here's a sampling:

Forest Richardson ('18, MSBA '19) and her family's restaurant joined with Operation BBQ Relief, a national disaster relief organization, to feed 50,000 people in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, in the spring.

Lance Holly ('07) runs a school-based mentoring program at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado that's gone virtual.

Chuck Neaves ('79, JD '82, P '12) and **Susan Templeton Neaves ('80, P '12)** are in their 11th year overseeing the two-acre Fellowship Garden to feed the hungry in Elkin, North Carolina.

Judith Seeber ('92) and her two children have collected more than 1,000 pounds of food for the Arlington (Virginia) Food Assistance Center.

Susan Swab's ('87) son, Andrew, ran a 30-mile "Grueling4Groceries" race to raise money to purchase food for needy families in High Point, North Carolina.

Jeff Richardson ('87) founded the 3R Fund to help immigrants in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky with legal issues; the fund has pivoted to addressing food and housing insecurities.

Elizabeth Hawkins Inabinett ('94, P '22) of Lexington, North Carolina, participated in the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Blaze Your Own Trail challenge and donated books to a local elementary school.

Shannon Hefner Pleasant ('91, P '22) coordinated a donation of 500 rolls of toilet paper from a local manufacturer. She and her son, Alex ('22), along with other volunteers at PORCH (People Offering Relief from Community Hunger) food ministry, packed the toilet paper and food into grocery bags for 200 families in Hickory, North Carolina.

Jim Martin ('64, JD '67) and other alumni at Lakeside Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, held a fund drive for youth outreach programs.

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Refresh your resume and create a plan for your job search in "JUMPSTART: A Job Search Strategy Prep Course."

For young professionals, strengthen the five key skills you need to be successful in the "Five For Your First Five" online course.

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Abadie
(‘60)



Wilson
(MA ‘62)



McGinn
(‘64, JD ‘67)



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(MA ‘70)



Puckett
(‘71)



Arrowood
(‘73, JD ‘76)



Neal
(‘73)



Humphrey
(MA ‘76)

1950s

George W. Braswell Jr. (‘58, P ‘81, ‘92) was honored by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, with the dedication of the George Braswell Missions and World Religions Library. Braswell is an emeritus professor of missions and world religion at Southeastern. He and his wife, **Joan Owen Braswell (‘58, P ‘81, ‘92)**, were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Iran from 1968-1974. The library displays his extensive collection of books and Iranian memorabilia.

1960s

Ann Julian Abadie (‘60) received the 2020 Noel Polk Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters. Abadie, who lives in Oxford, MI, is the co-founder of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture and a founding director of Southern Foodways Alliance. She is the associate editor of the “Encyclopedia of Southern Culture” and “The Mississippi Encyclopedia” and is co-editor of collections from the annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference.

Emily Herring Wilson (MA ‘62, P ‘91, ‘93) received a 2020 Independent Press Award for her memoir, “When I Go Back to My Home Country: A Remembrance of Archie Ammons” (R.A. Fountain). The book, which was recognized as a “distinguished favorite” in the biography category, is about Wilson’s 30-year friendship with famed poet **A.R. Ammons (‘49, D.Litt. ‘72)**. She is the author of 10 previous books of poetry and nonfiction.

Dan McGinn (‘64, JD ‘67, P ‘90) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in his practice area (labor & employment law). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Drew Taylor (‘66) was named to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2020-21. Taylor, a diver, won five ACC championships, the only Demon Deacon to win an ACC title in the sport. He is the first member of the swimming and diving team to join the Sports Hall of Fame.

W. Leslie Johnson Jr. (JD ‘68, P ‘00) was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina’s highest civilian honor for community service. Johnson is the founding partner of Johnson & Johnson Attorneys at Law PLLC in Elizabethtown, NC, where he works with

his three sons, **William L. Johnson III (‘00)**, S. Weston Johnson and Allen Morgan Johnson. He was recently honored by the North Carolina Bar Association for 50 years of service.

1970s

David Parrish (MA ‘70) has written his first book, “The Gyroscope of Life” (Pocahontas Press). Parrish, who has studied plant science for 50 years, weaves together concepts from biology and agriculture and shares personal experiences to inspire readers to consider the world around them in a new light. He is a professor emeritus in Virginia Tech’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

John Walker III (‘70, MD ‘75) was honored for 40 years of service to the citizens of Alamance County (NC) by Cone Health Alamance Regional Medical Center (ARMC). A third-generation physician, Walker was chief of staff at Alamance County Hospital (now ARMC). He also received The Distinguished Service Award from Kernodle Clinic, where he practiced internal medicine from 1989-2018. He and his wife live in Burlington, NC.

James Oliver Carter Sr. (‘71, JD ‘74) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2020 Legal Elite for bankruptcy law. He is a partner at Carter & Carter PA in Wilmington, NC, where he has practiced law more than 45 years.

Jenny Robinson Puckett (‘71, P ‘00) has written “Thine Ancient Days: A WFU History, 1818-1956.” The hardcover, coffee-table book, filled with historical photographs, traces the development of Wake Forest from its earliest days to the move to the new campus in 1956. To order, visit bit.ly/32IIWrs. Puckett is a retired lecturer in Spanish who taught at Wake Forest from 1995 to 2013. She previously wrote a biography, “Fit for Battle: The Story of Wake Forest’s Harold W. Tribble,” on Wake Forest’s 10th president, who oversaw the move to the new campus. Puckett received the University’s highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, in 2016.

Paul Marth (‘72, JD ‘75) is district governor for North Carolina Lions District 31-O, overseeing 53 Lions Clubs in central North Carolina. Lions Club International, with 1.4 million members, serves primarily blind and visually impaired people and emphasizes hunger, the environment, diabetes and pediatric cancer. Marth is a member of the Greensboro Lions Club along with former classmate **Robert “Bob” Benson (‘72, JD ‘75, P ‘00)**.

Catharine Biggs Arrowood (‘73, JD ‘76, P ‘05) received the Advocate’s Award from the Litigation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA). The award recognizes members of the Litigation Section as “superstars” in the profession. Arrowood has served as president of the NCBA and the Wake County Bar Association and was named to the inaugural class of the North Carolina Lawyers Hall of Fame. She co-chaired the North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice, which conducted a comprehensive review of the state’s court system. She is retired of counsel from the law firm Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh.

Joseph M. Neal (‘73) received the 2020 Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. He is a clinical professor of anesthesiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. He retired from clinical practice in 2018.

Ingram “Hedge” Hedgpeth Jr. (‘76, P ‘05) retired as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) after 24 years. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, **I.P. Hedgpeth (1891)**, who was an itinerant Baptist minister. He and his wife, the Rev. **Marilyn Hedgpeth (P ‘05)**, recently moved to Winston-Salem.

Reed Hart Humphrey (MA ‘76) was named acting executive vice president and provost at the University of Montana (UM) in Missoula, MT. He has been dean of the UM College of Health since 2014. Previously he spent eight years as professor and chair of UM’s School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science.

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Quinley
(’76)



Kent
(’79)



Roach
(’80, JD ’82)

Kevin M. Quinley (’76, P ’08) received the Gottheimer Malecki Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to the field of insurance and risk management from the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters. He has more than 30 years in the field and is the principal of Quinley Risk Associates LLC in Chesterfield, VA.

Patrick T. McNally (’77) received the Nashville (TN) Bar Association’s 2020 Jack Norman Sr. Award, given annually to top criminal-law practitioners. McNally is a founding partner at Weatherly, McNally & Dixon PLLC in Nashville. He has practiced criminal defense law since 1982 and won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2017.

John Sabia Jr. (’77) was named to the Chestnut Hill College (PA) Athletics Hall of Fame. Sabia,

who played football at Wake Forest, was recognized as a benefactor and friend of Chestnut Hill, a private, Catholic-affiliated college in Philadelphia. He has served on its board of directors since 2002. Sabia lives in Lafayette Hill, PA, with his wife, **Ginger Von Lackum Sabia (’79)**, a former tennis player at Wake Forest.

Charles R. Ellis (’78, MD ’82) retired from the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, SC. He previously retired with the rank of colonel from the U.S. Air Force Reserves as commander of the 315th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. He is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Audrey, while perfecting his fishing techniques and spoiling his five grandchildren.

Charles “Chuck” Frye III (’79, JD ’82, P ’11) received the 2020 Outstanding Attorney of the Year award from the North Carolina Association of County Attorneys. He has served Davidson County (NC) more than 30 years, as county attorney and staff attorney for the Department of Social Services.

Cameron Kent (’79) was an instructor at the inaugural Cabin Fever Conference hosted virtually by North Carolina Writers’ Network. Kent, an author and former Emmy Award-winning

news anchor at WXII in Winston-Salem, taught a course on “Public Speaking for Writers.” He has written five novels and is writing a screenplay for his novel “The Sea Is Silent.”

Bob Singer (JD ’79) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as one of America’s top lawyers in his practice area (banking and finance). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

1980s

David M. Furr (’80, JD ’82) created a webinar for the North Carolina Bar Association on “Cybersecurity & the Practice of Law: the Risks, Realities, and Solutions.” Furr is an attorney at Gray, Layton, Kersh, Solomon, Furr & Smith PA in Gastonia, NC. The webinar was part of the bar association’s Expert Series and was free to all 9,000 members. The webinar was co-hosted by **Chris Swecker (JD ’81)**, former assistant director of the FBI Criminal Investigation Division.

Gerald Roach (’80, JD ’82, P ’09, ’12) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as one of the top lawyers in North Carolina in his practice area (corporate/mergers & acquisitions). He is firm chair at Smith Anderson in Raleigh and chair of Wake Forest’s Board of Trustees.

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Scott Chapman ('81) received the Regents' Professor Award from the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System. It is the system's highest faculty honor. Chapman is a distinguished professor and scholar-in-residence in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Sam Houston State University.



Hyde
('82)



Holt
('83)



Warner
('83)



Folds-Bennett
('84, MA '86)



Haas
('85)



Hamlet
('88)

Kevin P. Cox (MA '81, P '06, '07)

has retired after 30 years at Wake Forest in various communications roles, most recently as director of crisis communications and community relations. He was named Wake Forest's Employee of the Year in 2014.

Mark Crabtree ('81, P '11) was appointed to the American Dental Association Council on Government Affairs. He will serve a four-year term on the council, which assists local dental associations and recommends policies for federal legislative and regulatory issues. Crabtree is managing partner of Martinsville Smiles PLLC and a former mayor of Martinsville, VA.

Rick O. Kopf (JD '81, P '09) was recognized as a top lawyer in real estate law in the Chambers USA 2020 guide. He is a shareholder in the Dallas office of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC.

Perry Mandanis ('81) is a psychiatrist, storyteller and host of a podcast, Couch Stories, a self-help show where guests share inspirational stories of resilience. Mandanis has more than 25 years of experience helping patients overcome struggles with mental illness. He is using many of the skills he learned in Wake Forest's music and theatre departments to produce the fast-growing podcast, which is available free on platforms such as Spotify, Apple and Google Play. He lives in Hampton, CT.

Ted B. Smyth (JD '81) was named a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel, an invitation-only organization of senior lawyers who have devoted most of their practice to insurance disputes. Smyth has 39 years of litigation experience and is of counsel at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh. He was founding chair of the Insurance Law Section for the North Carolina Bar Association and was named Woodard/White's 2011 and 2019 Raleigh Insurance Lawyer of the Year.

Alexandra Marina Hightower (JD '82) was promoted to special deputy attorney general in the Transportation Section of the North Carolina Department of Justice. She is in her 19th year with the department.

Jeff Hyde ('82) was elected chair of the North Carolina Rules Review Commission, an agency created by the General Assembly to review and approve rules adopted by state agencies. He has served on the commission since 2012 and was vice chair the last two years. He lives in Greensboro, NC, with his wife, Natalie, and two sons.

Nelson Murphy ('82) is vice president of business and finance at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hick-

ory, NC. He previously spent five years as executive vice president of finance and operations for Catawba College. He also has held executive roles at AT&T, Syniverse and Northrop Grumman Corp.

Hamilton "Hal" DeSaussure (JD '83) was elected president of the Akron (OH) Bar Association. He is a partner at Brennan Manna Diamond in Akron, where he practices insurance and commercial litigation. He has been a member of the city council in nearby Hudson, OH, for 10 years.

Mark Holt ('83, P '18) was installed as president of the North Carolina Bar Association in June. He will also serve in 2020-21 as president of the North Carolina Bar Foundation. Holt is a partner at the law firm Holt Sherlin LLP and has practiced in Raleigh his entire career.

Paula A. Kohut (JD '83) was named to Business North Carolina's 2020 Legal Elite for tax/estate planning law and was included in the 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for estate planning & probate. She is a shareholder at Kohut & Adams PA in Wilmington, NC.

Jeffrey P. Warner ('83) was recognized as the top Realtor in the state of Missouri in the Newsweek magazine article "America's Best Realtors 2020." Warner is an agent with Dielmann Sotheby's International Realty in St. Louis.

Trisha Folds-Bennett ('84, MA '86) was named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. She was previously dean of the Honors College and associate professor of psychology at College of Charleston.

Jim W. Phillips (JD '84) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in his practice area (litigation: general commercial). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Jerry Haas ('85) was one of five finalists for the 2020 Dave Williams Award, given to the Division I national coach of the year in men's golf. It's the second consecutive year Haas has been nominated for the award. In his 23 years as head men's golf coach at Wake Forest, Haas has led the Demon Deacons to 22 tournament wins, including three NCAA regionals. The team finished the 2019-20 season ranked fifth in the country by Golfstat.

Hal H. Tanner III ('85, P '14, '16, '19) is an associate at Midcoast Properties Inc., a leading broker of commercial real estate in the Southeast focusing on the self-storage industry. He lives in Goldsboro, NC.

Brent W. Ambrose ('86, P '24) was appointed the Jason and Julie Borrelli Faculty Chair in Real Estate at the Pennsylvania State University Smeal College of Business, where he is a professor, director of the Institute for Real Estate Studies and director of the Ph.D. Program. He lives in State College, PA.

Christopher E. Hendricks ('86) co-authored a cookbook, "Old Southern Cookery: Recipes from America's first regional cookbook adapted for today's kitchen" (Globe Pequot). The book, co-authored by his mother, **Sue Hendricks (MBA '79, P '81, '86)**, modernizes dozens of historical recipes from Mary Randolph's 1824 cookbook, "The Virginia House-Wife; Or, Methodical Cook," considered the first real American cookbook. Hendricks is an author and history professor at Georgia Southern University. He is the son of the late **Ed Hendricks (P '81, '86)**, a longtime history professor at Wake Forest.

Mike Mitchell ('86, JD '89, P '18) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as one of the top lawyers in North Carolina in his practice area (litigation: general commercial). He is an attorney at Smith Anderson in Raleigh and is co-chair of the firm's business litigation team and the intellectual property litigation practice.

Peter Carlson ('87, P '15, '19) was named chief financial officer at MiMedx in Marietta, GA. He was previously executive vice president of finance at MiMedx, an industry leader in advanced wound care and an emerging therapeutic biologics company.

Mike Darrow (MBA '87) is executive director of Feeding the Carolinas, a nonprofit that provides support, advocacy and fundraising for food banks in North and South Carolina. He lives in Clemmons, NC. More at bit.ly/3g3HRxf

H. Mark Hamlet ('88) was named to Business North Carolina's 2020 Legal Elite for construction law. He is managing partner at Hamlet & Associates PLLC in Wilmington, NC.

Bob King (JD '88) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in his practice area (environmental law). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

1990

Forrest Campbell (JD, P '14) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in



Stephens
(’90)



Goodson
(’92, JD ’96)



Johnson
(’93, MBA ’02)



Pollard
(JD ’93)



Snorton
(’93)



Childress
(’94)



Van Zant
(JD ’94)



Hill
(MAEd ’96)

his practice area (health care law). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Geoffrey Gwin was named chief financial officer at Eastside Distilling Inc., an award-winning producer of craft spirits in Portland, OR. Previously, Gwin was chief investment officer of Group G Capital Partners LLC.

Andrew K. McVey (JD ’93) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2020 Legal Elite for employment & litigation and was included in the 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for employment & labor law. He is a member at Murchison, Taylor & Gibson PLLC in Wilmington, NC.

Gin Calhoun Stephens is the author of the 2020 dieting book “Fast. Feast. Repeat” (St. Martin’s Press), a New York Times, USA Today and Publishers Weekly best-seller. She is also the author of “Delay, Don’t Deny: Living an Intermittent Fasting Lifestyle,” an Amazon best-seller in the weight-loss category. She hosts two popular podcasts, “Intermittent Fasting Stories” and “The Intermittent Fasting Podcast.” She lives in Augusta, GA, with her husband, Chad.

1991

Mitch Barnes (MBA) is a senior manager in the human capital sector of Deloitte Consulting, based in the Charlotte office. He focuses on compensation and benefits with a range of clients in life sciences, health care and financial services.

Erik B. Grindal was appointed judge of compensation claims in the Sarasota District by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. Previously Grindal was managing partner with the Law Office of Erik Grindal PA, where he specialized in workers compensation.

1992

Patricia “Tricia” Williams Goodson (JD ’96) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in her practice area (labor & employment). She practices in the Raleigh office of Brooks Pierce.

Laura Bush-Sedlacek (MA) had her first collection of short stories, “Four Thieves of Vinegar & Other Short Stories,” published this year by Alien Buddha Press. Her first full-length book of poems, “The Poet Next Door,” was also published this year by Cyberwit.

1993

Randall Johnson (MBA ’02) was elected president of the North Carolina Economic Development Association, an organization of more than 700 economic development professionals. Johnson is executive director of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center’s Southeastern Office in Wilmington, NC.

Mary Sheehan Pollard (JD) is executive director of the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services. Her legal career spans 27 years, primarily spent protecting the rights of indigent, incarcerated people. She previously served as executive director of North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services Inc. She lives in Raleigh.

Andrew Snorton released two books this summer. “Nothing Minor” focuses on his coverage of minor league baseball teams in the South and his article on the Negro Southern League Museum in Birmingham, AL. “The Author’s Mixtape – Volume 3,” in his audiobook series, mixes spoken word and music on an array of topics. Snorton is an author, media consultant, educator and community advocate in the Atlanta area who is host of the talk show “The Conversation Corner” on the Status Network.

Michael D. Thompson was named interim provost at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC. He has been a history professor at Pfeiffer since 2000 and is director of the undergraduate honors program. His research and publications have focused on the rural South, and he has taught courses ranging from the American Revolution to the civil rights movement.

1994

Randolph Childress (P ’20) is an assistant men’s basketball coach under new head coach Steve Forbes. Childress is in his ninth season on the basketball staff. The former All-American remains Wake Forest’s all-time leader in 3-point field goals and is second all time in career points. He was named the ACC Tournament MVP in 1995 after leading the Deacons to their first conference title in 33 years.

Jennifer Van Zant (JD) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in her practice area (antitrust). She is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

1996

Guy Hill (MAEd) was named to North Carolina’s DRIVE (Developing Representative & Inclusive Vision for Education) Task Force by Gov. Roy Cooper. Hill has taught English at Triton High School in Erwin, NC, since 1999. He received the Marvin R. Pittman Champion of Education Award from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in 2018.

Eric A. Richardson (JD) is president of the Greensboro (NC) Bar Association for 2019-2020. He is the founder of Richardson Law PLLC, a Greensboro-based firm that litigates personal injury, family law, nursing home negligence, medical malpractice and criminal defense cases.

1997

Tim Duncan was named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2020. Duncan was a 15-time NBA All Star in his 19-year career with the San Antonio Spurs. He was the NBA MVP twice and NBA Finals MVP three times. He holds the Spurs’ record for points, rebounds and blocks. Duncan was a two-time consensus first-team All American at Wake Forest and the No. 1 draft in the 1997 NBA draft.

Jeffrey Harvey (JD/MBA) joined Holland & Knight LLP as a partner in the law firm’s Dallas office. He advises clients on an array of business and finance matters, including mergers and acquisitions, securities, intellectual property and compliance. He was previously executive vice president and general counsel of PrimeSource Building Products based in Dallas.

Michael V. Lee (JD) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2020 Legal Elite for real estate law and was included in the 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers list (real estate law). A state senator from 2014-2018, he is a partner at Lee Kaess PLLC in Wilmington, NC.

1998

Faye Rodman Barbour was promoted to vice president and associate general counsel at WarnerMedia LLC (formerly Turner Broadcasting). She is the lead employment attorney for WarnerMedia News and Sports, which includes CNN,

Turner Sports, Bleacher Report and WarnerMedia Studios. She has been with the company since 2007 and is based in the greater Atlanta area.

Julie Leon Caperton (JD) was elected to the board of directors for APIA Scholars, the nation's largest nonprofit provider of college scholarships to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA). Caperton has worked at Wells Fargo for 17 years and is head of Wealth Client Solutions for Wealth and Investment Management. She serves on the board of visitors for the Wake Forest School of Law. She lives in Cornelius, NC.

James A. Landon joined Offit Kurman as a principal in the law firm's Wilmington, DE, office. He has practiced real estate law since 2002 and is an adjunct faculty member at Delaware Technical Community College.

Coe W. Ramsey (JD) was recognized in the Chambers USA 2020 guide as a top lawyer in his practice area (intellectual property). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh.

Jennifer Jane Rhodes (JD) is senior vice president, general counsel, corporate secretary and chief compliance officer at Angion Biomedica Corp., a biopharmaceutical company based in San Francisco. She previously was at Adamas Pharmaceuticals.

Matt Schad (JD) was elected to the board of directors for BIFMA, a nonprofit trade association for business and institutional furniture manufacturers. He is CEO of Nucraft Furniture Company near Grand Rapids, MI.

Rudy Shepherd is displaying 25 of his watercolor portraits at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, CT, as part of the show, "Rudy Shepherd: Somebody's Child." The exhibition, on view until Nov. 29, features works from his portrait series begun in 2007 depicting victims of police violence. Shepherd, who lives in New York City, has had his works exhibited at The Studio Museum in Harlem, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Socrates Sculpture Park, Museum of the City of New York and more.

Michael Webber (MBA), managing director-investment officer at Wells Fargo Advisors, was named a member of the firm's Premier Advisor Program. Webber has been with Wells Fargo Advisors for 23 years. He lives in Hickory, NC.

1999

Donyell Phillips Roseboro (MA) is interim chief diversity officer at UNC Wilmington, where she is a professor in the Watson College of Education. She has held leadership roles as a department chair and associate dean of teacher education and outreach.

Scott Andrew Southerland (MBA) joined Pinnacle Financial Partners as a financial consultant in Winston-Salem. Previously, he was a financial adviser at BB&T.



Caperton
(JD '98)



Landon
(JD '98)



Roseboro
(MA '99)



Felder
(JD '00)



Taylor
(MD '01, MD '06)

Gary Wolf (MBA) was named senior director of operations at PBI-Gordon Corporation, a national leader in professional turf management based in the Kansas City, MO, area.

more than 30 years, most recently as senior vice president of risk and chief credit officer for VFS.

2000

Kevin Felder launched a weekly, one-hour syndicated radio program, "The Big Redd Radio Show," featuring Christian hip-hop, pop and R&B music. Felder, known as "Big Redd," is a Christian hip-hop national recording artist and radio host based in Columbia, SC.

Patrick Shannon (MBA) is president of the North America region for Volvo Financial Services (VFS). Based in Greensboro, NC, VFS provides financial services for the Volvo Group brands. Shannon has held senior leadership positions with Volvo for

LeeAnne Quattrucci was named to Business North Carolina's 2020 Legal Elite for family law. She is managing attorney at The Law Office of LeeAnne Quattrucci in Wilmington, NC.

Kevin Lee Taylor (MD '06) is the medical director and chair of emergency medicine at Bethesda Healthcare Systems in Boynton Beach, FL. He recently joined the clinical faculty at Florida Atlantic University as an assistant professor of biomedical science in the Emergency Medicine Residency program. He lives in Jupiter, FL, with his wife, Joelle, and three children.

2001

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Toguchi
(’02)



Hefferan
(JD ’03)



Howard
(’03)



Kim
(JD/MBA ’04)



Tatum
(’05)

Elise Morgan Whitley (JD) was named a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML). She is one of only 35 AAML fellows in North Carolina. Whitley is a partner at Kurtz Evans Whitley Guy & Simos PLLC in Winston-Salem and an adjunct professor of family law at Wake Forest School of Law.

2002

Bill Peters Kaess (JD) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2020 Legal Elite for tax/estate planning law and was included in the 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for estate planning & probate. She is a partner at Lee Kaess PLLC in Wilmington, NC.

Jay Ostendarp (MBA) is the team lead in the Charlotte/Asheville market with RevLocal, a digital marketing company based in Columbus, OH. He works with small- and medium-sized businesses to expand their online marketing efforts. He lives in Charlotte.

Masanori Toguchi Jr. was recognized as the 2020 Dave Harris Athletic Director of the Year by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). He has been athletic director at William A. Hough High School in Cornelius, NC, since 2010. He is a member of NCHSAA’s board of directors and was president of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association in 2019-20. A former lineman on Wake Forest’s football team, Toguchi has worked in education for 16 years.

2003

Leslie Thomas Grab (PhD) is vice president of intellectual property at Personalis Inc., a fast-growing cancer genomics company based in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she lives with her husband, **Joshua Grab (MA)**. She previously was responsible for worldwide patent and trademark strategy and portfolio development at Verily Life Sciences.

David Groban was named managing director of Searchlight Capital Partners LP, a leading global private investment firm. He is based in the New York City office.

Jim Hefferan Jr. (JD) serves on the city council and is mayor pro tem in Belmont, NC. He is an attorney at Kilpatrick Townsend in Winston-Salem.

Josh Howard was named the first basketball coach at the University of North Texas at Dallas, which will begin competing on the NAIA level this season. Howard, the 2003 ACC Player of the Year, played 10 seasons in the NBA, mostly with the Dallas Mavericks, before retiring in 2014. He was previously head coach of Piedmont International University in Winston-Salem.

Linda Baugher Malone (MSA ’04, JD ’07) joined the law office of Howard, Stallings, From, Atkins, Angell & Davis PA as an attorney in the New Bern, NC, office. She lives in Trent Woods, NC, with her husband, Dennis, and their three children.

Lindsay Barr Masland (MA ’05), an associate psychology professor at Appalachian State University, was one of six people nationally to receive the Jane S. Halonen Teaching Excellence Award from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. She also received the 2020 App State Excellence in Teaching Award. She joined the faculty in 2011.

Gretchen Wollert McLennon (MBA) was named president and CEO of Ballet Memphis, a professional ballet company and school in her native Memphis, TN. She has been involved in the organization since childhood as a dancer and was chair of the board from 2014-2017. She has more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector.

Heather Trostle Smith (JD) was re-elected to a three-year term on the Allegheny County (PA) Bar Association’s Judiciary Committee. She is a partner in the Pittsburgh family law firm Pollock Begg.

2004

Brett Brohl was named to Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s list of “40 Under 40” for 2020. He is managing director of Techstars Farm to Fork, an accelerator program in St. Paul, MN, that supports local entrepreneurs on the tech/digital side of food and agriculture. He is the founder of The Syndicate Fund, an early stage venture capital fund.

Lindsey Camp Edelmann (JD) is a partner in the law firm Holland & Knight in the West Palm Beach, FL, office. She focuses on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) litigation, as well as labor and employment law.

Christopher Gyves (JD/MBA) was elected to a three-year term on the Winston-Salem Symphony board of directors. He is a partner at the Winston-Salem law firm Womble Bond Dickinson and an adjunct professor at Wake Forest School of Law, where he teaches corporate finance and mergers & acquisitions.

William Hesmer Jr. was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame in the Class of 2020-21. A goalkeeper on the soccer team, Hesmer was named second team All-American in 2002 and first team in 2003. He was a third team Academic All-American in 2003. He was selected 17th overall in the 2004 MLS Draft by the Columbus Crew and helped lead the team to the 2008 MLS Championship. He retired from pro soccer in 2013 and works in financial management in Raleigh.

Jonathan H. Kim (JD/MBA) was promoted to partner in the Charlotte office of the global law firm Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP. He provides counsel to financial institutions and other participants in capital markets.

Lee Norris has an appearance as a Navy crewmember in Tom Hanks’ World War II drama “Greyhound,” which debuted on the AppleTV+ streaming service this summer. Norris, who has been acting since childhood, is best known for his roles as Mouth McFadden on “One Tree Hill” and Stuart Minkus on “Boy Meets World.”

2005

Matt Gallagher released a new novel, “Empire City” (Atria/Simon & Schuster). Set in an alternate history, the story features super-powered soldiers, dark government conspiracies and a volatile presidential campaign. Gallagher is a U.S. Army veteran and author of the novel “Youngblood” and a memoir, “Kaboom: Embracing the Suck in a Savage Little War,” about his time serving in Iraq. He lives in Brooklyn, NY.

James Hamblin writes a weekly column, “Paging Dr. Hamblin,” on COVID-19 and other health issues and co-hosts a podcast, “Social Distance,” for The Atlantic. Hamblin is a preventive medicine physician and a staff writer at The Atlantic.

Stephen L. Tatum Jr. is assistant chief of staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, which covers Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Tatum previously focused on energy and environmental law as an attorney in Fort Worth, TX, where he lives, and as a deputy commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Ann Lacoste Tucker released a book, “Newest Born of Nations: European Nationalist Movements and the Making of the Confederacy” (University of Virginia Press). Tucker is an assistant professor at the University of North Georgia, where she specializes in 19th-century Southern history.

2006

Matthew A. Fox was named to Consulting Magazine's list of Rising Stars of the Profession for Excellence in Financial Services. He is a management consultant at The North Highland Company in Charlotte.



Calkins
(‘07)



Dance-Barnes
(PhD ‘07)



Lee
(‘08, MSM ‘09)



Smith
(‘08, MAEd ‘09)



Bingham
(‘09)



Keefe
(‘09)

Casey Mull was named assistant director of Purdue University's extension office and program leader for Indiana 4-H Youth Development. He is also a clinical associate professor in Purdue's agriculture science education and communication department. Mull is deputy chief in public affairs for the 94th Airlift Wing in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He lives in West Lafayette, IN.

Wells Thompson completed a 24-hour "ultra run" of 100 miles in May at YMCA Camp Harrison in Wilkes County (NC). His goal was raising \$50,000 for Hydrating Humanity, a North Carolina-based nonprofit that provides clean water and hygiene education in East Africa. Thompson was a pro soccer player and a midfielder at Wake Forest.

2007

Audrey M. Calkins is assistant U.S. attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee.

Stephanie Dance-Barnes (PhD) was named dean of DePaul University's College of Science and Health in Chicago. She was previously interim associate provost at Winston-Salem State University, where she taught cellular and molecular biology. In 2007 she became the first African American female to earn a Ph.D. in cancer biology and toxicology from Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Eric Ekstrand is a writing professor at Wake Forest. He was awarded a Tulsa Artist Fellowship by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, which provides a year-long stipend, housing and studio space in Tulsa, OK, for 20 to 30 artists annually. He will spend the year working on a second collection of poems and studying the global lyric tradition.

Chris Paul is co-producing a docuseries with Roadside Entertainment LLC about basketball programs at historically black colleges and universities. Paul, who plays for the Oklahoma City Thunder, is a 10-time NBA All Star and current president of the National Basketball Players Association. He is a member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame.

2008

Kelly Jae Gannon Flynn earned a Ph.D. in American Religious Cultures from Laney Graduate School at Emory University. She lives in the Washington, DC, area with her husband, Asa, and daughter, Jane.

Laura Johnson Lee (MSM ‘09) is senior vice president of economic development for Greater Winston-Salem Inc., formed from the merger of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and Winston-Salem Business Inc. She leads a division that recruits and develops new businesses and industry and supports existing businesses. A native North Carolinian, she previously was business recruitment manager at the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, helping bring more than 2,400 jobs to the state.

Webb Simpson won the RBC Heritage golf tournament in Hilton Head, SC, in June. Simpson finished at 22-under par, which broke the tournament record by two strokes. The win helped propel him to No. 1 in the FedEx Cup rankings in July. Simpson was a four-time All-ACC golfer and ACC Player of the Year in 2008, when he won the ACC Championship. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, **Dowd Keith Simpson (‘07)**.

Andrew J. Smith (MAEd ‘09) was named chair of the 2020-21 Rowan County United Way Campaign after serving as co-chair for the 2019-20 campaign. He is the assistant superintendent of transformation for Rowan-Salisbury Schools (NC), where he has worked for 11 years as a high school forensics and biology teacher, director of innovation and chief strategy officer. He recently earned his doctorate in entrepreneurial education at Johns Hopkins University.

Sam Swank was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2020-21. A punter and place-kicker, Swank is Wake Forest's all-time leading scorer with 337 career points. He earned first team All-ACC and All-American honors as a kicker in 2006 and was All-ACC honorable mention as a punter. He holds numerous school records, including the longest field goal (53 yards), longest punt (86 yards) and most field goals made (71). He set an NCAA record with three field goals of 50+ yards in a 2006 win against NC State.

Jeff Wolfe (JD) is special counsel at Schell Bray PLLC in the law firm's corporate practice group. He splits time between offices in Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem and Greensboro, NC.

2009

Michael Bingham was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame in the Class of 2020-21. He was one of the top sprinters in Wake Forest track and field history and a four-time All-American in the 400 meters. He is one of just three

track and field athletes to win a national championship for Wake Forest after finishing first in the 400 meters at the 2009 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. He was an eight-time ACC champion. He won a bronze medal in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing as a member of Great Britain's 4x400m relay team.

Ashton Keefe is a chef, culinary stylist, author and instructor who appears regularly on NBC's Today show, CBS, Fox News and CNN. She is doing more online classes and one-on-one instruction given the restrictions of the pandemic. She lives in New York City. More at bit.ly/2Nf8oeb

Douglas E. Kingston (JD) is a partner in the Philadelphia law office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. He specializes in business law, including mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and financing transactions.

Mark H. Russell was named to the board of directors for the Henderson County (NC) Education Foundation, supporting excellence in Henderson County Public Schools. He is the general manager of Southern Alarm & Security in Hendersonville, NC, where he lives with his wife, **Emily Johnson Russell (‘06)**, and two daughters.

Riley Skinner was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2020-21. He is a college football analyst for the ACC Network. Skinner was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 2006 when he led the Deacons to an 11-3 record, the ACC Championship and a berth in the Orange Bowl. He is the winningest quarterback in school history with 31 wins from 2006-2009. He holds school records for passing yards, completions, touchdown passes and passing efficiency. Skinner remains the NCAA record holder for completion percentage in a bowl game after completing all 11 attempts in the Deacons' 29-19 win over Navy in the 2008 EagleBank Bowl.

Anne Ward was named director of strategic growth at Indiana Innovation Institute (IN3), an applied research institute in Bloomington, IN, focused on solving problems that affect the Department of Defense and industry. She was previously associate director of government affairs at Battelle, a leading independent research and development organization.

2010

Eric Bihl and **Kennon Jones** completed a 2½-year cruise around the world on a 34-foot sail-



Elliott
(‘11)



Ellis
(‘13)



Bowie
(JD ‘16)



Grace
(JD ‘16)



Ioannou
(‘16)



Acosta
(‘17, MBA ‘22)



Allen
(MBA ‘17)



Brahm
(JD ‘17)

boat. After beginning their adventure in Annapolis, MD, in January 2018, they visited South Africa, New Zealand, Indonesia, Tonga, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They were “stranded” in Saint Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean for several weeks, when their future ports of call closed because of COVID-19, before they resumed their journey. More at bit.ly/3c3clxn

Blake Richardson was promoted from vice president to principal at CenterOak Partners LLC, a Dallas-based private equity firm. He supports evaluation, execution and monitoring of investment opportunities.

2011

Josh Bush used his charitable organization, The Josh Bush Foundation, to combat childhood hunger in his hometown of Lexington, NC, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers with the foundation packed hundreds of lunches for students in the local school district. A former All-ACC safety at Wake Forest, Bush played five seasons in the NFL and won a Super Bowl ring with the Denver Broncos in 2015.

Meggan Bushee (JD) is general counsel and chief compliance officer at Crossroads Treatment Centers, a national leader in the treatment of opioid abuse and addiction. Bushee has worked in health care law for nearly a decade, previously at Elite Surgical Affiliates. She lives in Charlotte.

Ajalon Elliott co-founded and launched GoghNow, a tech startup that provides economic relief for musicians during the pandemic and beyond. GoghNow uses an app platform to match users looking to book live music with available musicians in the area. The app launched this summer in Charlotte and Roanoke, VA, where Elliott lives.

Ryan A. Newson (MDiv) has written a book, “Cut in Stone: Confederate Monuments and Theological Disruption” (Baylor University Press). The book examines the historical context and theology behind Confederate monuments in the wake of current political and civic upheaval. Newson is an assistant professor of theology and ethics at Campbell University. He lives in Raleigh with his wife, **Rebecca Hewitt-Newson (MDiv ‘11)**.

Lauren Redman Johnson (MAEd) was named 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year in Surry County (NC). Since 2011 she has taught math at Surry Central High School in Dobson, NC, including AP calculus and honors pre-calculus. She coached the

girl’s junior varsity basketball team for seven years and was assistant varsity coach for eight years.

2012

Stephen J. Bell (JD) received an AV® Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, a peer review rating to reflect an attorney’s ethical standards and ability. He is an associate in the Wilmington, NC, office of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, where he focuses on civil litigation.

Danielle Stone (JD) was appointed to the Character and Fitness Committee of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners. She is an officer in the Abingdon, VA, law firm of PennStuart, where she focuses on professional liability, insurance defense and civil litigation. She also chairs the firm’s recruiting committee.

2013

Dana Brinkley Bell (JD) was named pre-award coordinator and part of the leadership team in UNC Wilmington’s Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance. Bell came to UNCW in January as a proposal development specialist after working in research administration at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Andrew Ellis was named to the “2020 MBAs To Watch” list by business education publication Poets & Quants. He was one of 142 graduates nationwide named to the list, which focuses on “high-potential MBAs who are gaining momentum.” Ellis earned his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and joined IBM as a senior financial analyst following an internship at the company.

Lauren M. Hiznay is an account director at 5W Public Relations. She lives in Raleigh.

2014

Kevin Johnson Jr. joined the NFL’s Cleveland Browns after signing a one-year contract. The 2015 first-round draft pick spent his first four seasons with the Houston Texans before playing for the Buffalo Bills last year. He was an All-ACC honoree as a cornerback at Wake Forest.

Nicholas Stewart (JD) has joined the law firm Turner Padgett as an associate in the Charleston,

SC, office. He has experience in construction, health care and insurance law.

2015

Sam Fink joined AAdvantage Insurance Group in Glen Carbon, IL, as a sales agent. A former stand-out defender on Wake Forest’s soccer team, he is team captain for Saint Louis FC, a professional soccer team.

Douglas Walters (JD) is an associate in the Cleveland office of Ohio-based law firm Brouse McDowell, where he specializes in bankruptcy law. He previously was with Joseph D. Carney & Associates LLC.

2016

Alan Bowie Jr. (JD) is president of the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association, a volunteer-led organization of attorneys, judges and law students in Connecticut. At age 28, Bowie is one of the youngest presidents to lead the association, which raises a collective voice on issues affecting black attorneys and the community. Bowie is an associate at Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey in his native New Haven, CT.

Dawnielle Keith Grace (JD) was elected to a three-year term on the Winston-Salem Symphony board of directors. She is the founder and owner of en-|ign counsel+compliance, a Winston-Salem law firm focusing on corporate and employment law.

Matthew A. Ioannou graduated from Fordham University School of Law in May.

2017

Ayla Acosta (MBA ‘22) was one of 25 recipients of the Front Office Sports Rising 25 Award, honoring up-and-comers in the sports industry. She is the director of corporate partnership services for the Winston-Salem Dash, a Class-A Advanced minor league baseball team. She started with the Dash as a graphic design intern in 2015 while at Wake Forest.

Jonathan G. Allen (MBA) was elected to a three-year term on the Winston-Salem Symphony board of directors. He is a client devel-



Herron
(‘18, MALS ‘19)



McFadden
(‘18, MSM ‘20)



Rogers
(MSL ‘18)



Hammond
(‘19)



Lapa
(‘19)



Strnad
(‘19)



Graustein
(‘20)



Sturdivant
(MAEd ‘20)

opment manager at Inmar. He serves on several other nonprofit boards. Allen was named this year to the 40 Under 40 Most Influential African Americans in the Piedmont Triad (NC) by Black Business Ink. In 2017, he was one of 20 people to receive a Winston Under 40 Leadership Award from Greater Winston-Salem Inc.

Amanda M. Brahm (JD) joined Carlton Fields PA as an associate in the law firm’s labor & employment practice in Hartford, CT.

Mike Weaver, who was a kicker on Wake Forest’s football team, is creating an e-book and website that will feature stories, training tips and more. A two-time All-ACC selection, Weaver set a school record in 2017 for single-season points (115), breaking Brian Piccolo’s 1963 record of 111 points. He joined the Massachusetts Pirates after graduating, earning all-league honors in the National Arena League (NAL) and leading the NAL in points per game.

2018

Carolyn Burns (MSA ‘19) earned the 2019 Elijah Watt Sells Accounting Award, placing her in the top 1% of accountants who took the CPA exam in 2019. She is working in the assurance practice at Ernst & Young (EY) in New York City, where she focuses on wealth and asset clients.

Justin Herron (MALS ‘19) was selected in the sixth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots. Herron, who played offensive tackle, set a program record with 51 starts during his college career. He earned All-ACC and All-ACC Academic honors twice in his career.

Madison Hoff (MSA ‘19) earned the 2019 Elijah Watt Sells Accounting Award, placing her in the top 1% of accountants who took the CPA exam in 2019. She is an assurance associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) in New York City.

Hailey Brooke McFadden (MSM ‘20) launched her own digital marketing business, Power Move Marketing. McFadden is a former Wake Forest volleyball player. She lives in Holly Springs, NC.

Danielle Medina-Hernandez (MS ‘19) received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct biology research in Denmark.

Thomas Poston received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in development studies in Cambodia.

Sean Edmund Rogers (MSL) was named the inaugural executive director of inclusive excellence in the University of Rhode Island (URI) College of Business. He is the Spachman Professor of Human Resources and Labor Relations and director of the M.S. in Healthcare Management program at URI. He also serves as a Medical Service Corps officer in the Air Force Reserve. He lives in North Kingstown, RI.

Daniel Shaw is teaching computer science at Ranney School, a private college preparatory school in Tinton Falls, NJ. He is also an assistant coach for the varsity girls’ soccer team.

Will Zalatoris won the Korn Ferry Tour’s TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes in Berthoud, CO, in July. It was his first win as a professional golfer and secured a spot for him in the U.S. Open in September. Korn was ACC Player of the Year in 2017, an All-American and a member of the U.S. Walker Cup team.

2019

Jacob Yongsu Ahn received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Thailand.

John Collins partnered with Goodr and the NBA to set up two pop-up grocery stores in Palm Beach County (FL) to support 500 families during the coronavirus pandemic. He also opened three similar stores in metro Atlanta with the help of Goodr, an Atlanta-based startup focused on ending hunger. Collins played high school basketball in West Palm Beach (FL) and was an All-American at Wake Forest. He was drafted in the first round of the 2017 NBA Draft by the Atlanta Hawks.

Kalyn Epps received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Spain.

Katie Hall (MBA) was elected to a three-year term on the Winston-Salem Symphony board of directors. She is business development manager at Vela Agency, a Winston-Salem marketing firm. In 2019, she was named one of the winners of the Winston Under 40 Leadership Awards by Greater Winston-Salem Inc.

Madison Hammond signed a contract with the OL Reign of the National Women’s Soccer League. The team is based in Tacoma, WA. Hammond, a defender, was a four-year starter and team captain at Wake Forest, earning second team All-ACC honors as a senior.

Moriah Jackson (MS) received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct medical sciences research in Malaysia.

Bruno Lapa was voted USL Championship’s Player of the Week during week four of the regular season. Lapa netted three goals and one assist during two games, including two goals during his league debut July 15. The former star midfielder at Wake Forest plays for the Birmingham Legion FC, one of 35 teams in the USL Championship professional soccer league.

Justin Strnad was selected in the fifth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos. He was a two-time All-ACC selection as a linebacker for the Demon Deacons.

2020

Natalie Alms won a second place award from the North Carolina Press Association for an article she wrote as a news intern at the Salisbury (NC) Post. The article examined the shortage of foster parents in North Carolina and was recognized in the News Enterprise Reporting category.

Ludan Gbeye received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct neuroscience research in Mexico.

Taylor Graustein and her hand-dipped candle company, Benefiscent, were recently featured in People magazine in an article on “The Ultimate Guide to Finding a Side Hustle.” Graustein, who was a member of Wake Forest’s Startup Lab, launched the company this spring from her home in Westchester County (NY). She donates 20% of Benefiscent’s sales to research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where her mother received treatment for brain cancer before her death when Graustein was in the eighth grade.

Will McKay received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Germany.

Grace Russell received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Thailand.

Sarah Sturdivant (MAEd) was nominated as Wake Forest’s representative for the 2020 Student Teacher of the Year Award by the North Carolina Association for Colleges & Teacher Educators. She taught English during the spring at Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem, using Google Classroom and other online platforms to reach students remotely.

Rita Venant (MSM '21) is one of 40 journalists named as a 2020 Pulitzer Center Reporting Fellow. The center raises awareness of underreported global issues. Venant is reporting on the impact of the Australian bushfires on the Eora Nation Aboriginal people in Sydney. She helped create campus programs on diversity and inclusion at Wake Forest's International Students and Scholars Office.

Marriages

Mark A. Williams ('05) and Emily M. Manns, 10/12/19 in St. Louis. They live in Washington, DC. The wedding party included Chris Brown ('05), Lawrence Duke ('04), Ethan Kirby-Smith ('05, MBA '18) and Fritz Vaughan ('05).

Charles "Parker" McCarty ('15) and Genevieve Elise Becker, 6/6/20 in St. Louis, where they live.

Matthew Hooker (JD '20) and **Chiedza Mushayamunda (MBA '22)**, 5/30/20 in Winston-Salem. They live in Charlotte.

Births

Christopher Ober ('99) and Sheri Ober, Maple-wood, MN: a son, Michael Benjamin. 6/19/20. He joins his brother, Jonathan Nicholas (6).

Allison Bates Smith ('00) and Stephen Buford Smith Jr., Washington, DC: a son, Stephen Buford Smith III. 5/1/20

Melissa Renee Moser ('02) and Stephen Anthony Barb, Cornelius, NC: a son, Sebastien Cruz. 1/23/19

Amy "A.J." Broderick ('03) and Mac Bracey, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Hollis Elizabeth. 5/19/20. She joins her brother, Wade Charles (3).

Christopher Jordan Koschnitzky ('05) and **Jenna Schuster Koschnitzky ('05)**, Middle-town, RI: a son, Tristan Fox. 10/3/19. He joins his brother, Logan Christopher (4).

Jason M. Sparks ('05) and Laura C. Sparks, Birmingham, AL: a son, Sawyer Michael. 6/11/20. He joins his brother, Mitchell (4).

Hilary Wathern Zaytoun ('06) and Matt Zaytoun, Raleigh: a daughter, Clark Adele. 10/20/19

Cassandra Dorris Dadakis ('08) and **Alexander George Dadakis ('08)**, Winnetka, IL: a son, Jack Mackenzie. 2/24/20. He joins his brother, William Alexander (5), and sister, Anna Grace (3).

Brittany Chappell Farner ('08) and John A. Famer, Winston-Salem: a son, Owen Benjamin. 10/28/19

Jonathan Kreider (JD '08) and Kathryn Kreider, Greensboro, NC: twin sons, Samuel James and Robert Levi. 11/18/19

Emily Frances Suther ('08) and Michael Malley, Reading, MA: a son, Brooks William. 5/25/20. He joins his sister, Charlotte Ann (3).

Katherine Kelly Bonney ('09) and **Craig Bonney ('09, MSA '10)**, Greensboro, NC: a son, Andrew Craig. 3/12/20. He joins his sister, Emily Miller (3).

Katie Hayes Harrell Abernethy ('10) and **Joe Edward Abernethy ('10)**, New York City: a son, Luke Hayes. 6/7/20

Neubia LeChelle Williams Harris (JD '10) and Michael Harris, Raleigh: a son, James Preston. 2/18/20

Susan Manship Seaman ('10) and Todd Seaman, Dublin, OH: a son, Joseph Phillip. 7/1/20

Thomas Sander (JD '11) and Kate Lord, Brooklyn, NY: a son, Oliver John. 3/29/20

Matthew Grayson "Gray" Garner ('12, MSA '13) and **Kelsey Luvender Garner ('14)**, Charlotte: a son, Thomas Grayson. 4/14/20

Matthew Moore Pagett (JD '12) and Elizabeth Ann Overcash, Durham, NC: a daughter, Emma Grace. 2/22/20. She joins her brother, Henry Moore (3).

Mackenzie Malcolm Simari ('12) and **Matthew Adam Simari ('12)**, Seattle: a daughter, June Frances. 11/11/19

Ansley Byers Tallant ('14) and Robert Tallant, Winston-Salem: a son, Brooks Robert. 4/4/20

Christie Young Powell (MBA/PhD '15) and Austin Powell, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Camryn Elise. 11/18/19

Robert "Ted" Saint Jr. (JD '19) and Alexandra Saint, San Diego: a son, Kirklin Arthur. 6/20/20

Deaths

Manfred T. Blanchard ('39), April 26, 2020, Eden, NC. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II in China, Burma (Myanmar) and India. In 1948 he set up a dental practice in Leaksville, NC, (now Eden) and retired in 2005. A long-serving member of the Kiwanis, he lived to age 103.

William "Bill" Frederick Ruffin Sr. ('39), March 12, 2020, Manteo, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy as an engineering officer aboard destroyers in five major engagements in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during World War II. He retired to Manteo after 40 years as mill manager at Weyerhaeuser Company, a timberland and wood products company. He was a VFW and Rotary officer and a charter member of the Outer Banks SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), volunteering into his 90s. He is survived by two sons, Michael Ruffin and **William Frederick Ruffin Jr. ('65)**, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

James Tabor Hutchins Sr. ('42), May 2, 2020, Raleigh. As a flight instructor in the U.S. Army Air

Corps during World War II, he won recognition from the French government for training French aviators. He served as a captain in the North Carolina Air National Guard. He worked for Walker Martin Inc. and General Electric as a distributor of major appliances. He was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Doris, five siblings, including **John H. Hutchins Jr. ('38)**, and a daughter. He is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Alden Robert "Bob" Kuhlthau ('42), Feb. 29, 2020, Charlottesville, VA. He was a faculty member at the University of New Hampshire before joining the physics and engineering departments at the University of Virginia. He was the first president and a trustee of the Universities Space Research Association, supporting NASA. He was a former president of the Albemarle County (VA) Historical Society.

Robert Taylor Newsome ('43), April 16, 2020, Ahoskie, NC. In the U.S. Army in World War II, he trained soldiers how to use a secret compound to waterproof thousands of vehicles and make them amphibious. This allowed them to disembark in rough seas and enabled the D-Day invasion on the beaches of Normandy. He retired as partner and president of Ahoskie Wholesale Company, then worked until age 90 at the State Employees' Credit Union and also volunteered there.

Joseph Melvin Moore ('45), July 4, 2020, Greenville, NC. He fought fires in California, played semi-pro baseball and served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a motor machinist on anti-submarine patrol off the North Carolina coast during World War II. He operated a service station, owned fire extinguisher and U-Haul rental companies and retired in 1997 as a magistrate in small claims court in Pitt County (NC). He was a Freemason for 70 years. Nicknamed "Big Daddy," he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2015 from the North Carolina governor.

James "Peyton" Royal ('45), March 25, 2020, Clarkton, NC. He was a Baptist pastor for 25 years and retired as a special education teacher in Bladen County (NC). He loved gardening, painting, walking, travel and music, serving as his church organist in recent years.

Minda Kennedy Fuller ('47), March 31, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was among the first groups of women to graduate from Wake Forest. She was a school teacher in Selma and Wendell (NC) and was active in her church, teaching Sunday school and leading outreach and missions work. She is remembered for her boundless curiosity, compassion and advocacy for a peaceful world. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady, and a son, **Steve Fuller ('72)**. She is survived by two brothers, four children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marcus Marcellus Gulley ('47, MD '51), April 15, 2020, Winston-Salem. He retired in 2012 as professor emeritus after 55 years in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine. He received the Medical Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award in 2015. He was a U.S. Army Air Force vet-

eran, a volunteer with Samaritan Ministries and a Deacon fan who rarely missed a home game in 60 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Berthal and **J. Paul Gulley ('1921)**, and two brothers. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, **Sally Hudson Gulley ('48)**; six children, **Paul Hudson Gulley ('74, MD '78)**, **Lawrence Rucker Gulley ('76, MD '81)**, **Sheila Gulley Pleasants ('78)**, **Marcia Gulley Gutekanst ('80)**, **John Marcus Gulley ('80)** and Edward "Ned" Gulley; and many grandchildren, including **Sarah Catherine Gulley Neas ('00)** and **Eleanor Rankin Pleasants ('11)**.

Dominick "Dom" Paul Colavita ('49), June 17, 2020, Denville, NJ. He played football for Wake Forest in the inaugural Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 1946. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Forces, doing search-and-rescue missions in the Aleutian Islands. He was an accountant at Schering-Plough pharmaceuticals and volunteered at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Frances; three children, including **Richard Colavita (MD '80)**; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lewis Elton Curlee (MD '50), June 3, 2020, Concord, NC. After graduating early from Bowman Gray School of Medicine at age 21, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He opened an orthopedic practice in Concord in 1957. He later taught orthopedic medicine as a professor for the U.S. Navy. He was preceded in death by his four siblings, including **Geraldine Barris ('50)**. He is survived by his wife, Buaban Curlee.

Ray Keith Hodge ('50), May 5, 2020, Smithfield, NC. He served 33 years in the military, as a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and a chaplain in the North Carolina National Guard. He worked for Southeastern Baptist Seminary, then was a Baptist minister for more than 50 years at a dozen North Carolina churches. After retirement, he was interim pastor at nine churches. He officiated at more than 100 revivals, baptized 500 people, married 152 couples and conducted 427 funerals. He was a trustee for Wake Forest and Meredith College, published 16 books and traveled to all 50 states. He is survived by three children, including **Ben Hodge ('81)**; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ellen Walker Huffman ('50), April 22, 2020, Burlington, NC. She was a beloved secretary at Marvin B. Smith Elementary School in Burlington from 1968 to 1987. She was active with her bridge club and its beach trips for more than 60 years. She is survived by her four children, including **David R. Huffman II ('77)**; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

William "Bobby" Land ('50), March 11, 2020, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired in 2013 as a supervisor at GMAC, a financial company.

Perry Whitehead Martin Sr. (JD '50), May 28, 2020, Ahoskie, NC. He served in the U.S. Army, practiced law and was a North Carolina Superior Court judge. He was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives and Senate.

Bobbie McManus Brown ('51), Nov. 27, 2019, Monroe, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Joe C. Brown ('51)** and a daughter, Drynda Brown. She is survived by a son, Jeffrey Brown.

William M. Buckingham (MD '51), Jan. 20, 2020, Encinitas, CA. He served in World War II in Guam and Guadalcanal as a corpsman in the U.S. Army. He retired as a full colonel from the North Dakota National Guard. He was a general practitioner for more than four decades and was named North Dakota Family Physician of the Year in 1982. He served two terms on the Bismarck (ND) City Council and as a city health official. He was a volunteer physician for the Golden Gloves program and helped train medical volunteers in Central America.

Elmer "Ray" Etheridge ('51, JD '53), March 6, 2020, Shawboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army, practiced law in Elizabeth City, NC, and was a prosecutor in Camden County. His passions included genealogy and history, particularly of the Civil War.

Francis "Joe" Fulghum ('51), May 23, 2020, Newark, DE. He served in World War II as a navigator for the U.S. Naval Air Corps. He played baseball at Wake Forest and led the team in batting average in 1950, hitting .409, which remains ninth highest all-time at the school. After playing professionally for several years, he became a math teacher and baseball coach at Newark High School in Delaware. He retired in 1987 after 28 years, having led Newark to four state baseball titles. The school's baseball field is named in his honor.

Amos Leslie "Les" McLemore Jr. ('51), June 2, 2020, Rolesville, NC. He served in World War II as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy. He worked in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, earning accolades for his leadership in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. He served as a commissioner for Rolesville and a member of the planning board.

Otto K. Pridgen II ('51, JD '53), June 10, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He practiced law in Wilmington for more than 60 years. Known to his friends as "O.K.," he served five years as chair of the New Hanover County Board of Elections. In retirement, he loved driving downtown to visit friends, holding court over coffee, riding his lawn mower and spending hours on the porch with his dog, Mister.

Hilda C. Boone Sherard ('51), May 18, 2020, Burlington, NC. She taught in Alamance County Schools (NC) for 30 years and was a member of the local, state and national retired teachers' organizations. She was an active member of First Christian United Church in Burlington.

Edgar Ervin Ferrell Jr. ('52), May 7, 2020, Asheville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. A trustee emeritus at Wake Forest, he was a pastor and chaplain for nearly 60 years, including 22 years at First Baptist Black Mountain (NC) and eight years as chaplain at the Asheville VA Medical Center. He held numerous positions in state and local Baptist life and local civic committees.

James Rufus "J.R." Maynard ('52), April 19, 2020, Tarboro, NC. He earned his wings in the U.S. Navy Flight Program and served in an anti-submarine squadron and a hurricane hunter squadron. He worked in accounting and retired as president of Telerent Leasing Corp. in 1986. He volunteered with the EMT and sang in many church choirs. He loved his time living in Topsail Beach, NC, fishing, golfing and playing with his grandchildren.

Anne Toler Shore ('52), March 29, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was the personal secretary for the wife of Bowman Gray and the wife of Jonas Rice, president of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. in Winston-Salem, before a successful career as a real estate agent. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William "Bill" P. Shore Jr. ('50)**, and two brothers. She is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

George Frederick "Fred" Craig Jr. ('53), April 27, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He was an Eagle Scout who loved hiking, scuba diving and camping. He is remembered for his kindness, humor and willingness to help any disabled motorist or boater.

Richard Leo Morgan ('53), May 16, 2020, Nashville, TN. He was president of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Army and retired as an executive with Sears, Roebuck and Co. after 33 years. He was an administrator at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville and was active in community groups. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Benjamin Edward Morgan ('45, MD '47)**. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Carolyn; three children, including **William L. Morgan (MBA '84)**; and several grandchildren.

James A. Pittman ('53), April 7, 2020, Roanoke Rapids, NC. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He was an ordained minister who also was a farmer, teacher, owner of Coastal Supply Co. and a real estate developer on the North Carolina Outer Banks. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Trilla Morgan Pittman ('53)**, a daughter and five siblings. He is survived by his wife, four children, a stepson, a sister, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Carrie Bridges Allyn ('54), May 15, 2020, Richmond, VA. She taught nursing and retired as director of the Henrico County-St. Mary's Hospital School of Practical Nursing. A mother of four girls, she was a Girl Scout troop leader and an active church volunteer, taking food to the sick and sewing bags for school kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Vernon Pleasants Brake ('54), June 6, 2020, Myrtle Beach, SC. He retired in 2004 as managing partner of The Breakers Resort in Myrtle Beach after 33 years. He devoted much of his career to promoting golf in the area and was inducted into the Myrtle Beach Golf Hall of Fame in 2017. He was active in civic and business groups, including as a charter member of the Myrtle Beach Hotel-Motel Association. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Ann; two daughters, Bonnie Leigh Brake Gilbreth and **Catherine Brake Lee ('85)**; four grandchildren, including **William P. Lee ('12)**; and two great-grandsons.

William "Max" Herrin Sr. ('54), March 18, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served as a stenographer in the U.S. Army and retired from Southern Railway (now Norfolk Southern).

Randolph Denard "Denny" Spear Jr. ('54), April 26, 2020, Sandy Springs, GA. He was a minister for 50 years in eastern North Carolina and Georgia and was an ecumenical chaplain at Days Inns of America, Allied Transportation and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. His interests spanned from books, hats and old hymns to travel, writing, artwork, peanuts and toothpicks. He was preceded in death by a brother, **Herbert "Herb" Spear ('68)**. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, **Varion Herndon Spear ('55)**; six children; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, **Tommy Spear ('58)**.

Allen "Al" Birmingham ('55), Feb. 20, 2020, Scottsdale, AZ. He was a caddy by the age of 9 and played golf on scholarship at Wake Forest with teammate **Arnold Palmer ('51, LL.D. '70)**. He served in the U.S. Army in the Chemical Corps. He was a sales representative for 34 years with Titleist and was its National Salesperson of the Year in 1977, 1978 and 1989.

Duncan Lacy Futrelle Jr. ('55), March 3, 2020, Rock Hill, SC. He was a Baptist minister for seven South Carolina churches and served on the executive committee of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He retired in 1996 and continued as an interim pastor in the Wilmington, NC, area. He wrote Sunday school lessons and taught courses on Christian ethics at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Hendersonville, NC.

John Stanley Kotecki ('55), April 6, 2020, Baldwinsville, NY. He played on Wake Forest's basketball team that made it to the Sweet 16 in the 1953 NCAA tournament. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from the claims department at Nationwide Insurance after 37 years. He was a ranger at West Hill Golf Course in Camillus, NY. Nicknamed "Big John," he was a coach and referee and ran a Saturday morning basketball clinic for local children.

Thomas Neely Massey Jr. (MD '55), March 8, 2020, Charlotte. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Japan and Korea. He practiced medicine in the Charlotte area for 59 years, specializing in non-invasive cardiology, and was the first director of the coronary units at Mercy and Presbyterian hospitals. In retirement he volunteered at medical clinics for homeless and disabled people. He was an active Presbyterian and made mission trips abroad. He was preceded in death by two siblings and a son, **Will Massey ('84, MS '86, MD '90)**. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Renna; three children, including **David Massey ('88)**; and many grandchildren.

Douglas H. Sandberg (MD '55), March 25, 2020, Miami. A Florida state tennis champion at age 18, he served in the U.S. Army and retired as a colonel and medical unit commander in the Army Reserve. He retired in 1997 after 34 years as a senior faculty member in pediatrics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, four children, a stepson, nine

grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a sister and a brother, **James R. Sandberg (MD '56)**.

Charles "Grady" Nowell ('56), April 5, 2020, Wendell, NC. A Baptist minister, he pastored at several churches before becoming a missionary in Honduras for 25 years with his wife, Barbara.

Anne Beatty Oakman ('57, MA '70), Feb. 28, 2020, Spindale, NC. She taught economics and French and was a guidance counselor in Rutherford County (NC) schools. She was a member of the Rutherford County Zoning Board, Board of Elections and Arts Council. She is survived by three children, including **Julie O. Barringer ('83)**, and seven grandchildren, including **Jack Barringer ('20)**.

James D. Whetstone ('57), March 7, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He was a pitcher on Wake Forest's baseball team and played in the minor leagues within the Cleveland Indians' organization. After earning a Ph.D. in theology, he pastored at Temple Baptist Church in Wilmington for 22 years.

Evelyn Hunt Anderson ('58), Feb. 16, 2020, Colorado Springs, CO. She was a nationally known dog handler, groomer and breeder of Irish Setters and judged several American Kennel Club shows. She worked at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and attended the summer Olympics four times. She was also a bridal consultant at Dillard's department store.

Samuel "Allen" Greene ('58), May 15, 2020, Lawndale, NC. He retired as director of the Developmental Evaluation Center of Cleveland County (NC), providing services for developmentally disabled children. He was an accomplished woodworker known for his quality furniture and clocks. He was preceded in death by a brother, **Charles "Stan" Greene ('55)**. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a brother, **Albert Greene ('62)**.

Jack Marrell Rogers (MD '58), Feb. 27, 2020, Winston-Salem. He retired in 1994 from the psychiatry department at Bowman Gray School of Medicine/N.C. Baptist Hospital. He received many professional awards, including the "Clinical Teaching Excellence Award" from medical students in 1980-1981.

Patsy Wilhelm Sheppard ('58), May 26, 2020, Jacksonville, FL. She taught math in Jacksonville for 40 years and coached many sports. Known as "Mimi," she loved playing bridge, golf, traveling and working in the yard.

Marsha Greenshields Grant ('59), May 3, 2020, Carmel, IN. She was an adjunct professor of communications at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis for 25 years. Her greatest joys were theatre and gardening. She directed actor Warren Beatty in a high school play and was a local stage actress, director, designer and playwright. She was a master gardener who was a finalist on PBS's "Victory Garden" Great American Front Yard contest. She loved animals and fostered rescued greyhounds.

Arletta Michael Kluttz ('59), March 30, 2020, China Grove, NC. She worked in quality control for Cannon Mills in Kannapolis, NC, then for 21 years in research and development at Cone Mills, a textile manufacturer in Greensboro, NC, before retiring in 1990. She was an active church volunteer, gardener and reader.

Henry Southworth ('59), April 23, 2020, Asheville, NC. He owned Southworth Construction Company for 20 years and was a devout Jehovah's Witness.

Marvin Swartz ('59), March 8, 2020, Potomac, MD. He retired in 2006 after 40 years as a solar physicist with NASA. He loved education, the power of science and the mysteries of the universe. He enjoyed hiking, woodworking and photography. He is remembered for his intelligence, compassion and humor.

James P. Thompson (MD '59), April 25, 2020, Easton, MD. He served in the U.S. Navy as a flight surgeon for four years. He was an ophthalmologist on Maryland's Eastern Shore and an active community member.

Joseph Edward Belton ('60), May 18, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany and France. He was a top-performing salesman and manager at IBM for 27 years. He lived for many decades on Figure Eight Island near Wilmington and was happiest on the golf course with friends in the "riff raff group" at Cape Fear Country Club.

John McCamie DeArmon II ('60), May 25, 2020, Burlington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Tarawa aircraft carrier. He retired as an executive at BB&T in Winston-Salem. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, **Edd Wolfe DeArmon Jr. ('55, JD '58)**. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Miriam Woodlief DeArmon ('57)**; two children, Cynthia Tate and **John DeArmon III ('85)**; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Ronald Allen Moore ('60), Feb. 27, 2020, Reidsville, NC. He retired from Duke Energy after 30 years and was an active member of Sharon Baptist Church, as a deacon, treasurer and Sunday school teacher. He loved his family, golf, gardening and playing Rook.

Sally Frances Beard Schmidt ('60), Feb. 26, 2020, Virginia Beach, VA. She retired in 2004 as a public school teacher in Norfolk, VA. She played tennis, swam and walked four miles a day on the beach. She was an artist, international traveler, bridge player and lover of literature. She volunteered as a docent at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk.

Lynda Crawford Wentz ('60), May 5, 2020, Arden, NC. She taught Latin for 34 years at T.C. Roberson High School in Asheville, NC. She sponsored the school's National Junior Classical League.

Donald Ray Dawson ('61), July 1, 2020, Hickory, NC. A proud Eagle Scout, he ran track and cross country at Wake Forest. He spent 25 years in leadership roles in North Carolina's mental health community, including mental health director for several counties and as alcohol and drug treatment coordinator.

Dan Ruffin Everhart ('61), March 9, 2020, Columbia, SC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a factory furniture representative for Lexington Furniture Industries for more than 40 years. He was a founding member of Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church in Columbia.

Harry William "Bill" Hull Jr. ('62), May 3, 2020, Raleigh. A member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame, he became the first ACC athlete to start in two major sports, football and basketball. He was president of the senior class of 1962 and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He played one season of professional football, helping the Dallas Texans win the 1962 AFL championship, before serving in the U.S. Army. He worked in commercial real estate development for 45 years. He played basketball in the Senior Olympics for 15 years, with his team winning the state tournament every year.

Charles Gordon Lampley III (MD '62), April 25, 2020, Denver, NC. He was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy as a physician at Camp Lejeune (NC). He was an OB-GYN for 30 years at Shelby Women's Clinic, retiring in 1998. He loved sailing, scuba diving, beekeeping, skiing, playing the dulcimer, woodworking, genealogy, Greek culture, wine, storytelling, mentoring youth and serving his faith and his family.

Charles Howell Pruden III ('62), Dec. 26, 2019, Orange Park, FL. He worked in marketing at USG Corporation, a construction materials manufacturer. Survivors include a son, **Charles "Chip" Pruden IV ('94, MD '98)**, and a granddaughter, **Madeline Pruden ('24)**.

John "Gary" Vannoy ('62, JD '64), March 15, 2020, Millers Creek, NC. He was a Wilkes County (NC) judge, then in 1968 opened a law practice, now Vannoy, Colvard, Triplett & Vannoy PLLC, in North Wilkesboro, NC. He was North Wilkesboro's town attorney from 2008 to 2019. He is remembered for his dedication to clients and his family. In 2018 he was inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association's General Practice Hall of Fame.

Judy Dianne Wade ('62), May 13, 2020, Miami. She taught at Coral Gables (FL) Senior High School before joining the faculties of Surry Community College in Dobson, NC, and Florida State University. She returned to her native Miami as the medical librarian at Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute. Survivors include her brother, **Ronald B. Wade ('66)**. She was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Robert Miller Weatherman ('62), May 11, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army as a radio relay and carrier operator. He rose from porter to general manager during 20 years with department store chain Thalhimers. In 1974 he began a career in life insurance, first in Fayetteville, NC, and later in his native Winston-Salem. He enjoyed playing clarinet, baking homemade pies and singing in his church choir.

Grover Aubret Gore Sr. (JD '63), March 8, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard and practiced law in Eastern North Carolina while helping on his family's farm

in Brunswick County (NC). As a trustee at his alma mater, N.C. State University, he was instrumental in starting the veterinarian school. He is survived by his wife, four children, two grandchildren and a brother, **Harold "Halo" L. Gore ('55)**.

John Melbourne Johnson IV ('63), March 21, 2020, Roswell, GA. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked in health care sales and management, first in pharmaceuticals and later in diagnostic imaging equipment.

Dorothy "Dot" Newman Nicholson ('64), April 30, 2020, Anderson, SC. She retired after 30 years teaching middle and high school students. She was a longtime member of Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson, serving as a deacon, choir member and part-time pianist. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, several grandchildren and a brother, **Harold Newman ('52, MD '56)**.

Charles Jackson "Jack" Stuart ('64), June 2, 2020, Fort Mill, SC. He served in the U.S. Army in South Korea and Germany. He worked in several cities in North Carolina, retiring from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department in 2005. He is survived by two siblings, David Stuart and **Lee Anne Stiffler (MAEd '90)**.

Edward Jerome Dunnagan ('65), June 24, 2020, Raleigh. He retired in 1992 from IBM Corp. in Research Triangle Park (NC) as a senior placement counselor. He enjoyed helping young people and was an active parent at the Achievement School and his church, Forest Hills Baptist.

Edith "Edie" Ann Early Perry ('65), March 11, 2020, Wingate, NC. She retired as an A.P. English teacher known as "Mama Bird." She was the first woman elected chair of the Union County (NC) Board of Education and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention for Ronald Reagan. She won beauty pageants, wrote songs and poetry, played piano and painted watercolors. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Donald C. Perry ('62, JD '64)**, and a sister. She is survived by two daughters, including **Donica Perry Hudson ('89)**; a brother, **Jim Early ('62, JD '64)**; and five grandchildren.

Harold "Rob" M. Robinson Jr. (JD '65), March 15, 2020, Morganton, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in South Korea. He practiced law in Jacksonville, NC, and Morganton. He loved dogs, especially basset hounds, model trains, a good snowstorm, U.S. history, road trips with his wife, Terri, and visiting with his daughters and grandchildren.

Spencer Mills Kitchin ('66), March 16, 2020, Greenville, NC. A member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, he was a Distinguished Graduate of Wake Forest's Army ROTC program. He was an armored cavalry officer in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as a cavalry troop commander, receiving a Purple Heart, Bronze Medal, Air Medal and an Army Commendation Medal. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reba W. Kitchin and **Stedman Kitchin ('33)**, and a brother. He is survived by a son, three grandchildren and a sister.

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Clyde Roy Lincoln III ('66), June 19, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam War, working on secret documents in a bunker. He was a respiratory therapist, a minister in King, NC, and a choir master in Germany, where he lived for many years as an airline baggage handler. He taught German and English at Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Tim Lincoln ('73)**. He is survived by his wife, his ex-wife, three daughters, three grandsons and a sister.

Frederick Lee Wendorf ('67), Feb. 19, 2020, Salem, VA. He was a vice president of marketing for Dynamics Inc. and founder and president of American Independent Marketing Inc. He later founded a consulting company and a business-equipment leasing company. He had Type 1 diabetes and was a past president and board member of the local chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Charles P. "Chick" George Jr. ('69), Nov. 4, 2019, Cypress, TX. He played linebacker for Wake Forest's football team and served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant. He is remembered for his fun-loving nature, illuminating smile and big heart.

Harold Daniel "Dan" Miller Jr. ('69), May 2, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was a child psychologist at the Davidson County Mental Health Department for more than 15 years. He also served as a minister at Mount Bethel Moravian Church in Cana, VA. He is survived by a daughter, **Connie Miller ('10)**.

Mervin Whealy (MA '69), March 11, 2020, Bakersfield, CA. He was a lifelong educator who taught at the elementary, junior college and university levels. In 1978 he began teaching history at U.S. military bases in Europe, Japan, South Korea, the Azores and Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

Max Justice (JD '70), Jan 31, 2020, Charlotte. After law school, where he was associate editor of the Law Review, he joined the Charlotte law firm of what was then Grier, Parker and Poe (now Parker Poe) and retired after 30 years. He earned many honors in his specialty, environmental law. He served on the law school's Alumni Council and Board of Visitors. He helped establish the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem program in Charlotte, which advocates for abused and neglected children in the courts. His family wanted others to know he took his own life after a long battle with depression, in hopes it will stir others to seek help. He is survived by his wife, Karen; two children, James Justice and **Catherine Luckadoo ('99)**; four grandchildren; and a sister.

David Matteson Meech ('70), Dec. 29, 2019, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Germany and was a computer programmer for American Airlines in Denver. He retired in 2005 and moved to Asheville, NC, and later to Raleigh to be near family. He loved hiking, skiing, billiards and touring Lake Norman in North Carolina on his family's Boston Whaler.

Josephine "Jo" Shipley Lauerma ('71), May 26, 2020, Winston-Salem. She taught school in North

Carolina before becoming an air traffic controller during World War II. She eventually settled in Winston-Salem, where she was active in civic groups, gardening and bridge. A watercolorist, oil painter, lithographer and sculptor, her works are in the collections of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo) and the Hickory Museum of Art. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Edward Taylor Shipley; her second husband, Hank Lauerma, a law professor at Wake Forest; and a sister. She is survived by three children, including **Edward T. Shipley Jr. (MBA '76)**; a stepson; and several grandchildren, including **Edward "Ted" Shipley III (JD '04)**.

Carole Ann Rutherford (MT '73), April 9, 2020, Gastonia, NC. She retired as a medical technologist and supervisor at CaroMont Regional Medical Center after 36 years. She loved to read and was a cat lover who donated to numerous animal-related charities.

Carl Alfred Scarbrough (PA '73), March 24, 2020, Albany, GA. He served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. For 32 years he was a physician assistant at Albany Internal Medicine. He retired from Southwest Georgia Nephrology Clinic's medical staff in 2009.

Paul Alexander Weinman ('73, JD '78), April 4, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He began his prosecutorial career in 1978 as an assistant district attorney in Forsyth County and retired in 2012 after 28 years as a federal prosecutor for the Middle District of North Carolina. He enjoyed golfing, retelling courthouse stories, watching Wake Forest soccer matches at Spry Stadium and spending time with his four sons.

Michael Gray Gibson (JD '75), May 12, 2020, Charlotte. He was a former assistant district attorney for Mecklenburg County (NC) and was a partner at Dean & Gibson Attorneys At Law in Charlotte.

Michael G. Walsh (JD '75), March 21, 2020, Whispering Pines, NC. He worked at the American Law Institute in Philadelphia and the Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. in Rochester, NY. He taught business law at Villanova University. Known as the "Grammatical Lawyer," he wrote many articles in legal journals, including "The Practical Lawyer," an American Law Institute publication. He was a member of Scribes, a society of legal writers.

John Charles Collins (JD '76), April 5, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He was an assistant district attorney in Wilmington and then a partner at Hewlett, Collins & Allard LLP, specializing in criminal defense. He was a founding member of the National College for DUI Defense and a former president of the New Hanover County Bar Association. He loved history, geography, the comics and what he called useless facts. He kept a bird-watching log from the age of 13. He played with the Cape Fear Rugby Club.

Timothy Humphrey Graham ('76), April 6, 2020, Sewanee, TN. He retired in 2017 as director of development at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. He had been a guidance counselor at The Webb

School in Bell Buckle, TN, and a fundraising consultant. He was involved in many Sewanee nonprofits and was a Boy Scout leader.

William "Buzz" Jackson III (MBA '77), May 4, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He was senior vice president of special assets at NewBridge Bank. He had been president of Jackson Petroleum in his native Aiken, SC, where he was also on the planning commission. He is remembered for his intelligence, humor, bad jokes and love of beach music.

David Sumner Mervine ('77, MBA '79), April 27, 2020, Charlotte. He worked for Bank of America for more than 33 years and coached youth basketball and softball. He inspired others with his optimistic, God-focused outlook, despite living with multiple sclerosis for more than three decades.

Robert "Bob" Andrew Toth (MBA '77), April 3, 2020, Bowling Green, KY. He served in the U.S. Navy before a successful career in sales. In 1982 he founded FCS (First Choices Services), a psychiatric recruiting firm, and led it until his retirement in 2019.

Kent Robert Curlee ('80), April 1, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was a certified financial planner with Vanguard in the Charlotte area and previously with Morgan Stanley. He loved hiking, camping, fishing and backpacking.

Suzanne Rowland Foreman Hildebrand (JD '81), May 24, 2020, Charlottesville, VA. The valedictorian of her high school in Sumter, SC, she was a teacher on a children's unit at the Medical University of South Carolina before earning her law degree. She loved being near her children and grandchildren, biking and kayaking. She was a longtime hospice volunteer.

Stephen Lawrence Quentin (PA '81), March 4, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was a public accountant before becoming a physician assistant in urgent care, psychiatry and neurology. He was a supportive husband and father who loved animals, especially dogs; the Miami Dolphins; and coaching his daughter's soccer team.

Jeffrey Blake Keller (MD '82), Feb. 21, 2020, Ellenboro, NC. He was a retired gastroenterologist who practiced primarily in Florida. After retiring, he became an accomplished farmer and enjoyed camping and fishing in Canada.

Thomas R. Gira ('83), June 20, 2020, Potomac, MD. He was an associate general counsel of the NASDAQ Stock Market Inc., a branch chief at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and since 1992 an executive in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), which writes and enforces rules governing U.S. brokers and broker-dealer firms. His passions included travel, time with family, Wake Forest basketball, his church, helping others and competitive swimming and coaching his children's swim teams. He is survived by his wife, **Laurie Howell Gira ('85)**, two children and a sister.

Clayton Shugart (PA '84), April 10, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He was a physician assistant in the Greensboro area for many years. He enjoyed

reading, fishing, Bible study, time with family and friends and relaxing with his dogs.

Richard Ernest Weber Jr. ('84), March 18, 2020, New York City. He was a partner at the New York/New Jersey-based law firm Gallo Vitucci Klar. He had been a law clerk in the Superior Court of New Jersey. He served on the town council in Metuchen, NJ, and worked on establishing a historic preservation district. He was a board member of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York.

Richard "Rich" James Mathers ('86), Feb. 10, 2020, Fort Lauderdale, FL. He was the Deacon mascot and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Wake Forest. He was an attorney in Herndon, VA, and later owned and operated a legal-recruiting business.

Beecher "Beech" T. Denton III (PA '87), Nov. 18, 2019, Mooresville, NC.

Jenny Kletzin DiBiase ('87), March 13, 2020, Washington, DC. She was an editor and worked at Prentice-Hall, the American Bankers Association and the International Monetary Fund. She was an accomplished singer and amateur photographer. Survivors include her husband of 30 years, **Thomas "Tad" A. DiBiase ('87)**, and two daughters.

Jonathan Drew Lenrow (MAEd '87), July 19, 2019, Southampton, PA.

Thomas Anthony Schroeter (MD '87), April 17, 2020, Bradenton, FL. He was an orthopedic surgeon. He invented and built a sleep apnea detector while attending Duke University, was Duke's team doctor for its national championship men's basketball team and later opened a medical practice in Southwest Florida. He was team physician for the U.S. Basketball League champion Florida Sharks and for sports teams at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School. Survivors include his daughters, Katherine Schroeter and **Lauren Schroeter ('13)**.

Steven Jarl Kraut ('88), Feb. 24, 2020, Park Ridge, IL. He graduated at the top of his law school class but rather than practice law, he chose to work with his family's business, American Feeds & Livestock, in the Chicago area before becoming executive director of the American Veal Association. In 2007 he became director of corporate affairs at PokerStars, a global online poker company. He later ran a restaurant with his wife, Ann, in Belize. He was famous for his chili and barbecue recipes.

Russell "Rusty" Simmons (MBA '91), March 2, 2020, Winston-Salem. He retired from the IT department at Sara Lee Corporation. He loved golfing, fishing, family and his many pets over the years.

David Charles Henson ('92), March 2, 2020, Asheville, NC. He was an award-winning interior designer who owned David Henson Interiors in Atlanta. He was featured on HGTV's Designers' Challenge and in publications such as Southern Living and Veranda.

Joseph "Keith" Yarbrough (MA '93), March 5, 2020, Hamden, CT. A graduate of the UNC School

of the Arts in Winston-Salem, he was principal tuba player for the Winston-Salem and Greensboro symphonies. He was a founding member of the Matrix Brass Quintet, which has played around the globe. He played the tuba as a bass instrument with several rock bands in New Haven, CT. He was a professional crossword puzzle editor and took part in crossword competitions. He was preceded in death by a brother. He is survived by his wife, **Sharen McKay (PhD '95)**, his father and a sister.

Arthur "Art" Hoss (MD '95), June 2, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He was an interventional radiologist at Greensboro Radiology. As a high school student in Charlotte, he scored a perfect 800 on the math section of his SAT. He loved mountain biking, good music, adventure, snowboarding, the beach, comedies and helping people.

Kevin James Walsh (PA '95), Sept. 2, 2019, Duluth, MN. He was a social worker in mental health facilities in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan before becoming a physician assistant and clinic coordinator on the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation. He volunteered as a medical provider at the CHUM homeless shelter in Duluth.

Milgo Decarster Floyd ('97), June 17, 2020, Winston-Salem. He played defensive end on Wake Forest's football team and helped manage his family's restaurant, the Kopper Kitchen, in downtown Winston-Salem.

Chris G. Firlit ('04), April 4, 2020, Berkley, MI. He was a senior oral-maxillofacial surgery resident in the Detroit area, having earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2013.

Todd Whitney Peebler ('04), June 23, 2020, Denver.

James "Michael" Reece Jr. (MBA '04), April 4, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was president of Reece Builders Inc., a home improvement company started by his father. He is remembered as "the ultimate family man" who never met a stranger or forgot a name.

Robert "Robbie" Charles Crouch ('05), May 12, 2020, Winston-Salem. A gentle giant with a heart of gold, he was a special grandson to his grandmother and loved by his family.

Johnny James Young (MDiv '06), May 3, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Winston-Salem police officer and a firefighter. He became an ordained minister at St. Peter's World Outreach and pastored at other churches. He was a chaplain for Forsyth Prison Ministry, created several ministries and programs for men and mentored young men in schools. He and his wife, Pansy, founded The Potter's House Family Resource Center to help those in need in Winston-Salem. He was also an award-winning barbecue pitmaster, operating Carolina Smokin' John's BBQ.

Mekia Shanta Valentine ('10), March 26, 2020, Santa Barbara, CA. She played on Wake Forest's women's basketball team for two seasons, earning ACC All-Freshman honors in 2007. She

transferred to UC-Santa Barbara and set numerous school records. She played professionally in Europe for four seasons.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

Vivian H. Burke, May 5, 2020, Winston-Salem. A pillar of the community, she was Winston-Salem's longest-serving City Council member, representing the Northeast Ward for 43 years. She was a teacher, guidance counselor and advocate for better race relations and equal opportunities. She received an honorary doctorate degree from Wake Forest in 2016.

Sammy May Smith Conrad, Feb. 28, 2020, Clemmons, NC. She retired in 1998 after 30 years as the recruiting coordinator in the Office of Career Services at Wake Forest.

John Henry "Hank" Drexler, March 27, 2020, Stokesdale, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He was one of the nation's leading microbiologists and spent 27 years on the Bowman Gray School of Medicine faculty, including 15 years as course director of microbiology and immunology, before retiring in 1991. He wrote numerous groundbreaking articles on the bacterial virus T1. The medical school named the family of viruses he spent his career researching "Family Drexlerviridae" in his honor.

Edwina S. Groves, April 25, 2020, King, NC. She retired in 2005 after 12 years as an administrative coordinator at Wake Forest.

Noel Sterling Harris, April 20, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was an administrative assistant in the Wake Forest School of Law from 1989 to 1998.

Richard "Dick" Ottaway, March 23, 2020, Barnstable, MA. He was an Episcopal priest for 66 years and was instrumental in establishing the Pitt County (NC) Interracial Committee that desegregated public facilities prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He was a chaplain at Wake Forest from 1962 to 1968, taught management at The University of Manchester in England and was a business ethics professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ.

Jimmy L. Simon, June 4, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was professor emeritus of pediatrics at Wake Forest School of Medicine, retiring in 1996 after 22 years but regularly coming into the office. He was known as the "Simonizer" for his no-nonsense demeanor and devotion to the profession. As chair of the Department of Pediatrics, he was a driving force behind the 1989 opening of Brenner Children's Hospital. In 1996, he received the annual Joseph W. St. Geme Jr. Leadership Award for an academic pediatrician selected by the nation's pediatric societies. In 2019, he received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the School of Medicine and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the governor.

Finding mentors on my way to becoming a mentor

By Kevin Cokley ('91)

GROWING UP IN RURAL Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, a Black kid like me wasn't supposed to attend a school like Wake Forest. In 1983 when I was a freshman in high school, the first and only African American student from my area, James Brim, had just enrolled at Wake Forest.

My first experience with Wake Forest was actually in high school. I was accepted in a two-week summer enrichment program on the campus of Wake Forest called Medicine as a Career. This initiative, led by Velma Watts, now-retired associate dean for student affairs and director of minority affairs at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, was intended to provide academically gifted minority students a chance to be on a college campus and be exposed to a challenging curriculum that would hopefully set them on a trajectory toward medical school. The following year I was accepted in a five-week summer enrichment program called Focus on Biology that was an even more rigorous academic experience. Being surrounded by academically gifted students of color for those seven weeks on the University campus left an indelible imprint on me.

So, when I entered Wake Forest in fall 1987, I already had some familiarity with the campus. I was keenly aware of my positionality as one of the few African American students on campus. I'll never forget my sense of pride coupled with anxiety during the first couple of weeks of school. I vividly remember walking on the Quad and seeing the Confederate flag prominently displayed from a dorm window of the Kappa Alphas, a Robert E. Lee-inspired fraternity with a dubious racial history.

In many ways my racial consciousness emerged and was crystallized during my time at Wake Forest. I became involved in the Black Student Alliance (BSA), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Gospel Choir. One

of my fondest memories is when the BSA decided to engage in student activism to protest South Africa apartheid. At the time there was tremendous political pressure for nations to divest from businesses linked to the South African government because of their racially oppressive apartheid policies and practices. Black students were upset that Wake Forest had not fully divested from all South African businesses, so we planned a demonstration in the Pit.

The plan was for a few Black male students to approach "random" White female students (who were really allies and down for the cause) and to suddenly, without provocation, grab them and start dragging them away from the tables. This was meant to demonstrate how, under South African apartheid, Black people were subject to being grabbed and detained by the police for no legitimate reason. Suffice it to say that the demonstration was successful, if not unsettling for some, in bringing attention to Wake Forest's continued investment in South African apartheid.

I remember being in awe at the handful of Black professors on campus. These faculty included Dolly McPherson in the English department, Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77) in English, Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74) in biology, Beverly Wright in sociology, Susan Wallace in psychology and Alton Pollard (P '11) in religion. While I only took classes from Professors Wallace and Pollard, their very presence was a personal source of inspiration. The fact that I can remember their names and departments is significant given that my ability to recall details from over 30 years ago is not great.

When I graduated in spring 1991, no one could have predicted the trajectory my life would take, especially given the academic challenges I had experienced.



Seven years later and armed with a doctorate in counseling psychology, I would embark on what has become a 22-year career in the academy. In both my academic and public scholarship, I have focused on African Americans and published on issues of race. I have taught hundreds of students and mentored many Black students, serving as a role model and source of inspiration for them just as my Wake Forest professors served for me.

Kevin Cokley ('91) is a professor of educational psychology and African and African Diaspora Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Oscar and Anne Mauzy Regents Professorship for Educational Research and Development. He is a member of The University of Texas at Austin Academy of Distinguished Teachers and a Fellow of The University of Texas System Academy of Distinguished Teachers, where he was the first (and only) African American inductee. He is also director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis.

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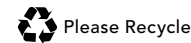
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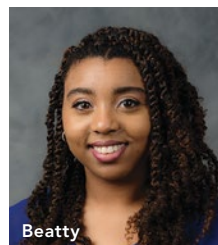
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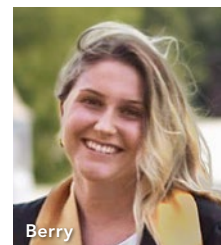
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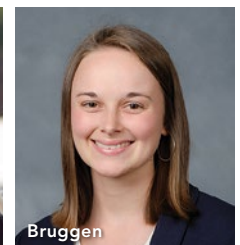
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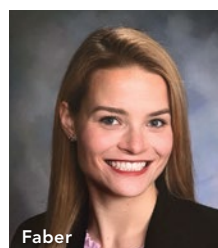
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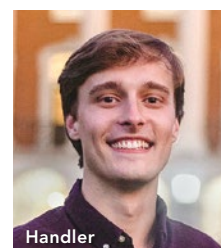
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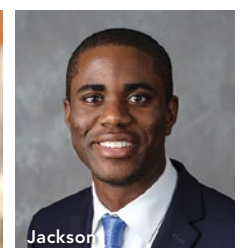
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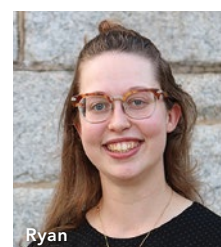
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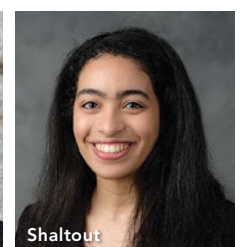
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