Updates on Dean Searches

Last year the College initiated searches for three new deans – Dean of the North Campus, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Dean of the Honors College. All three searches drew large pools of applicants, but after bringing candidates to campus for interviews, only one search was successfully completed. The search for a Dean for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences did not yield a successful candidate nor did the search for a Dean of the Honors College.

Dr. Maureen Hays, professor in Anthropology and former chair of the Dept. of Sociology/Anthropology and Associate Dean of HSS has agreed to serve as Interim Dean for HSS. The position was re-advertised and the search committee, chaired by Dean Michael Auerbach, will review applications this semester with the hope of bringing candidates to campus this fall and perhaps having a new Dean of HSS beginning in the spring semester.

The search committee for the Honors College Dean will be interviewing Dr. Trisha Folds-Bennett, Associate Dean of the Honors College, within the first few weeks of the semester. Dr. John Newell has agreed to postpone his full retirements and continues to serve as Dean of the Honors College until a new dean is selected. Valerie Morris, Dean of the School of the Arts, is chair of the search committee.

Two additional searches for deans will begin this fall. Dr. David Cohen has announced his retirement and thus the College will be searching this year for a new Dean of the Library and a new Dean of the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs. Dr. John White has been named Interim Dean of the Library. Dr. White is the Director of the program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World (CLAW) and the Lowcountry Digital Library (LCDL). Dr. Cohen has agreed to continue serving as Dean of the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs this year. Search committees for both of these positions will be formed soon.
Dean of the North Campus

The search for a Dean of the North Campus was successful last year and on July 2, 2012, Godfrey Gibbison was appointed to this new position. Gibbison previously served as Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the School of Economic Development in the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern University. He earned his PhD in Economics in 1998 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, his MS in Agricultural Economics at Iowa State in 1995 and his B.Sc. in Economics at the University of the West Indies in 1992.

Dr. Gibbison will be responsible for taking the North Campus in new directions including the implementation of the new Bachelor of Professional Studies program. The North Campus will begin offering classes for the BPS program in the spring 2013 semester. Additionally, Gibbison will be leading a search for the Director of the Lowcountry Graduate Center. The new Director of the LGC will report to Gibbison and will be responsible for developing new community outreach and continuing education opportunities for the LGC.

IT Updates

This summer there was a planned outage on July 20-22 so IT could replace some equipment and upgrade the College’s Internet capacity. The upgrade this summer nearly doubled the College’s Internet capacity and will be followed with another upgrade this fall. As a result of these upgrades the College will have significantly increased Internet capacity which should improve faculty, staff and student’s ability to easily access and use the Internet. The upgrade this fall should not require any system outage.

When the Board of Trustees approved an increase in fees and tuition this summer one of the major fee increases was a technology fee which all students will pay beginning this fall. As a result of the fee increase, IT will receive an approximate $3 million funding increase in recurring funds as well as a $2 million non-recurring funding increase this year. Approximately $255,000 has been designated to go immediately for classroom technology needs and upgrades. Bob Cape, CIO for the College, estimates it will take approximately $4.4 million over 4 years to bring all CofC classrooms up to current standards for IT. The staff in TLT (Teaching, Learning and Technology) is surveying classrooms to identify the most immediate need areas both in terms of converting rooms to smart rooms and/or upgrading technology which already exists in rooms.

Finally, the IT department is looking into the problem of consistent wireless access across the campus. The current estimate is that it will take approximately 2 years to completely replace and upgrade wireless coverage across the campus.

Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree

Last year the College approved a new degree program which will be offered at the North Campus. The Bachelor of Professional Studies program is designed for adult students who have college credit, whether from CofC or other institutions, but have never completed a bachelor’s degree. This new program is for adult learners who either have a minimum 60 transferrable hours or have an earned Associate’s degree. The first classes in support of the BPS program are scheduled to begin in January 2013. Courses will be offered in a variety of formats including traditional face-to-face as well as on-line or hybrid courses with many classes meeting in the evenings or on weekends. This program will be a great opportunity for the College to meet the needs of non-traditional students who are interested in completing their degrees whether for personal or professional reasons.
Huron Consulting and IT

Last year the Board of Trustees charged the College to seek outside consultants to review current practices and structures of the College, both academic and non-academic, to determine whether the College is operating as effectively and efficiently as possible. The primary objectives of this project will focus on identifying revenue enhancements, cost reductions, operational improvements, structural alignment, and other opportunities relative to a specific group of benchmarked and peer institutions. The proposal is broken into three parts which include a review of non-academic units of the College, a review of the College’s Information Technology infrastructure and a review of academic programs and centers at the College.

This summer the first part of this project began with consultants from the Huron Consulting Group spending several days on campus looking at IT issues. The consultants conducted interviews with a number of focus groups including faculty who were on campus in July, chairs and deans, students and staff to get a sense of the needs and satisfaction with IT. The consultants plan to have their report and recommendations concluded by October so their report can be presented to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting. I will work with Bob Cape and Steve Osborn, Executive VP for Business Affairs, to make sure a copy of the report summary is made available to the faculty.

Faculty Nominations for Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients

The Commencement Speaker Committee meets periodically throughout the year to review candidates for commencement speakers for the College’s December ceremony as well as the May Graduate School and undergraduate commencement ceremonies. Additionally, the committee considers candidates for Honorary Degrees at each of these ceremonies.

As faculty, we know a variety of prominent scholars, business and community leaders as well as people dedicated to philanthropy. When considering speakers, the College seeks individuals whose professional achievements and personal integrity reflect the values of the College. The Commencement speaker should typically be a person who is deemed worthy of receiving an honorary degree. Candidates approved for honorary degrees have distinguished themselves in their careers, in service to others, and/or have made significant contributions to the life of the College.

Commencement Speakers do not receive honoraria. If the speaker does not live in Charleston, the College will provide for travel, meals and accommodations. If you have a personal relationship or connection with the person you nominate, please make sure you include that information.

Nominations are accepted year-round and only need to be submitted once. Nominations for May commencement must be received by September 30 of the prior year. Nominations for December commencement must be received by March 31 of the same year. Nominations received after these deadlines will be considered for future commencements.

Please do not inform your nominee of this nomination. If you would like to nominate someone for consideration as a possible commencement speaker or recipient of an Honorary Degree from the College, please submit their name via the nomination forms below:

http://president.cofc.edu/administration/committee/commencement-speaker-nominations/form-speakernomination.php

http://president.cofc.edu/administration/committee/honorary-degree-nominations/index.php

The committee is also required to review the nominations received and recommend to the President those honorary degree candidates that the committee believes meets the criteria of an exceptional record of distinction and achievement in at least one of the following areas: scholarship, research, teaching, creative arts, and public service, or manifests outstanding acclaim to the College. In addition, the College confers honorary degrees in recognition of outstanding intellectual or creative achievements in scholarship, high distinction in service to humanity, including meritorious contributions to the College or for exemplary leadership in education, business, public service, or other appropriate sector of society. The President will review the nominations and forward them to the College of Charleston Board of Trustees for final consideration.
Meet the New Faculty

Andrew Alwine
Classics
Baylor University, B.A.
University of Florida, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Ancient Greek history, especially social history, law, and oratory.

Quinn Burke
Teacher Education
Boston College, B.A.
Columbia University, M.A.
University of Pennsylvania, Ed.D.
Areas of Specialization: Learning sciences and integrating digital technology into K-12 classrooms, specifically computer programming as a new literacy.

Andrew Alwine
Classics
Baylor University, B.A.
University of Florida, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Ancient Greek history, especially social history, law, and oratory.

Kristen Ashworth
Teacher Education
Virginia Tech, B.S.
Averett University, M.Ed.
University of Virginia, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Learning disabilities, early reading, prevention of reading difficulties, vocabulary instruction, secondary transition for students with disabilities.

Hilary Barnes
Hispanic Studies
Juniata College, B.A.
The Pennsylvania State University, M.A. and Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Spanish linguistics, sociolinguistics, contact linguistics, language and identity.

Quinn Burke
Teacher Education
Boston College, B.A.
Columbia University, M.A.
University of Pennsylvania, Ed.D.
Areas of Specialization: Learning sciences and integrating digital technology into K-12 classrooms, specifically computer programming as a new literacy.

Elise Perrault
Crawford Management & Entrepreneurship
University du Quebec a Montreal, B.A.
McGill University, M.B.A.
Areas of Specialization: Stakeholder management, corporate governance, sustainability.

Christopher Day
Political Science
College of Charleston, B.A. and B.S.
Johns Hopkins (SAIS), M.A.
Northwestern University, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: African Politics with an emphasis on insurgent violence and civil wars.

Andrea L.
DeMaria
Health & Human Performance
Purdue University, B.A.
University of North Texas, M.S.
Texas A&M University, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Female sexual and reproductive health.

Godfrey Gibbison
Dean of the North Campus and member of Economics Department
University of the West Indies, B.S.c
Iowa State, M.S.
Virginia Tech, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Household decision making, Health Economics, Economics of Education.

Naomi Gale
Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies
University of Tel Aviv, B.A.
University of Sydney, M.A. and Ph.D.
The Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel, LL.B.
Israel Bar Association, Advocate and ADR
Areas of Specialization: Israeli society, issues of gender equality, immigration, gender and cultures of the Middle East, domestic violence and the law.

Jennifer Fox
Chemistry & Biochemistry
Furman University, B.S.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Biochemistry, specifically mitochondrial proteins and the mitochondrial electron transport chain.

Kathleen Foody
International Studies
Carleton College, B.A.
Washington University in St. Louis, M.A.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Contemporary Islam, religion and politics in the modern Middle East, postcolonial studies.

Quinn Burke
Teacher Education
Boston College, B.A.
Columbia University, M.A.
University of Pennsylvania, Ed.D.
Areas of Specialization: Learning sciences and integrating digital technology into K-12 classrooms, specifically computer programming as a new literacy.

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Health & Human Performance
Purdue University, B.A.
University of North Texas, M.S.
Texas A&M University, Ph.D.
Areas of Specialization: Female sexual and reproductive health.

Angelina Fletcher-Resendiz
Hispanic Studies
College of Charleston, B.A.
University of South Carolina, M.A.
Areas of Specialization: Latin American Theater, Chicano Cinema, Precolombian Mesoamerica.

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New Faculty

Heather Gilbert
Addlestone Library
Loyola University, B.A.
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, M.F.A.
University of South Carolina, M.L.I.S.

Areas of Specialization: Interaction design, digital asset management systems, digital humanities.

Anthony D. Greene
African American Studies Program
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, B.A. and M.A.
University of Miami, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Race-Ethnic Relations, cultural and ethnic identity among Black populations; Sociology of Education, the role of race, gender, social class, school racial composition and academic tracking.

Dan Harris
Accounting & Legal Studies
Washington and Lee University, B.S.
University of Miami School of Law, J.D.
Florida State University, M.Acc.
University of Mississippi, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Cost/Management Accounting, Lean Accounting and Operations, Accounting-Malpractice Litigation, Fraud.

Michael A. Hemphill
Health & Human Performance
Wingate University, B.S.
Purdue University, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Sports pedagogy, teaching personal and social responsibility; professional development.

Jody Mack
Biology
University of South Carolina, B.S. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Molecular biology, cellular response to hemotherapy and drug resistance.

Jason Howell
Mathematics
College of Charleston, B.S.
Clemson University, M.S. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Numerical analysis and computational mathematics, numerical methods for partial differential equations, numerical simulation of fluid flows, computational hemodynamics.

Tracey Hunter-Doniger Teacher Education
Indiana University, Bloomington, B.A.
Indiana Wesleyan University, M.A.
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Visual Arts Education, and Creativity Arts in Education.

Gibbs Knotts
Political Science
University of North Carolina, B.A.
Emory University, M.A. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Political participation, public administration, southern politics, community development, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

John Lary
History
Florida State University, B.A.
University of Chicago, M.A.
Indiana University, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Modern West European history, particularly history of postwar Europe and history of immigration to Europe.

Anna B. Lonon
English
University of South Carolina, B.A.
College of Charleston and The Citadel, M.A.

Areas of Specialization: First-year writing; Disability Studies; rhetoric and composition history, theory and pedagogy; online composition.

Beatriz Maldonado
Economics & Finance/
International Studies
University of Oklahoma, B.A., M.A., and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Political economy, Economic Development with a focus on Latin American political and economic development.

John Mandeville
Political Science
University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, B.S.
North Carolina State University, M.S. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Nonprofit management, public policy, public budgeting, inter-governmental relations.

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New Faculty

**Gardner Marshall**  
Physics & Astronomy  
University of Mary Washington, B.S.  
The College of William and Mary, M.S. and Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Theoretical particle physics; Phenomenology of Higgs bosons, supersymmetry, dark matter, extra dimensions.

**Ryan M. Milner**  
Communication  
University of Missouri at Kansas City, B.A.  
University of Kansas, M.A. and Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: New media and public discourse.

**Erin Morris**  
Biology  
University of Kentucky, B.S.  
Medical University of South Carolina, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Immunology and autoimmune diseases, especially Scleroderma and Lupus.

**Malavika Nair**  
Economics & Finance  
Pune University, India, B.A.  
Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, India, M.A.  
Suffolk University, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Monetary and banking theory, Banking organization and regulation, Macroeconomics, Economic history, Economics of caste.

**Wally Niebauer**  
Communication  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.S., M.S.  
Michigan State University, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Communication strategy and campaigns.

**Matt Page**  
Heath & Human Performance  
University of Michigan, B.A.  
College of William and Mary, M.P.P.  
Emory University, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Social and structural determinants of HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and other infectious diseases.

**Kimberly Pyszka**  
Sociology & Anthropology  
College of Charleston, B.S.  
University of Tennessee, M.A. and Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Historical archaeology in the Southeastern US, frontier studies, landscape archaeology, African Diaspora archaeology, archaeology of sacred sites.

**Jeff Shockley**  
Marketing & Supply Chain Management  
University of Richmond, B.A.  
University of Arizona, M.B.A.  
Clemson University, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Supply chain management and strategy, supply disruptions, retail operations management, risk assessment, production sustainability.

**Jessica T. Smith**  
Communication  
Longwood University, Farmville, VA, B.A.  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, M.A.  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Women long-distance friendships during various life course transitions and the use of communication technologies impacts relationship maintenance.

**Jacob Steere-Williams**  
History  
Michigan State University, B.A.  
University of Minnesota, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: The cultural history of modern Britain through the lens of science and medicine in the 19th and early 20th century British Empire.

**Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl**  
Sociology  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, B.S.  
University of Chicago, B.S  
University of Virginia, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Racial identity, multibiracial identity, critical race theory, African American studies, gender, inequality/ stratification, qualitative methods.

**Beth Sundstrom**  
Communication  
Tulane University, B.A.  
Brown University, M.P.H.  
University of Maryland, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Strategic health communication; social marketing; and women’s health.

**Sarah E. Symonds**  
Communication  
George Mason University, B.A.  
University of North Carolina Greensboro, M.A.  
University of Missouri, Ph.D.  
Areas of Specialization: Interpersonal communication, particularly identity negotiation in relationships and families.

**Aaron Spelbring**  
Avery Center  
Indiana State University, B.S.  
University of Texas at Austin, M.S.I.S.  
Areas of Specialization: Copyright in archives and museums, and archives digitization programs.

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New Faculty

Jayne Violette
Communication

Georgetown College, B.A.
University of Kentucky, M.A. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization:
Instructional communication research and theory; persuasion and social influence; leadership studies; communication training and development; online teaching and learning.

Jennifer Wilhelm
Psychology

Davidson College, B.S.
Emory University, Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization:
Neuroscience, particularly the recovery of function after peripheral nerve injury.

John Warner
English

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, B.A.
McNeese State University, M.A. and M.F.A.

Areas of Specialization: Creative writing, specifically fiction and humor.

Todd Wittman
Mathematics

Dartmouth College, B.A.
University of Minnesota, M.S. and Ph.D.

Areas of Specialization: Image processing.

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