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UPCOMING EVENTS

- New programs begin.
- August 9, 2011: Orientation for the Bowman Gray campus graduate programs begins.
- August 29, 2011: Orientation for the Reynolda campus master's and PhD graduate programs begins.
- August/September: New Apply YourSelf™ and Curvita™ training grant repository systems go live.
- November 18-20, 2011: Demon Deacon Diversity recruiting week-end.

FACULTY NEWS

- » Bob Browne, Herman Eure, Pat Lord, Gloria Muday, Dan Johnson, Miles Silman (Biology) receive awards.
- » Bob Byington (CPTS) accepts WFU School of Medicine Team Science award.
- » Pete Santiago appointed as new Computer Science Chair.
- » New Counseling faculty (Ed Shaw, Philip Clarke, Jose Villalba) arrive.
- » Health and Exercise Science faculty awarded \$1.5M new research funding.
- » David Coates becomes head of the MA in Liberal Studies advisory committee.
- » Psychology faculty direct new extramurally-funded research programs.

ALUMNI NEWS

- » **Q:** Where do our students plan to go following graduation?
A: To PhD or other degree programs (29%), teaching or other academic positions (25%), research positions (18%), or industry jobs (10%) with the remainder (18%) not yet decided.
- » Two Clinical & Population Translational Sciences alums receive NIH Career Development awards.
- » All Psychology 2011 graduates seeking PhD degrees compete successfully for entry to top programs.
- » PhD/MBA graduates accept new positions in academia and industry.

The Spelman Summer Fellows Program began June 1, 2011. Participants and staff pictured below with Dr. Maya Angelou.



NEW PROGRAMS

- Clinical Bioethics and Biomedical Research Ethics certificate
- Interpreting and Translation Studies' MA and certificate
- Molecular & Cellular Biosciences, Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology, and Neuroscience PhD Tracks
- Certificate in Science Management
- Spelman Summer Fellows



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GRAD STUDENT & POSTDOC NEWS

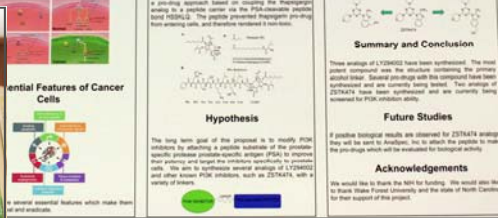
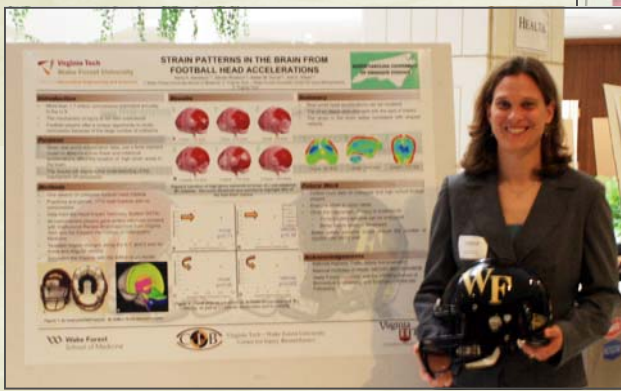
- ▶ All student stipends increase in 2010-11 and 16% more assistantships are being provided in 2011-12 than five years ago.
- ▶ Biochemistry students attend 8 national conferences, receive 11 awards.
- ▶ Bioethics graduates its first MA students.
- ▶ Biology MS and PhD students co-author 3 - 4 papers each during the course of their programs.
- ▶ Biomedical Engineering and Chemistry students selected to participate in NC Graduate Education Week.
- ▶ Cancer Biology and Neuroscience training grants renewed.
- ▶ New Neurobiology and Anatomy training grant.
- ▶ Communication broadens TA assignments from 4 to 9 courses.
- ▶ Documentary Film students contend for student Emmy and Academy awards.
- ▶ 28 Education students graduate from their intensive 13 month program.
- ▶ Austin Jones (Math) and Ivan Azarov (Physics) respectively win Melson Outstanding Master's and PhD student awards.
- ▶ Medieval Studies, Microbiology/Immunology, and Molecular Genetics/Genomics students win best presentation awards.
- ▶ Neurobiology & Anatomy and Physiology/Pharmacology students receive national travel awards.
- ▶ Structural and computational biophysics certificates awarded to math and physics students.
- ▶ MA Counseling/MDiv, MA Religion/JD, PhD/MD students complete joint programs.
- ▶ Dr. Mesia Steed named National Postdoctoral Association Diversity Officer. Dr. Steed will work closely with the existing NPA leadership to help promote the mission and goals of the NPA. This includes attending both the NPA Annual Meeting, the NPA Committee Leadership Institute, during which the leaders of the NPA develop the Annual Operating Plan and tasks for each membership committee, working with the committee-level taskforces and committee leadership on diversity-related matters.
- ▶ The following students received a National Research Service Award (NRSA) during the academic year: Sandy An (Biochemistry), Julie Steen (Biomedical Engineering), Elizabeth Erickson (Molecular Medicine), Amanda Wibley Brown (Molecular Medicine), Katherine Martucci (Neurobiology and Anatomy), Gaby Costello (Neurobiology and Anatomy), Carson Dobrin (Neuroscience), Walter Wiggins (Neuroscience), and Elizabeth Burnett (Neuroscience).
- ▶ Ashley Weaver (Biomedical Engineering), and Dan Griffith (Biology) received National Science Foundation Fellowships (NSF).
- ▶ Tam Nguyen, Molecular Pathology, received a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Gilliam Fellowship.



2011 Graduate Student & PostDoc Research Day Winners



North Carolina Graduate Education Week—Group Photo and WFU Graduate Student Posters



Dr. Fred Perrino, Biochemistry (right) and Hossam Shaltout, Hypertension & Vascular Research Center (left) received the Mentor and Scholar of the Year awards, respectively, from the Graduate School's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.



Kerry Danelson, left (Biomedical Engineering) and Tanya Pinder, right (Chemistry) represented the WF Graduate School at the inaugural 2011 North Carolina Graduate Education Week (May 23-27) events. Also shown is North Carolina Senator Linda Garrou.



THE DEAN'S CORNER

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences reaffirmed its vision this past year to be a diverse community of excellence creating value in learning, discovery and service for humanity. Our recent activities are making this vision a reality as exemplified by the 120+ student or postdoc presentations at Grad School Research Day, Brain Awareness Council's outreach to over 1000 K-12 students, the top 10 rankings received by our Molecular Medicine and Molecular Pathology PhD programs, and the multiple conferences hosted by the English and Religion programs. We celebrate *all* our student and faculty successes and welcome news of your new doings for our next issue!

Lorna G. Moore, Dean

