



News and Notes

April 2016

Register for the 2016 NAC&U Summer Institute *Early Bird Rates End on April 30*

NAC&U's 2016 Summer Institute will take place on June 22 - 24 at Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. This year's theme is "Supporting Student Success through Undergraduate Research" and a main focus will be student development through undergraduate research.



Highlights of this year's Summer Institute and Pre-Conference Meetings include:

- Specialized tracks for student affairs officers, civic engagement professionals, and engineering faculty
- A meeting for CAOs and SSAOs led by Yohuru Williams, associate VP of academic affairs at Fairfield University and author of *Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights Black Power and Black Panthers in New Haven* (Blackwell, 2006) and *Teaching U.S. History Beyond the Textbook* (Corwin, 2008). ([Read more about Dr. Williams.](#))
- Faculty workload workshop with Jeffrey Osborn, Dean of Science, The College of New Jersey
- Full day of networking and discussions for NAC&U Ambassadors on June 21
- Convenient access to Manhattan via the #1 train from Manhattan College

Early bird registration (by April 30, 2016) is \$325 per person (housing and transportation are separate). After the early bird period ends, registration will be \$375 per person. Registration closes on May 25, 2016.

For more about the conference, including speakers, schedule, and travel and lodging, please [visit our website](#).

To register for the Summer Institute, [please click here](#).

(Provosts, ambassadors, CEC members, and NAC&U board members should use the links sent to them via email since they will register for pre-conference meetings.)

NAC&U and Widener University Interviewed for Article on Balancing Practical and Theoretical Skills

Reporter Corinne Ruff interviewed **NAC&U President Nancy Hensel**, **Widener University Associate Professor of Political Science** and **NAC&U Ambassador J. Wesley Leckrone**, and **Widener student Nicole Crossey** (who also served on an NAC&U panel in Washington DC earlier this year) for an article on how professors can address students' interest in acquiring technical, rather than theoretical, skills. Her article, "**3 Ways Professors Can Balance Teaching Practical and Theoretical Skills**," first appeared on the Chronicle's website yesterday. [Read the article](#).

CFOs, Enrollment Management Officers, and CEC Groups Connect

March was a productive time for NAC&U constituency groups. The CFOs held their annual meeting, this year at the University of La Verne. For the third time, the enrollment management officers joined them.

Enrollment management officers of NAC&U have found these meetings helpful and have decided to establish their own constituency group. Bill Bisset, vice president of

enrollment management at Manhattan College, will serve as the first chair of the EMO group. A few members of the Civic Engagement Collaborative (CEC) caught up with each other at the Campus Compact meeting in Boston. For more about these meetings, [please go here](#).



Pat Tooker of Wagner College and Tim Stewart of Belmont University, both CEC members

Member News

John Hoffman Named Provost

and VP for Academic Affairs at Arcadia University

After a national search, Dr. John Hoffman, founding dean of Arcadia University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, effective June 1.

As a faculty member and chair in the Department of Biology, Dr. Hoffman maintained an active research program and received more than \$800,000 in extramural funding. He mentored 63 Arcadia undergraduate students in the completion of empirical research-based senior thesis projects and published seven peer-reviewed articles with Arcadia students as co-authors. Arcadia students were co-authors on 17 of his abstracts presented at national or international scientific meetings. In 2001, he received the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching.



[Read more.](#)

Top News

[Stop Blaming Colleges for Higher Education's Unaffordability](#): Commentary from Roger Williams University President Donald Farish from The Chronicle of Higher Education (March 23, 2016)

[Westminster Revamps General Education Classes with Introduction of WCore](#)

[Is Our College Right for You? Get on This Bus to Find Out](#): An article by reporter Becky Supiano on the University of Evansville's Road Trip event for accepted students

Civic Engagement

[Roger Williams Launches Stay Break with Local Service Opportunities during Spring Break](#)

[Drury's Student Entrepreneurship Team Partnering to Help Launch Healthy Food Subscription Service, Bike Rental Shop, Worm Farm for Community](#)

[Roger Williams Engineers without Borders Travels to Dominican Republic to Address Open-Fire Cooking Issue](#)

Research & Grants

[Wagner Publishes Spring 2016 \(the 28th issue\) of its Undergraduate Research Journal](#)

Arcadia Students Present Research [in South Africa](#) and [at Math Conference](#)

[Pacific Lutheran Professor, Local Archaeologist Team Up with Students to Study Prehistoric](#)

[Artifacts from Mount Rainier](#)

Programs

[Valparaiso University Introduces Data Science and Statistics Degrees](#)

[Westminster Adds New Minors in Entrepreneurship and Data Science, Also Education Studies Major for Those Interested in Environments Outside of K-12 Schools](#)

[Drury Launches New Degree in Game Development](#)

[Cal Lutheran to Launch New MBA for Experienced Professionals Program](#)

[Manhattan College Launches New Online M.B.A. and M.S. in Applied Mathematics-Data Analytics; Manhattan College Will Also Offer New Master's Program in Marriage and Family Therapy](#)

[University of Evansville Announces New Masters Level Program in Public Health](#)

[Nazareth College to Offer Museums, Archives, and Public History Major](#)

Appointments

[Keith Elder Named Dean of Samford University's School of Public Health](#)

[Melanie Agnew Named Dean of Westminster's School of Education](#)

[Jayati Ghosh Named Dean of Widener's School of Business Administration](#)

Awards & Honors

[Pacific Lutheran's MediaLab Receives National Prize for Documentary about Higher Education](#)

[Hampton U Architecture Department Named One of Six Design Studios Forming a National Resilience Initiative Network](#)

[University of La Verne Cited as Exemplary School in Increasing Graduation Rates Among Pell-Eligible Students](#)

Rankings & Recognition

[Manhattan College](#) ranked among the top 100 colleges in the United States on Forbes' list of [Best Value Colleges 2016: The 300 Schools Worth the Investment](#). [The University of Scranton](#), [Wagner College](#), John Carroll University, University of Redlands, Valparaiso University, California Lutheran University, Ohio Northern University, Pacific Lutheran University, and Samford University were also named to the list.

[John Carroll's Part Time MBA Program Ranked Top 10 in Ohio](#)

[Russell Sage Online Named as a Top Ten Online School in New York](#)

Campus News

[Valparaiso University Receives \\$1 Million Commitment for Unrestricted Endowment](#)

[Hamline President Fayneese Miller Highlighted in TV Segment as a "Minnesotan to Meet"](#)

[Belmont's Masters of Science in Nursing Graduates Achieve 100 Percent Pass Rate](#)

[Strategic Growth Brings Campus Enhancements at St. Edward's University](#)

[University of New Haven Enrollment Professional Publishes Book about His Tour of the Ivy League](#)

[Endowed Scholarship for Wounded Veterans Established at Valparaiso University](#)

Students & Alumni

Ferishta Sahar, an international business student at Nazareth College, has received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Sahar will study abroad in Akita, Japan. [Read more.](#)

[Ohio Northern Technology Education Students Present Research Posters, Win Robotics Competition in D.C.](#)

[First-year Student Helps Introduce Religious Diversity to Pacific Lutheran U through Lecture Series](#)

[Three Ohio Northern University Students Named University Innovation Fellows by the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation](#)

[North Central Alumnus Earns Prestigious National Science Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship](#)

[Samford Physics Major Selected for NC State Research Program](#)

[Redlands' Alumnus Wins Fellowship to Work at State Capital](#)

The New American Colleges & Universities

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California Lutheran University Drury University
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John Carroll University Manhattan College Nazareth College
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Pacific Lutheran University Roger Williams University
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