

## Cathy Davidson to Receive Ernest L. Boyer Award

We are honored to present the 6th annual Ernest L. Boyer Award to **Cathy N. Davidson**, a leading interdisciplinary and technology scholar.

Davidson is a Distinguished Professor in the **City University of New York** (CUNY)'s Graduate Center's English Ph.D. program and director of the **Futures Initiative**, a CUNY-wide program that promotes greater equity and innovation in higher education.



Cathy N. Davidson

The award presentation will take place at the **AAC&U Annual Meeting** opening night forum on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in Washington, D.C. [Read more.](#)

## NAC&U Welcomes New Members

NAC&U welcomed **three new members** to the consortium this summer. Read more about [California Lutheran University](#), [Roger Williams University](#) and the [University of New Haven](#).

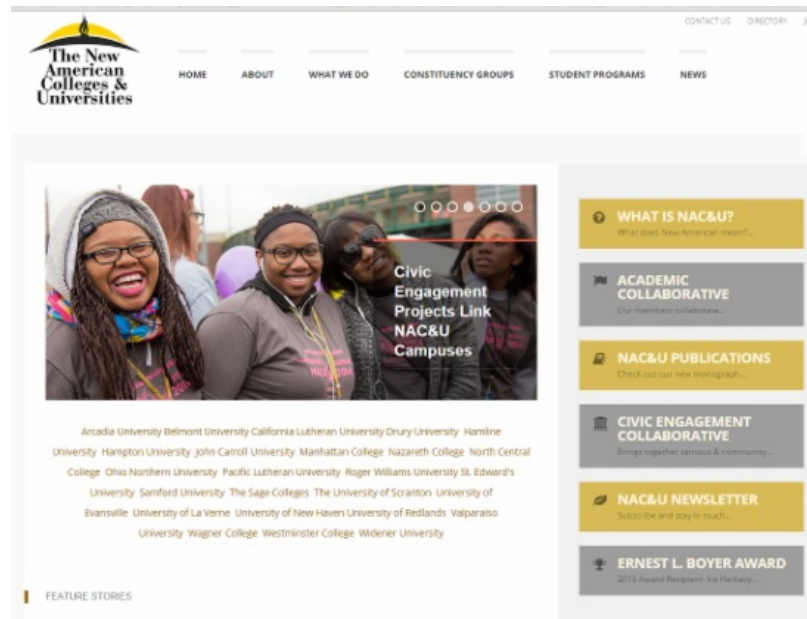
## Ambassadors from Manhattan, Widener Pilot Early-Career Faculty Institute

**Patrick Abulencia**, associate professor of chemical engineering at **Manhattan College**,

and **Meghan Pifer**, assistant professor of higher education at **Widener University**, have been collaborating on an early-career faculty professional development program since they first met as ambassadors at the NAC&U faculty innovation summit in 2013.

Participating early-career scholars will be matched with more senior colleagues from their partner institutions in a day-long program later this month hosted at Manhattan College. [Read more.](#)

## NAC&U Unveils a Fresh Look, Plus a New Way to Connect



Just in time for a new academic year, our website, [www.newamericancolleges.org](http://www.newamericancolleges.org), has a new look.

We've also added a **members-only group on LinkedIn** so you can connect with NAC&U colleagues. Members can search by keywords to find experts by area at other institutions or post announcements or queries for the group. Search for the **New American Academic Collaborative** on LinkedIn.

## NAC&U Round-ups

*A recap of significant member news stories*

### [Undergraduate Research Spotlight:](#)

Expanding the Amino Acid Toolbox at **Belmont University** and **North Central College**  
Students Take their Computations to Hawaii

### [Enrollment Highlights:](#)

## [College Rankings:](#)

Summaries of **USNews, Princeton Review, Forbes, PayScale, Money**

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## Faculty Corner

### ***Student views of social media***

"Engaging students using social media: The students' perspective," an article co-authored by **Brandon Sheridan, North Central College** assistant professor of economics, and published in the May 2015 issue of *International Review of Economics Education*, looks at student surveys across three institutions, including North Central College, to see how students use social media and gauge their attitude toward its use inside/outside the classroom.



Brian Sheridan

The results indicate students are most likely to connect with faculty via social media when it's a one-way connection; whereby, students can view faculty information but faculty cannot view students' information. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are the most popular platforms with students, indicating these are possible channels that can be used to extend the classroom. The article is available [here via subscription](#).

### ***"Do We Know How to Judge Teaching?"***

An essay from **Samford University's Stephen Chew**, professor and chair of psychology, ran on *Inside Higher Ed* on July 27, 2015. [Read it.](#)

### ***Podcast Explores Meaning of Words***

Hosted by **Pacific Lutheran University Associate Professor of Communication Amy Young**, "Open to Interpretation" is a new podcast devoted to exploring the meanings and implications of words commonly used in the news, on social media and on college campuses. Each episode will feature unexpected pairings of faculty guests representing all corners of scholarship. The inaugural episode is a discussion of the word "advocacy." [Listen to it.](#)

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## Student Opportunities

### ***January program in Italy***

The Sage Colleges invites students throughout NAC&U for a [short-term study abroad experience in Italy](#) in January 2016. Students will travel to Rome, Pompeii, Florence,

Bologna, Perugia and Venice while taking a 3-credit course on Italian commerce and culture. For more information contact Lauren Robichaud [via email](#) or at 518-292-8637.

### ***Undergraduate literary journal at Hamline***

Runestone is a national online literary annual, compiled and edited by BFA students in The Creative Writing Programs at Hamline University, featuring fiction, nonfiction, and poetry written by undergraduates. [Read the journal and check out submission guidelines for your students.](#)

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## **Campus News**

[Wagner Works to Boost Number of College Degree Holders in Staten Island](#)

[Manhattan College to Offer Two New Online Master's Programs](#)

[University of New Haven, Milford Hospital Partnership Creates Laboratory for Student Learning](#)

[Drury University Establishes Meador Center for Politics & Citizenship](#)

[Valparaiso University Receives \\$2 Million Commitment for Faculty Fellowships](#)

[Hampton University Awarded \\$1.4 Million Student Support Services Grant](#)

[St. Edward's University Receives \\$225,000 In Grants For CAMP Students](#)

[Here and There: Widener University's Collaborations with China](#)

[Purposeful Networks Recognizes Manhattan College's Commitment to Service](#)

[Redlands' Professor Karen Derris Co-editing Second Book with His Holiness the Karmapa](#)

[Roger Williams Architecture Students to Partner in Developing Citywide Arboretum](#)

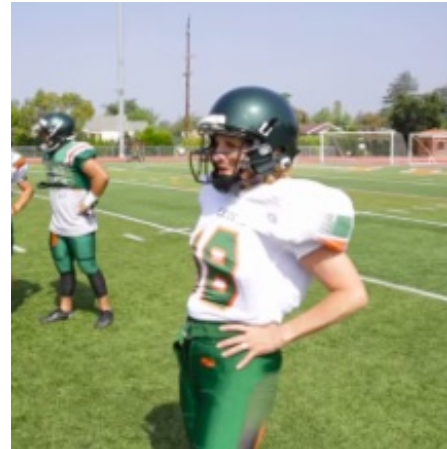
[Sage Names New Deans of Health Sciences and Management](#)

[The University of Scranton Opens the New Edward R. Leahy Jr. Hall for PT, OT and Exercise Science Depts](#)

[University of Evansville Awarded \\$10,000 Grant for New Veterans Lounge](#)

## Hail to the Leos!

Leopards football season at **University of La Verne** kicked off with **University President Devorah Lieberman** suiting up for the team's first practice in late August. Dressed in full uniform and protective gear, Lieberman shared with scholar-athletes the importance of hard work to succeed not only on the gridiron, but in the classroom and life. The team, in return, gave her a lesson in punting, which yielded entertaining results in [this YouTube video](#).



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