



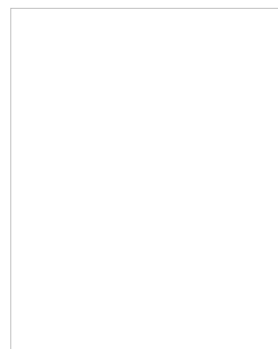
News and Notes

December 2014

Ohio Northern's Multiracial Gospel Ensemble Sings from the Heart

Can a gospel ensemble create authentic gospel music if it has more white singers than black singers? That is the primary question that **Adriane Thompson-Bradshaw, vice president of student affairs and dean of students at Ohio Northern University (ONU)**, investigated in her doctoral dissertation on American Culture Studies at Bowling Green State University. For Dr. Thompson-Bradshaw, the project was personal. She started the ONU Gospel Ensemble (GE) in 1987 and, as its advisor, has watched it evolve into a biracial group over the last 27 years.

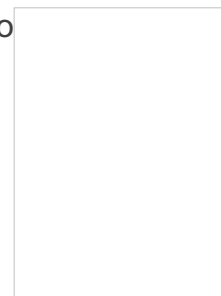
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NAC&U 2015 Boyer Award Recipient: Ira Harkavy

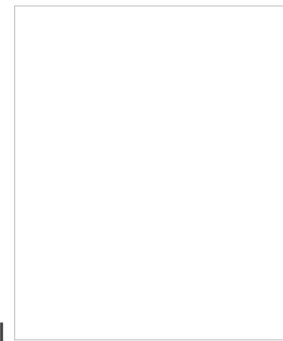
NAC&U is pleased to present its 5th annual Ernest L. Boyer Award to **Ira Harkavy, associate vice president and founding director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania**. The official awards presentation will take place at the annual AAC&U Meeting, January 21-24, 2015, in Washington, DC.

[Read more.](#)



NAC&U To Present Posthumous Award to Bobby Fong

In September 2014 the higher education community mourned the loss of **Bobby Fong**, then president of Ursinus College. Members of NAC&U were especially saddened to learn the news about Dr. Fong who was an important contributor to the consortium when he served as president of Butler University. NAC&U leaders knew Dr. Fong as an extraordinary colleague who had a steadfast commitment to liberal education, believing that higher education was more than earning a degree and rather served to prepare students to lead lives of service. To honor Dr. Fong's legacy to NAC&U and higher education, we will offer a special posthumous award to him. His wife, **Suzanne Fong**, will accept the award at the AAC&U Annual Meeting on January 23 in Washington DC. **James Gentile**, dean of Natural and Applied Science at Hope College, will offer a tribute to Dr. Fong and his many accomplishments in higher education.



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NAC&U Summer Institute 2015 Call for Proposals

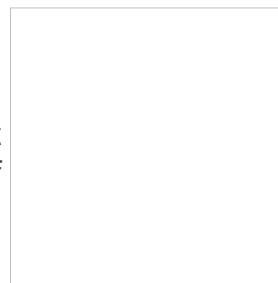
This year's Summer Institute at Hamline University will focus on the many ways in which the traditional boundaries of higher education have become blurred. Faculty work has significantly changed and the distinction between teaching, research, and scholarship no longer exists. The work of faculty and student affairs officers also has merged in some areas. The Summer Institute will explore possibilities to enhance the educational experience through a holistic approach for educating undergraduate students.

Presentations may describe existing projects or may engage conference participants in working sessions to develop new ideas for collaboration. Read the [complete call for proposals](#) for more information.

Proposals must be submitted by January 17th.

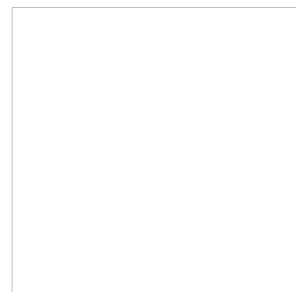
North Central College Names Abiodun Goke-Pariola Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Faculty

North Central College has named **Dr. Abiodun "GP" Goke-Pariola** its next vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. Dr. Goke-Pariola will begin his new role at North Central College on July 1 after serving most recently as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Queens University of Charlotte in North Carolina. He previously served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. [Read more.](#)



Drury Appoints Steven Combs as Vice President for Academic Affairs

Drury University has appointed **Steven C. Combs** as its next vice president for academic affairs. He begins January 26. Dr. Combs comes to Drury from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, a public comprehensive university, where he has spent the past year as founding dean of the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences. [Read more.](#)



Administrative News

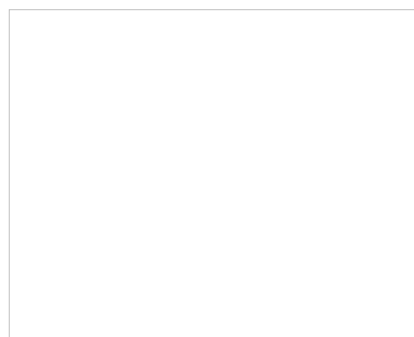
[Arcadia's College of Global Studies Appoints Andrew Law as Academic Dean](#)

[Hampton Provost Hammond Named Interim President of Virginia State](#)

[Nazareth's Gagan Named to CASE District II Board](#)

Carnegie Names Samford's Fournier as Alabama Professor of the Year

Samford University geography professor **Eric J. Fournier** has been named the 2014 Alabama Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Fournier was recognized for his superb teaching skills at the U.S. Professors of the Year awards ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. [Read more.](#)



Nine NAC&U Members Recognized for Study Abroad Participation

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors Report ranked nine NAC&U members among top 40 masters institutions nationwide for study abroad participation. **Arcadia University (#3)**, **Hamline University (#6)** and **Belmont University (#29)** were ranked among top masters institutions in Total Number of Students Participating in Study Abroad. Several more members were ranked among the top masters institutions for Undergraduate Participation in Study Abroad, including **Arcadia University (#1)**, **Stetson University (#3)**, **Pacific Lutheran University (#14)**, **University of Redlands (#15)**, **University of Evansville (#16)**, **Samford University (#22)**, **John Carroll University (#38)**, and **Belmont University (#40)**. [Read more.](#)

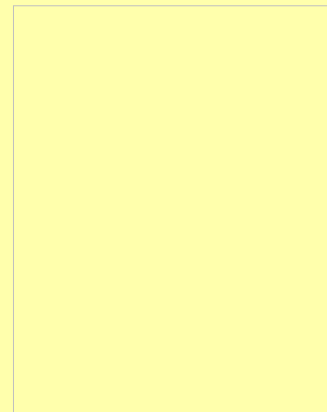
Rankings News

[Military Times Ranks John Carroll, University of Evansville Among Nation's Best Schools for Veterans](#)

[The Daily Beast Ranks Manhattan College Among Top 25 with Best ROI](#)

NAC&U Student Opportunities Brochure Available for Your Campus

NAC&U has created a simple brochure that you can use to share opportunities with your students. You can [download it directly from our website](#) or we can send brochures directly to you. To request brochures be mailed to you, please [contact Nancy Hensel via email](#).



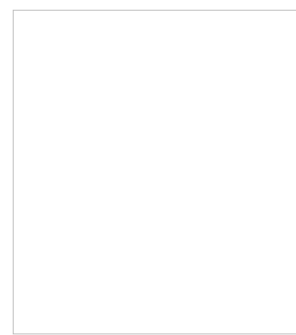
Sage President Susan C. Scrimshaw to Receive Career Achievement Award from the Society for Medical Anthropology

President of The Sage Colleges Susan C. Scrimshaw has been named the 2014 recipient of the Society for Medical Anthropology's Career Achievement Award. The Career Achievement Award is presented bi-annually and honors an individual who has advanced the field of medical anthropology through career-long contributions to theory or method, and who has been successful in communicating the relevance of medical anthropology to broader publics. [Read more.](#)



Hampton University President Receives the TMCF Educational Leadership Award

Hampton University President William R. Harvey was awarded the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCFF) 2014 Educational Leadership Award. The Educational Leadership Award is the highest volunteer award presented to an individual who has a demonstrated record of commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and education. [Read more.](#)



Snow in Southern California?

University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman will go to great lengths to bring holiday cheer to campus!



A Holiday Tale from the University of La Verne

Grants, Funding and Gifts

[The University of Scranton Awarded \\$2 Million Economic Growth Initiative Grant](#)

[Caterpillar Foundation Awards Funding to Valparaiso University to Support Study Abroad in China](#)

[Redlands Alumni Couple Give \\$35 Million Gift](#)

[Westminster Receives \\$50,000 for Competency-Based Program Scholarships](#)

['Grow Wagner' Was Most Successful Fundraiser in College's History](#)

Wagner Promotes Its Faculty with Seasonally Appropriate Features

Wagner College is trying a new tactic to promote its faculty's expertise to its own audience. It's running a series of stories this month on its website, either written by a

faculty member or based on a faculty interview, around holiday themes – [holiday reading suggestions](#), tips on healthy holiday eating, dealing with the "Christmas blues," and a tip for making realistic New Year's resolutions. Wagner is posting the stories on its website and pushing them out with "boosted" Facebook postings to an enlarged but already campus-affiliated audience.

Campus News & Initiatives

[Belmont University President Unveils Vision for the Future](#)

[Ohio Northern University Announces Record Placement Rate for 2014 Graduates](#)

New Program

[St. Edward's Partners with Carroll College to Offer BS in Civil Engineering](#)

Faculty News

[Nazareth Professor Writes Book on Media Marathoning](#)

Student Achievements

[Valpo Grad Students Create Orientation App, Honored for Best in Class](#)

[Arcadia Honors Students Present at National Conference in Denver](#)

[Widener Students Produce Magazine Focused on Their Local Community](#)

[Former PLU Student and Instructor Andrew Milton Explores School Success in New Book](#)

NAC&U Campus Trivia:

Which campus is known for its beautiful chapel?



The Chapel of the Resurrection

The Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University is one of the largest collegiate chapels in the country and was named by Best College Reviews as one of the 30 most beautiful college cathedrals.

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Looking for faculty and student opportunities?

Check out our [Academic Collaborative page](#) where you'll find links to everything from [Study Abroad](#) and [Student Exchange](#) to the [Online Course Inventory](#).

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