



Integrating Liberal Arts,
Professional Studies, and
Civic Responsibility

News and Notes

December 2017

Call For Proposals: 2018 NAC&U Summer Institute

With a theme of "**Engaging Civility: Leading Dialogue In and Beyond the University**," the 2018 Summer Institute will focus on fostering skills to improve civic engagement, with particular emphasis on the role of civil dialogue. The Summer Institute will be held from June 19-21, 2018 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

The need for an engaged campus community crosses disciplinary and geographic borders. This boundary crossing reflects NAC&U's commitment to the integration of professional studies and the liberal arts within the context of purposeful civic engagement, and places that commitment within a frame of purposeful civic engagement.

Presentations may describe existing tools/strategies/approaches useful for leading dialogue, or they may engage conference participants in working sessions to develop new projects at their home institutions.

Submissions due January 29, 2018.

[For more on submission guidelines, please go here.](#)

Call for Submissions: NAC&U Award for Student Excellence

The 2018 Award for Student Excellence Call for Submissions is open.

Submissions are limited to one per campus and are due by **February 5, 2018.**

[Read more.](#)



Thank you to the faculty and staff from the nine campuses who submitted

Samford's Stephen Chew Co-Authors Opinion Article in Inside Higher Ed: "Teaching and Learning: Lost in a Buzzword Wasteland"

Stephen Chew, Samford University Psychology Department Chair and internationally recognized expert on teaching and learning, co-authored an article for the Dec. 5 **Inside Higher Education**.

In "Teaching and Learning: Lost in a Buzzword Wasteland," Chew and co-author William Cerbin, Director of the University of Wisconsin Lacrosse's Center for Advancing Teaching & Learning, argue that "teaching and learning are lost in a buzzword wasteland," and offer a way out.

[Read the article.](#)



Awards & Recognition News

[Education Dive: K-12 Awards Program Names Wagner College's Port Richmond Partnership Leadership Academy as its Partnership of the Year](#)

[Nazareth Professor Honored with Outstanding Teacher Educator Award](#)

[Robert Dion, Chair of University of Evansville's Department of Law, Politics, and Society, Receives 2017 'Making Democracy Work' Award](#)

[Widener President Named a Woman of Distinction by the Philadelphia Business Journal
University of Scranton Professor Named Counselor Educator of the Year](#)

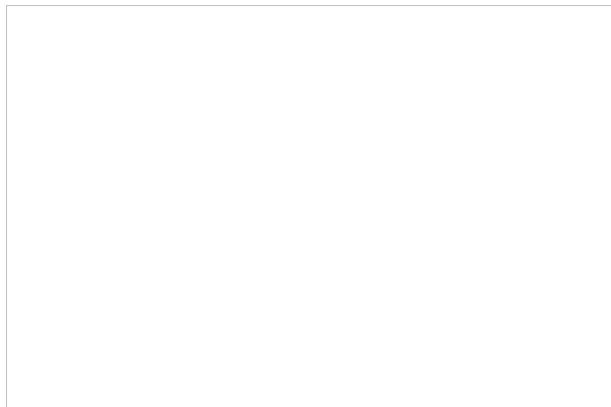
[Valparaiso University Publications Earn International, Regional Recognition](#)

[Belmont to Receive Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Benefactor Award](#)

NAC&U 2017 Boyer Award Recipient Visits Roger Williams University

As part of **Roger Williams University's** yearlong series on "Talking About Race, Gender and Power," this year's RWU Common Reading Program brought the community together to read **Beverly Daniel Tatum's** landmark book, "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?' And Other Conversations about Race."

NAC&U's 2017 Boyer Award recipient visited the campus in November during which she shared strategies with students, faculty and staff on how to continue building diversity and inclusion at RWU and continued the conversation with a class of first-year students the next day.



Student **Madeline Leahy** said, " The book gave us the tools to have conversations about race without anger or negative emotions so that we can come to an understanding. But we should also

bring these tools out of just the racial system, so we can talk about it more widely on campus in terms of other social justice issues such as sexism, or homophobia and so on. We can apply this book to all aspects of life on campus."

[Read more about the students' thoughts on talking about race and other difficult issues.](#)

Civic Engagement News

[Calvin Student Contributes to Reforming Oklahoma's Death Penalty Protocol](#)

[University of New Haven Partners with New Haven Sister Cities](#)

[Manhattan College Students Advocate on Capitol Hill for Social Justice Reforms](#)

[Five Nazareth Students Headed to Boston for the Clinton Global Initiative University](#)

Call For Submissions: Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Religions and the (De)Legitimization of Violence at Nazareth College

Nazareth College's Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue invites speaking proposals for its 5th international conference on Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Religions and the (De) Legitimization of Violence to be held July 29 - 31, 2018.

The Conference is open to scholars in religious, theology, women and gender studies and social scientists from the U.S. and abroad as presenters or participants.

Deadline for submissions is **March 1, 2018**. [Click here for more information](#) on the conference and/or how to submit a proposal.

NAC&U Faculty Ambassador Jonathan Thorndike Presents on Honors Consortium at National Collegiate Honors Council

Belmont University Director of Honors and Professor Dr. Jonathan Thorndike recently co-presented at the 52nd annual National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Thorndike and representatives from Nashville's recently created Local Honors Consortium shared the process of creating the group, benefits of a collaborative effort, activities and events hosted and best practice alignment. [Read more.](#)

The New American Colleges & Universities

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