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Integrating Liberal Arts,
Professional Studies, and
Civic Responsibility

News and Notes

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Belmont Students Connect the Past to the Present in Digital Archive of Local Shakespeare Plays

While country music is commonly associated with Nashville, Shakespeare and Music City are not quite as natural of a connection. An innovative digital scholarship project at **Belmont University** is working to change that, and in fact, bring together the city, country music, and The Bard.



Two years ago, in recognition of the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, the Folger Shakespeare Library toured the U.S. with an exhibition of the First Folio, including a stop at Nashville's Parthenon. The Folger Library also awarded 21 micro-grants to universities, including Belmont, in cities on the tour with the purpose to strengthen undergraduate teaching, community involvement, and digital tools in the Shakespeare classroom.

[Read more.](#)

NAC&U Grant Program to Fund Faculty Collaborations in Public Relations, Climate Technologies and Religious Studies, and Interprofessional Education

Last year the NAC&U Faculty Ambassadors proposed a pilot project known as the **Collaboration, Growth, and Innovation (CGI) Grant** to encourage and facilitate cross-institutional collaborative projects that involve NAC&U faculty, administrators, and staff. Approved by the NAC&U Board of Directors in June 2017 its creation is designed to foster connections and seed collaborative projects in the areas of teaching, service, research, and scholarship at NAC&U institutions. [Read about the three projects that were funded.](#)

José Antonio Bowen Accepts NAC&U Ernest L.

Boyer Award

NAC&U presented its 8th annual Ernest L. Boyer Award to **José Antonio Bowen, president of Goucher College**, in Baltimore, MD, at the AAC&U Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018, in Washington, DC.

Following the award presentation, President Bowen delivered the 2018 Boyer Lecture, titled "Technology, The Liberal Arts and the New Learning Economy."

[Watch the video here.](#)



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.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 19, 2018.

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



**2018 NAC&U Think Tank Summit
at Nazareth College
Friday - Sunday, April 6-8, 2018**

Exploration, Innovation, Collaboration

Nazareth College to Host Think-Tank Forum for NAC&U Faculty and Staff

**"Exploration, Innovation and Collaboration"
April 6-8, 2018**

Nazareth College will host a solutions-based, think-tank style retreat to foster ongoing collaboration

among NAC&U members from April 6-8, 2018, at its campus in Rochester, NY. At the event's conclusion, participants will return to their campuses with specific implementation ideas.

NAC&U members are invited to send teams of up to five faculty and staff for robust discussions on the following topics:

- What does it mean to be a teacher in the 21st century?
- How can innovative civic engagement address 21st century demands in teaching and learning?
- How can we lead more effectively as integrators of liberal arts and professional studies?
- How can the NAC&U student experience serve as an agent of change in troubling times?
- Civic dialogue: How have our campuses changed since the 2017 NAC&U Summer Institute?

Campuses may want to send faculty and civic engagement staff who are active in campus initiatives and the topics that will be addressed during the Think Tank. Ambassadors are welcome. [Click here for more information.](#)

Study Abroad Collaboration Opportunity

A course at **Ohio Northern University**, "**Global Communication**," will be designed to send students to the **University of Salford in Manchester, UK**. The department is planning on either teaching the class as a 2+1 in the Fall/J-term or a 2+1 in the Spring/Maymester.

Professor Shane Tilton of ONU would like to partner with other NAC&U members as the University of Salford requires a minimum of 10 students. All students would need to arrive and leave at the same time. If you are interested or would like to learn more, [contact Shane Tilton at ONU](#).

Wagner President Richard Guarasci to Retire in 2019

Wagner College President Richard Guarasci announced that he will retire on June 30, 2019.

President Guarasci has worked at Wagner College for 21 years, the last 16 of which he served as the president. He is the longest-serving president in the College's history.

[Read more.](#)



Student Awards & Recognition

[Wagner Student Returns to Afghanistan to Build Library for Girls](#)

[Nazareth's Franca Mantsi Awarded Prestigious Dante Scholarship](#)

[University of New Haven Hacking Team Finishes Third in Regional Competition, Advances to Nationals](#)

[Calvin Students Compete in 36 Hour Challenge Film Festival](#)

[University of Scranton Exercise Science Students Present Research, Place Second in Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference](#)

[Manhattan College Students Use NSF Grants to Advance Their Research](#)

[Widener Students Take on Key Roles in European Union Simulation in Brussels](#)

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.

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