

## **A.D. White Professors-at-Large Program - Annual Report 2019-20**

### **A.D. White Professors-at-Large Selection Committee Activities and Formal Campus Visits**

#### **PART I**

##### ***INTRODUCTION***

The Selection Committee welcomed back Professor David Feldshuh (Performing and Media Arts) for his fourth year as Program Chair for the 2019-20 academic year. The Program Chair plays an integral role in overseeing the activities of the Committee to nominate and select new Professors-at-Large each year. Likewise, the Chair's involved with communications and attending meetings with all faculty hosts scheduled for academic year visits.

This year's meetings were held on September 27, 2019; November 19, 2019; and February 28, 2020, respectively.

The 2019-2020 activities of the Selection Committee were focused on the annual Call for Nominations initiative requiring three meetings to convene over the course of the past year, involving a robust effort in generating new nominations. There were no Professor-at-Large retirements in June, 2020.

The following is a list of the 2019-20 A.D. White Professors-at-Large Selection Committee, and their term of appointment:

**Gerard Aching**, Professor, Department of Romance Studies

**Leslie Adelson**, Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of German Studies (Department Chair)

**Susanne Bruyère**, Professor, Industrial and Labor Relations

**Cornelia Farnum**, Professor *Emerita*, Biomedical Sciences

**\*David Feldshuh**, Professor, Performing and Media Arts, *ADW Professors-at-Large Program Chair*

**Cynthia Hazen**, Human Development

**\*Barbara A. Knuth**, Dean of the Graduate School; Professor, Department of Natural Resources

**Bruce Levitt**, Performing and Media Arts

**Rebecca Nelson**, Professor, Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology

**\*Vijay Pendakur**, Dean of Students

**Michael Shuler**, Professor, Biomedical and Biomolecular Engineering

**\*Charles Van Loan**, Dean of Faculty; John C. Ford Professor of Engineering, Department of Computer Science

**Robert Weiss**, Department of Biomedical Sciences; College of Veterinary Medicine

*\*Ex Officio*

## **A.D. WHITE PROFESSORS-AT-LARGE SELECTION COMMITTEE: STRUCTURE**

The 13-member The A.D. White Professors-at-Large Selection Committee includes four members who hold the title of *ex officio* including: Program Chair, Dean of Students, Dean of the Graduate School, and the Dean of Faculty. The membership of the Committee is overseen by the Faculty Senate Nominations and Elections Committee, who select and approve faculty members to hold three-year terms (two-term limit - 6 years) on the ADW PAL Selection Committee. In 2018-2019, there was full membership with no outstanding vacancies which has been the case over several years prior. The Nominations and Elections Committee works to make certain that representation on the committee is reflective of a wide range of Colleges and academic departments (arts, humanities, life sciences, social sciences, physical sciences— alone and in various combinations) across the entire campus.

The Committee reviewed upcoming vacancies to be addressed this year with Gerard Aching, Rebecca Nelson, and Barbara Knuth retiring their seats. The replacements for next year are Marilyn Migiel (Romance) and Jeremy Wallace (Government).

Current Selection Committee members Cornelia Farnum and Michael Schuler have graciously agreed to continue for a second three-year term, respectively.

It should be noted that since Barbara Knuth steps down as Dean of the Graduate School in June 2020, her successor will then assume the Committee role.

## **A.D. WHITE PROFESSORS-AT-LARGE: PROCESS**

Of the 7 nominations that were initially submitted, the following 3 full proposal nominations were selected in February, 2020, and invited to move forward for consideration. Subsequently, these candidates were approved at the May, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

- **James Balog** - Environmentalist, Scientist, Photographer, and Filmmaker
- **Oskar Eustis** - Artistic Director, The Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival; Professor of Dramatic Writing and Arts and Public Policy, New York University
- **Dawn Upshaw** - Soprano; Founding Artistic Director, Bard College-Conservatory's Graduate Vocal Arts Program

## **PART II**

### **A.D. WHITE PROFESSORS-AT-LARGE VISITS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Program schedules, plans, implements and evaluates formal campus visits by Professors-at- Large throughout the academic year. During their time on campus, Professors-at-Large engage in a lively schedule of classes, meetings and other presentations. Three AD White PAL visits per semester allows sufficient time to schedule a wide variety of activities, and to inform and gather a dedicated and ample audience.

**Following is a list of public events presented in conjunction with Professor-at-Large visits for 2019-20.** The three visit per semester guideline was followed in the Fall, 2019. Because of the COVID pandemic, two visits were cancelled in the Spring, 2020.

**FALL 2019**

**STEVE QUAKE (Life Science)**

**Campus Visit: October 7-11, 2019**

**Seminar and Panel Discussion**

***ACADEMIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP: CREATING IMPACT BEYOND PUBLISHING PAPERS***

Monday, October 7, 2019

3:30 - 5:00 pm

185 Statler Auditorium

**Keynote Lecture**

***2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL INTERCAMPUS CAMPUS SYMPOSIUM***

Friday, October 11, 2019

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Lecture Hall 1

College of Veterinary Medicine

Organized in conjunction with Cornell Center on the Physics of Cancer Metabolism,  
Cornell Center for Immunology, Weill Cornell Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center.

**STEVEN LEVITSKY (Social Science)**

**Campus Visit: November 3-9, 2019**

**Seminar**

***LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES – DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA AFTER THE LEFT TURN***

Monday, November 4, 2019

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium

132 Goldwin Smith Hall

**Public Lecture**

***HOW DEMOCRACIES DIE: U.S. DEMOCRACY THREE YEARS AFTER TRUMP'S ELECTIONS***

Thursday, November 7, 2019

4:30 – 5:45 pm

Klarman Hall Auditorium

**ANDREW DOBSON (Life Science)**

**Campus Visit: November 10-15, 2019**

**Seminar**

***ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY WEEKLY SEMINAR  
POPULATION DYNAMICS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN GROUP LIVING SPECIES:  
MODELS AND INSIGHTS FROM YELLOWSTONE WOLVES***

Monday, November 11, 2019

12:20 pm

Corson Mudd Hall A106

**SPRING 2020**

**DAVID J. STEVENSON (Physical Science)**

**Campus Visit: February 16-23, 2020**

**Colloquium**

***GENERAL PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM: JUPITER'S INTERIOR AS REVEALED BY JUNO***

Monday, February 17, 2020

4:00 pm

Schwartz Auditorium, Rockefeller Hall

**Discussion**

***THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK***

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:15 pm

Keeton House

**SPRING 2020**

***\*In accordance with University policies regarding COVID-19, the following visits for  
spring 2019 were cancelled and will be rescheduled to a future date:***

**\*WYNTON MARSALIS (Arts) (Postponed until November 2021)**

**Campus Visit: March 15-21, 2020**

**Performance**

***WYNTON MARSALIS, GUEST ARTIST: CORNELL MUSIC DEPARTMENT***

Friday, March 20, 2020

7:30 pm

Bailey Hall

In collaboration with Cornell Wind Symphony and Cornell Jazz Ensemble.

**\*KERI PUTNAM (Arts)**

**Campus Visit: April 12-17, 2020**

**The following are formal campus visits scheduled in advance of the 2020-21 academic year:**

**FALL 2020**

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**\*\*XU BING (Arts)** - September 8-14, 2020

**\*\*CARL WIEMAN (Physical Science)** - September 27-October 2, 2020

**\*\*WYNTON MARSALIS (Arts)** - November 2020 (dates TBD)

**SPRING 2021**

**BRAM GOVAERTS (Life Science)** - March 7-23, 2021

**STEVE QUAKE (Life Science)** - April 5-9, 2021

**LYNN MESKELL (Social Science)** - April 11-17, 2021

The program is in the process of working with faculty hosts to plan the visits for spring, 2021, with the full understanding that unanticipated modifications may need to be made in the course of that planning, as the COVID situation unfolds.

Confirmation of these and other potential visits will depend on the University guidelines in response to the COVID-19 virus.

Additionally, the Selection Committee is aware of the financial constraints produced by the COVID pandemic and will adapt to the situation, accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted: Professor David Feldshuh (Performing and Media Arts; Program Chair, A.D. White Professors-at-Large)

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