

A.D. White Professors-at-Large Program - Annual Report 2021-22

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

PART I

INTRODUCTION

The Selection Committee welcomed Dr. Robert S. Weiss (Department of Biomedical Sciences) as Program Chair starting July 1, 2021, following the conclusion of Professor David Feldshuh's (Department of Performing and Media Arts) tenure as Chair for five years. 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 is involved with communications and attending meetings with all faculty hosts scheduled for academic year visits.

This year's Selection Committee meetings were held on September 30, 2021; December 16, 2021; and March 11, 2022.

The 2021-22 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 three Professors-at-Large whose appointments ended June 30, 2022: Andrew Dobson (Life Sciences); Wynton Marsalis (Arts); and Margaret Martonosi (Physical Sciences).

The following is a list of the 2021-22 A.D. White Professors-at-Large Selection Committee:

Leslie Adelson – Professor, Department of German Studies

***Kathryn Boor** – Professor, Food Science; Dean of the Graduate School

Susanne Bruyère – Professor, Industrial and Labor Relations

***Eve De Rosa** – Associate Professor, College of Human Ecology; Dean of Students

Cornelia Farnum – Professor Emerita, Department of Biomedical Sciences

Tao Goffe – Assistant Professor, Africana Studies and Research Center; Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Cynthia Hazen – Professor, Department of Human Development

Bruce Levitt – Professor, Department of Performing and Media Arts

***Marla Love** – Dean of Students

Marilyn Migiel – Professor, Department of Romance Studies

Michael Shuler – Professor, Department of Biomedical and Biomolecular Engineering

Jeremy Wallace – Professor, Department of Government

***Robert S. Weiss** – A.D. White Professors-at-Large Program Chair; Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences

**ex officio members*

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 2021-22, 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 the upcoming vacancies to be addressed with Leslie Adelson (Department of German Studies) and Michael Shuler (Department of Biomedical Sciences) retiring their seats.

New Committee members are Lorenzo Alvisi (Department of Computer Science); Steve Jackson (Department of Information Science); Lisa Kaltenegger (Department of Astronomy); and John Lis (Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics), who have each been selected to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022.

Current Selection Committee member Bruce Levitt (Department of Performing and Media Arts) has graciously agreed to continue for an additional term.

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

Of the six pre-proposals that were initially submitted, 4 were favorably reviewed, leading to requests for full nomination submissions. Of the 4 full nominations, the following 2 full proposal nominations were selected in February 2022 and invited to move forward for consideration for Professor-at-Large appointments. Subsequently, these candidates were approved at the May 2022 Board of Trustees meeting:

- Sir Hilary Beckles – (Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies-UWI)
- Mabel O. Wilson – (Professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation; Professor, Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Columbia University)

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. It has been determined that six to eight ADW-PAL visits per year allows sufficient time to schedule a wide variety of activities, and to inform and gather a dedicated and ample audience.

Due to the ongoing challenges brought forth by COVID-19, the following visits for fall 2021 were cancelled and will be rescheduled to a future date:

FALL 2021

CARL WIEMAN (Physical Sciences) – September 27-October 2, 2021

MARTÍN CAPARRÓS (Humanities) – October 18-22, 2021

The following are formal campus visits that took place in the 2021-22 academic year:

FALL 2021

WYNTON MARSALIS (Arts) – November 1-7, 2021

SPRING 2022

MARTÍN CAPARRÓS (Humanities) – March 7-11, 2022

BRAM GOVAERTS (Life Sciences) – March 14-18, 2022

LYNN MESKELL (Social Sciences) – April 18-22, 2022

JAMES BALOG (Humanities) – April 19-23, 2022

JOHN RICKFORD (Social Sciences) – May 3-9, 2022

The following are formal campus visits scheduled to take place in the 2022-23 academic year:

FALL 2022

XU BING (Arts) – September 12-16, 2022

BRINDA SOMAYA (Arts) – October 24-28, 2022

KERI PUTNAM (Arts) – November 14-18, 2022

SPRING 2023

DAWN UPSHAW (Arts) – February 20-24, 2023

JORDAN ELLENBERG (Physical Sciences) – March 13-17, 2023

TAYARI JONES (Humanities) – March 27-31, 2023

MAY BERENBAUM (Life Sciences) – April 10-14, 2023

The program is in the process of working with faculty hosts to plan the visits for fall 2022 and spring 2023.

A.D. WHITE PROFESSOR-AT-LARGE MINI-VISITS

To help address the backlog of visits in need of scheduling due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ADW-PAL program has created a new ‘mini’ visit mechanism. An ADW-PAL ‘mini’ visit is structured as a one-time, 1-2 day visit that brings the ADW-PAL to the Cornell campus in coordination with the faculty host’s academic department. Each on-site ‘mini’ visit must include at least one public event (lecture, performance, etc). Alternatively, this mechanism may be used to support a virtual ‘mini’ visit featuring a professionally-produced recording of the ADW-PAL, such as an interview or reading, created to share with and engage the Cornell community. The ADW-PAL ‘mini’ visit will serve to keep current ADW-PAL and their respective faculty hosts satisfied and engaged with the ADW-PAL Program during this time. The ‘mini’ visit does not substitute for or replace either of the two standard week-long visits that ADW-PAL are expected to make during their appointment. In addition, these visits are optional. All current ADW-PAL hosts have been offered the option of arranging a mini-visit.

A.D. WHITE PROFESSOR-AT-LARGE WEBSITE

The ADW-PAL website is undergoing a site redesign through the Cornell CIT Project Management Office. This project is being undertaken to modernize the website to bring it in-line with current standards and to provide a more effective platform to share information about the program, Professors-at Large, and events. The redesigned website is scheduled to launch at the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year.

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