

A.D. White Professors-at-Large Program – 2022-23 Annual Report

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

PART I

INTRODUCTION

The Selection Committee welcomed back Dr. Robert S. Weiss (Department of Biomedical Sciences) as Program Chair for the second 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 is involved with program communications and interacting with visiting Professors-at-Large. To facilitate effective visit planning, the Program Chair now attends meetings with the Program Administrator (Ms. Cindy Greco) and all faculty hosts scheduled for upcoming academic year visits in order to define responsibilities and timelines and to discuss visit activities.

This year's Selection Committee meetings were held on September 21, 2022; December 12, 2022; and March 8, 2023.

The 2022-23 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, 2023: Xu Bing (Arts); John Rickford (Social Sciences); and Brinda Somaya (Arts).

The following is a list of the 2022-23 A.D. White Professors-at-Large Selection Committee:

Lorenzo Alvisi – Professor, Department of Computer Science

***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

Cynthia Hazan – Professor, Department of Human Development

Steve Jackson – Associate Professor, Department of Information Science and Department of Science & Technology Studies

Lisa Kaltenegger – Associate Professor, Department of Astronomy; Director, Carl Sagan Institute

Bruce Levitt – Professor, Department of Performing and Media Arts

John T. Lis – Professor, Department of Molecular Biology & Genetics

***Marla Love** – Dean of Students

Marilyn Migiel – Professor, Department of Romance Studies

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 14-member 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, which selects and approves faculty members to hold three-

year terms (two-term limit – 6 years) on the ADW-PAL Selection Committee.

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 Cornelia Farnum (Department of Biomedical Sciences) and Cynthia Hazan (Department of Human Development) retiring their seats.

New Committee members are Karim-Aly Kassam (Professor, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment) and Keith Obadike (Professor, Department of Art) who have each been selected to serve a three- year term beginning July 1, 2023.

Current Selection Committee members Marilyn Migiel (Department of Romance Studies) and Jeremy Wallace (Department of Government) have each graciously agreed to continue for an additional, three-year term. A request to extend Bruce Levitt's committee membership reappointment from a one-year term to a standard three year period is currently in preparation.

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

Of the six pre-proposals that were initially submitted, 2 were favorably reviewed, leading to requests for full nomination submissions. One additional full nomination (for Dr. Robert Vanderbei) that was unsuccessful the previous year was eligible for resubmission but was not resubmitted. The two full proposal nominations that were received were favorably reviewed by the Selection Committee in March 2023 and endorsed to move forward for consideration by the University President and Board of Trustees for Professor-at-Large appointments. Subsequently, these candidates were approved at the May 2023 Board of Trustees meeting:

Dr. Michel Devoret (Physical Sciences) – Professor, Applied Physics, Yale University

Dr. Robert Stavins '80 (Social Sciences) – Professor, Energy and Economic Development, Harvard 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 academic year allows sufficient time to schedule a wide variety of activities, and to inform and gather a dedicated and ample audience.

The following full, formal campus visits took 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

Professor Putnam's visit marked the first, dual-campus visit in the history of the Professors-at-Large program. Putnam first visited the Cornell Tech campus on November 14 and then traveled to the Ithaca campus for the remainder of her residency, November 15-18.

There were two additional full, formal campus visits scheduled to take place in spring 2023, that were postponed to the 2023-24 academic year, at the request of the Professor-at-Large and their respective faculty hosts. Tayari Jones (Humanities), originally scheduled to visit March 27-31, 2023, will now visit March 18-22, 2024. May Berenbaum (Life Sciences), originally scheduled to visit May 1-5, 2023, will now visit October 2-6, 2023.

The following are full, formal campus visits scheduled to take place in the 2023-24 academic year:

FALL 2023

Ellen Rothenberg (Life Sciences) – September 11-15, 2023

Carl Wieman (Physical Sciences) – September 25-29, 2023

May Berenbaum (Life Sciences) – October 2-6, 2023

Steve Quake (Life Sciences) – October 23-27, 2023

SPRING 2024

Mabel O. Wilson (Physical Sciences) – March 4-8, 2024

Tayari Jones (Humanities) – March 18-22, 2024

Theda Skocpol (Social Sciences) – April 8-12, 2024

The program is in the process of working with faculty hosts to plan the 2023-24 visits.

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 launched a new 'mini' visit mechanism, the first of which took place in September 2022. 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 serves to keep current ADW-PAL and their respective faculty hosts satisfied and engaged with the ADW-PAL Program during times when longer on-campus visits are not possible. 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.

The following campus mini visits took place in the 2022-23 academic year:

FALL 2022

Sir Hilary Beckles (Humanities) – September 16, 2022

John Rickford (Social Sciences) – September 29-30, 2022

Ellen Rothenberg (Life Sciences) – September 29-October 1, 2022

The following campus mini visits are scheduled to take place in the 2023-24 academic year:

FALL 2023

Steve Levitsky (Social Sciences) – September 25-26, 2023

Bram Govaerts (Life Sciences) – November 6-10, 2023

A.D. WHITE PROFESSOR-AT-LARGE WEBSITE

The ADW-PAL website underwent a site redesign through the Cornell CIT Project Management Office. This project was undertaken to modernize the website to bring it in-line with current standards and aesthetics, and to provide a more effective platform to share information about the program, Professors-at Large, and events. The redesigned website launched in September 2022 and currently is being further developed, in both design and content.

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