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Inside Updates: College of Arts and Sciences dean search brings finalists to campus, strong interest prompts a second salary-negotiation workshop and a nationally recognized speaker is set to lead workshops for faculty and graduate students.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN FINALISTS ON CAMPUS FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The final two of the four candidates for dean of the College of Arts and Sciences are on campus this week for interviews and public presentations.



Dr. Richard Boone, a professor from the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Department of Biology and Wildlife and Institute of Arctic Biology, will deliver a public presentation at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, in the Fetzer Center's Putney Lecture Hall.

Dr. Gary Wihl, the Hortense and Tobias Lewin Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at Washington University in St. Louis, will offer a public presentation at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, also in Putney Lecture Hall.

The other two finalists—Dr. Carla Koretsky, dean of WMU's Lee Honors College and Dr. Richard Utz, chair of the School of Literature, Media and Communication at Georgia Institute of Technology—delivered presentations during the week of March 21.

All the candidates' curricula vitae as well as feedback forms are available from the following link on the provost's website: wmich.edu/provost/administrative-searches.

College of Fine Arts Dean Daniel Guyette is chair of the search committee. Cathy Smith, business manager senior in the Office of the Provost, is providing administrative support. Since last summer, the committee has been working in support of this search with consultants from Greenwood/Asher and Associates Inc.

Please plan to attend the candidate presentations and forums as schedules allow, and encourage participation from faculty, staff and student colleagues. The search committee will have feedback forms available at candidate presentations, and looks forward to input.

DEMAND PROMPTS SECOND SALARY-NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS

Due to strong interest, a second Start Smart salary-negotiation training workshop for students has been added in April. The second session will be offered from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12. The original session is still scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5.

The two-hour sessions will prepare students to approach the job market with the confidence, knowledge and skills they need to negotiate salaries and benefits. Both workshops are scheduled to take place in the Career Zone located in 1344 Ellsworth Hall.

Registration is limited to 25 students for each workshop. To register, visit the BroncoJOBS portal at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/login> or email Lynn Kelly-Albertson at lynn.kelly-albertson@wmich.edu.

NOTED SPEAKER TO LEAD WORKSHOPS FOR FACULTY MEMBERS, GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dr. Paul Hernandez, nationally recognized speaker and educator, returns to WMU on Wednesday, March 30, with workshops for faculty and graduate students in room 204 Bernhard Center



A workshop for faculty members titled “Faculty Mentoring: Establishing and Leveraging Faculty-Student Connectedness to Foster Student Success” is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hernandez will discuss the needs of students from diverse populations and how to support students struggling with the dissertation process. He will also focus on how to develop a relationship-centered mentoring model.

In a second workshop meant for graduate students, Hernandez will discuss “Developing Your Strategy for Success: Think, Plan, Act” from 2 to 3:30 p.m. In this session, Hernandez will discuss how students can identify faculty mentors and build relationships with them. He will also focus on the importance of maintaining a school-work-life balance, as well as creating a personalized strategy for students to complete their degrees.

Hernandez earned his doctorate in sociology from Michigan State University, specializing in the sociology of education, social inequality and diversity. He is a nationally recognized speaker and leader in college

access and success, community outreach, and pedagogy for educators working with underserved and underprepared students, as well as students at-risk for dropping out of school.

Registration is required for the workshops at the following website: www.wmich.edu/grad/events. For additional information, contact Chris Robinson at (269) 387-5087 or christine.robinson@wmich.edu.