



HSS IN THE NEWS

Last semester, 10 students from Max Kovalov's Model U.N. course represented the College at the Southern Regional Model U.N. competition in Atlanta. These students - who served as delegates representing Venezuela - performed so well, they won every possible award at the conference. [Read more here.](#)

COFC VICTORS AT THE MODEL UN CONFERENCE >>



>> SPOTLIGHT

■ \$30,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Faculty in the **Department of Religious Studies** have started 2016 with close to \$30,000 of additional funding. These funds, which will help them enhance the academic experience for students, come by way of a grant that department chair and associate professor **Elijah Siegler** secured from the Wabash Center - an organization that supports colleges and universities that teach theology and religion.

"We are very excited to have been selected for this grant," Siegler said. "The funds will benefit not only our faculty and students in meaningful and long-lasting ways, but also the liberal arts mission of the College as a whole."

The department will use the monies for furthering engaged learning practices, such as class field trips to monasteries and religious retreat centers. The funds will also support study-away opportunities such as interfaith courses in Atlanta, Ga., and eco-spirituality courses in Asheville, N.C. Study abroad courses can also be funded through the grant.

■ UPCOMING EVENTS

(partial list)

>> FEBRUARY

23 - **Yes, I'm a Feminist!**
Cistern Yard 5:30 p.m.

>> MARCH

6-13 - **Spring Break**

30 - **Annual ExCel Awards**
Sottile Theatre 5:30 p.m.

>> MAY

6 - **HSS Scholars Ceremony**
Francis Marion Hotel

←-7-→ **Commencement and HSS Reception** (Cistern Yard and Rivers Green)

FACULTY PUBLICATION

What is humility? Why should we care about being humble?

And are there constructive steps we can take to induce people to adopt more humble attitudes towards themselves and others? Those questions are the subject of a new manuscript co-written by **Jennifer Wright** from psychology and **Thomas Nadelhoffer** from philosophy, along with two of their students - **Kelly Venezia '15** and **Matthew Echols '13**. [Read more here.](#)

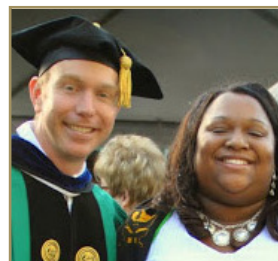


The College's Bully Pulpit Series has been very active lately. Series director **Amanda Ruth McSwain** says "The impact of this series to the College is truly immeasurable. It not only provides access to our nation's leaders, it's also an experiential learning opportunity for our students." [Read about the series here.](#)



STUDENT AWARDS

Two generous HSS alumni - **Richard Haddad '75** and his wife **Shannon '78** - established the Richard A. and Shannon W. Haddad Internship Award for sociology majors. The 2016 recipient of this award, junior **Mark Kukoda**, is using the funding from the award to help him prepare for a career working with at-risk youth. He is currently mentoring young students at Mitchell Elementary School. [Read more here.](#)



DONOR PROFILE

"My willingness to donate comes from a combination of my appreciation for the professors who so influenced my own years at the College, my support for Dean Hale's leadership at the school today and my investment for future students in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences."

Mary Pinckney '90 (English major) Senior Project Management Consultant at Satori Consulting in New York City. Pinckney's work includes consulting for American Express and American Express Global Business Travel. She is also a member of the Dean's Council for HSS.



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