



Mission

The Research Leadership Academy (RLA) is the faculty-driven epicenter of research leadership and faculty mentoring enhancing NC State's research culture. The RLA is composed of the University's most outstanding researchers and mentors from diverse fields; members are selected on their records of and active engagement in research and mentoring of faculty. The RLA is charged with the development and advocacy of best research and administrative practices for the advance the diverse research faculty at NC State.

Goals

- Encourage a culture of mentoring across our campus
- Help empower faculty for success
- Advance an intellectual, multidisciplinary research community
- Develop and promote best administrative practices throughout the NC State research community

2018/19

- Chair: Rob Smart, Chair-Elect: Greg Parsons

2016 Inaugural Class

- **Harald Ade**, Distinguished Professor, Physics
- **Marie Davidian**, William Neal Reynolds Professor, Statistics
- **Fred Gould**, William Neal Reynolds Professor of Ag., Entomology
- **Gail Jones**, Distinguished Graduate Professor, STEM Education
- **Y. Richard Kim**, Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
- **Trudy Mackay**, William Neal Reynolds Professor, Biological Sciences
- **Chris McGahan**, Professor, Molecular Biomedical Sciences
- **Greg Parsons**, Alcoa Professor, Chemical and Biomol. Engineering
- **Ronald Sederoff**, Professor, Forestry & Environmental Resources
- **Laurie Williams**, Professor, Computer Science
- **Walt Wolfram**, William C. Friday Distinguished Professor, English



Gregory Parsons



Laurie Williams



Walt Wolfram



Harald Ade



Marie Davidian



Fred Gould



Gail Jones



Richard Kim



Chris McGahan

2017 Class

- **Ken Adler**, Professor, Molecular Biomedical Sciences
- **Sarah Desmarais**, Associate Professor, Psychology
- **Harold Freeman**, Ciba Professor
Textile Engineering, Chemistry & Science
- **Tom Gower**, Professor, Forestry and Environmental Resources
- **Robert Handfield** Bank of America Univ. Distinguished Professor
Business Management
- **Sharon Joines**, Associate Professor, Graphic and Industrial Design
- **S. Thomas Parker**, Professor, History
- **Wayne Place**, Alumni Distinguished Professor, Architecture
- **Erin Sills**, Professor, Forestry & Environmental Resources
- **Munindar Singh**, Alumni Distinguished Graduate Professor
Computer Science
- **Robert Smart**, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor
Biological Sciences
- **Alyson Wilson**, Professor, Statistics



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Sharon Joines



Wayne Place



Erin Sills



Munindar Singh



Alyson Wilson



Robert Smart



Thomas Parker

2018 Class

- **Jose Alonso**, Professor, Plant and Microbial Biology
- **Catherine Hoyo**, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences; Director, Epidemiology and Environmental Epigenomics Laboratory
- **Jessica DeCuir-Gunby**, Professor, Educational Psychology
- **Fred Wright**, Professor, Statistics; Director, Bioinformatics Research Center
- **Matthew Breen**, Oscar Fletcher Distinguished Professor, Genomics
- **H. Christopher Frey**, Glenn E. Futrell Distinguished University Professor, Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
- **David Muddiman**, Distinguished Professor, Chemistry; Director, Molecular Education, Technology, and Research Innovation Center
- **Coby Schal**, Blanton Whitmire Distinguished Professor, Entomology and Plant Pathology



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RLA Junior Faculty Forum

October 11, 2018

Moderators:

Christopher Frey and David Muddiman

Purpose: Junior faculty question a panel of senior faculty and university leaders about concerns and challenges in today's research environment.

Panelists: Ed Bowden (COS), Katharine Stewart (Faculty Affairs), Cranos Williams (COE), Sarah Desmarais (CHASS)

Total Attendees Day of Event: 61



RLA Lunch and Learn: Navigating International Research

December 5, 2018

Moderators: Erin Sills and Cathrine Hoyo

Purpose: Opportunity to question a diverse panel with knowledge of participating in international research at NC State.

Panelists: Nora Haenn (CHASS), Sid Thakur (CVM), Andy Grieshop (COE), Carla Barbieri (CNR), David Jordan (CALs), David Dixon (Global), Ingrid Schmidt (Global)

Total Attendees Day of Event: 47

RLA hosted speaker Melissa Marshall “Powerful Presentations”

January 15, 2019

Purpose: Teach great communication skills to scholars, scientists, and engineers so they can effectively present complex ideas to a general audience.

Participants from every college

This event was also live-streamed

Total Attendees Day of Event: 122





RLA Lunch and Learn: Opportunities and Challenges of Interdisciplinary Research

February 27, 2019

RLA Hosts: Alyson Wilson and Marie Davidian
Moderator: Fred Wright

Purpose: Learn about interdisciplinary research programs, engaging students in interdisciplinary activities, NC State's Center and Institutes, and more.

Panelists:

- Katharine Stewart, Faculty Affairs
- Chris McGahan, COS
- Jean Ristaino, CALS
- Maria Mayorga, COE
- Nora Haenn, CHASS



University Research Symposium

March 21, 2019

Purpose: Introduce research scholars and to explore opportunities for new partnerships. This year's focus will be on opportunities and intellectual challenges in cross- and multi-disciplinary research.

Symposium Chair and Co-Chair: Greg Parsons and Sharon Joines
Symposium Committee has representation from all ten colleges.

Invited Presenters: Matthew Booker (CHASS), Ralph Dean (CALs), Fred Gould (CALs), Veena Misra (COE), Ann Ross (COS), and Gavin Smith (COD).

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