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**New Appointments to Endowed Chairs, Professorships, or Fellowships (4)**

**April 1, 2019**

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**James A. and Renae C. Pearson Collegiate Faculty Fellowship**

The James A. and Renae C. Pearson Collegiate Faculty Fellowship was established in 2017 by James and Renae Pearson. The intent of this gift is to support a named Fellowship in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. The individual holding this fellowship will be appointed at the rank of Collegiate Faculty Associate or Full Professor. The fellow will, in collaboration with the David M. Kohl Chair and the Kohl Junior Faculty Fellow, provide leadership for the teaching and experiential learning aspects of the Kohl Agribusiness Centre and other educational agribusiness programs within the department that financially and intellectually support the missions of teaching, research, and extension in farm and agribusiness management. In concurrence with the recommendation of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department honorifics committee, and Department Head Dr. Matthew T. Holt, Dean Alan Grant nominates Dr. Julien Cadot to be the James A. and Renae C. Pearson Collegiate Faculty Fellow.

Dr. Cadot joined Virginia Tech in September, 2018, appointed at the rank of Collegiate Faculty Associate Professor. He earned in his Ph.D. in finance from Montpellier University, France in 2008, and his B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural science at Montpellier Sup'Agro, also in France. He previously held the position of Associate Professor and Head of the Finance and Economics Department at ISG International Business School in Paris, France. During his career, he has served as a lecturer in and consultant to the Sonoma Executive MBA Program in Wine Business at Sonoma State University. In addition, he has mentored entrepreneurial projects for PEPITE Paris-Ouest-Nanterre.

Dr. Cadot is an internationally regarded scholar and lecturer in the governance of agribusiness corporations and cooperatives; cognitive and behavioral biases in entrepreneurial governance; and bank and firm relationships, including financing of agricultural firms and cooperatives. He has published a number of research articles in journals relevant to agricultural economics, wine economics and winery management, and entrepreneurship and small business management. He has also published a variety of articles on business case studies and teaching methods. Dr. Cadot serves as a member of the Editorial Committee of the Journal of Wine Business Case Research. He has also served as General Secretary of the Société Française d'Economie Rurale (Association of French Agricultural Economists).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Julien Cadot be appointed as the James A. and Renae C. Pearson Collegiate Faculty Fellow for a five-year term through April 30, 2024 with a salary supplement provided by the endowment.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Honorable Garland Gray Professor of Forestry**

The Honorable Garland Gray Professorship in Forestry was established in 1985 by the late state Senator Elmon T. Gray. The professorship was named in memory of his father, Garland Gray, who also served in the Senate of Virginia.

The Honorable Garland Gray Professorship in Forestry enables the College of Natural Resources and Environment to support an outstanding faculty member in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation. This individual should exhibit recognized strengths in teaching and mentoring students, and engage in research and outreach activities in applied forestry that reflect the same standard of excellence. Thus, Dr. Paul Winistorfer has nominated Dr. W. Michael Aust as the Honorable Garland Gray Professor of Forestry, based on the recommendations of the College of Natural Resources and Environment Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Aust has dedicated approximately 30 years to teaching, research, and outreach aimed at maintaining and improving the long-term sustainability of managed forests with primary emphasis on forestry best management practices (BMPs) for protection of water quality and site productivity.

In relation to teaching, Dr. Aust has received 12 teaching awards, including the university's prestigious William T. Wine Award for Teaching Excellence, the College of Natural Resources and Environment Teaching Excellence Award, and the Virginia Tech Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Aust receives high student perception of teaching scores and is a dedicated and demanding professor who challenges students academically and provides hands-on learning experiences. Dr. Aust is also an approachable mentor and advisor whom students regularly seek out for counsel and additional learning opportunities.

In relation to research, Dr. Aust has secured approximately \$4.5M in funding over the course of his career, primarily for forest operations projects. These projects have supported a total of approximately 50 completed and current graduate students and generated more than 200 professional publications.

Dr. Aust's research has been pivotal in the development of national forestry BMPs, and his work has informed a brief for the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been invited to discuss and/or present on his work by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as at numerous national and international professional conferences. Dr. Aust was awarded the George Dissmeyer Award for his work on forest management by the Southern Association of State Foresters.

As for outreach, Dr. Aust has conducted presentations, workshops, field trips, and extension programs that address forest operations and provide continuing education for federal agencies, state forestry agencies, professional organizations, certification agencies, and private citizen groups.

Dr. Aust has made outstanding contributions to the college, Virginia Tech, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the nation by advancing and disseminating knowledge to current leadership in forestry management as well as to the students who will be the next generation of leaders in this area.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. W. Michael Aust be appointed the Honorable Garland Gray Professor of Forestry for a period of five years beginning August 10, 2019, with a salary supplement and annual operating budget as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED DIRECTORSHIP**  
**Willis Blackwood Real Estate Director**

The Willis Blackwood Real Estate Director of the Virginia Tech Program in Real Estate was established in 2018 to enrich and enhance excellence by supporting efforts to attract and retain the highest caliber academic leader for the Program in Real Estate. The Pamplin College of Business Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast. This is also endorsed by Dean Alan Grant of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Dr. Kevin Boyle received his Ph.D. in Agriculture Economics from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the faculty in the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences as a full professor in 2005. In 2012 he was named the founding director of the Virginia Tech Program in Real Estate. Since 2013 he has been a principal faculty member in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction.

Dr. Boyle is a highly active and successful researcher. He has published more than 100 journal articles across a variety of disciplinary topics generating significant impact, generating an H-index of 42. He has received grant funding in excess of \$12M for his work and has received numerous scholarly awards.

Dr. Boyle has played a pivotal role in leading the development and launch of Virginia Tech's Program in Real Estate. His sustained, insightful, and collaborative leadership led to the development and implementation of the first academic program in real estate that is truly interdisciplinary. His guidance has fostered the program's growth into one of the leading undergraduate programs in Real Estate, which was recently ranked fifth in the nation. He is a passionate, effective and well-respected educator and proponent of academic programs supporting the commercial real estate industry.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Kevin Boyle be appointed the Willis Blackwood Real Estate Director of the Virginia Tech Program in Real Estate effective August 10, 2019, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP****William S. Gay Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems**

The William S. Gay Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems was established by alumni and friends of Mr. William S. Gay. Mr. Gay served as a valued faculty member in the Department of Accounting from 1929 until his retirement in 1969. Mr. Gay was the inaugural head of the department. Dr. John J. Maher, current head of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems, has nominated Dr. Robert H. Davidson with the recommendations of the Accounting and Information Systems Honorifics Committee to serve as the William S. Gay Junior Faculty Fellow of Accounting and Information Systems.

Dr. Davidson is an assistant professor of accounting and information systems. He has published four articles in the Pamplin elite journals. He has made numerous presentations to academic and non-academic groups. His research has been awarded the Best Paper Award at the George Mason Conference on Corporate Governance. Dr. Davidson has served as a referee for many elite journals including the Journal of Accounting Research, The Accounting Review, and Management Science. In addition, he is currently serving as dissertation advisor for two Ph.D. students. Dr. Davidson receives high teaching evaluations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Robert H. Davidson be appointed to the William S. Gay Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems, effective May 10, 2019, for a period of three years, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholars match program.

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