



# WESLEYAN

*Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning*

## President’s Letter, September 2022



Welcome back WALL members for our 12th year of providing interesting classes. I hope that COVID – 19 and its variants are in the past and things get back to normal.

Dr. Vivia Fowler retired as President of Wesleyan College at the end of June and has been succeeded by Meagan Blight. Dr. Fowler, then Provost, was enthusiastic about establishing an academy for lifelong learning. I had been associated with a similar program at the University of South Carolina – Aiken, serving on the curriculum committee for 5 years and two terms as president.

Dr. Fowler presented the idea to the Wesleyan faculty who were enthusiastic about the idea. In our first semester, Fall 2011, WALL offered 13 courses, 7 of which were presented by Wesleyan faculty.

We are fortunate in that Dr. Fowler will continue offering her Women of the Bible course annually, by Zoom, from her home in South Carolina This coming semester WALL is offering 14 courses with many of our most popular instructors returning.

We welcome Wesleyan College’s new President, Meaghan Blight, and hope she is as interested in WALL as was President Vivia Fowler, who was instrumental in getting the WALL program started.

In past years we encouraged members to bring a family member or friend to one WALL class to introduce them to the program and hopefully join WALL. In September there are four classes which will be held either in Pierce Chapel or Taylor Amphitheater which can accommodate visitors.

Vince Coughlin,

WALL President 2022-2023



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# Meet Wesleyan College's 26th President Meaghan Blight

The Wesleyan College Board of Trustees proudly announces the appointment of Meaghan Blight as the institution's 26th president effective July 1, 2022. President-elect Blight comes to Wesleyan from Huron University College, London, Ontario, Canada, where she served as Vice President, University Growth and Chief of Staff. During her eight-year tenure at Huron, Blight's responsibilities increased to include supervision over advancement, alumni relationships, communications and marketing, recruiting and admissions, and student services. She is credited with leading Huron's success in all of those areas, including significant increases in fundraising and leading all Canadian institutions in enrollment growth. She did so, while increasing academic standards and creating programs focused on student well-being and success.



President-elect Blight was well-received by all College constituencies during her interviews on campus, sparking great excitement with her energy and vision for Wesleyan. Dr. Jim Ferrari, Chair of Faculty Council and member of the Presidential Search Committee said, "The faculty enthusiastically welcome Ms. Blight to Wesleyan College and look forward to working with her to advance her vision for the college."

Ms. Blight is initiating her presidency with a challenge. Meaghan and her family have committed \$50,000 as an initial gift to kick off **Meaghan's Million Dollar Match** with the intent of raising \$1 million in her first 100 days in office. The funds will provide critical support and investment to advance our mission of accelerating equality for women. To date, more that \$600,000 has been raised

At the August WALL Board of Directors meeting on August 15, the Board voted to contribute \$2,000 to Meaghan's Million Dollar Match to Wesleyan College. WALL members are encouraged to contribute.



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## SEPTEMBER 2022 COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSES	INSTRUCTORS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Hymn Writers: Their Stories and Songs	Dr. Jeffrey Seeley	Wed. Sept 7, 14, 21, 28	10:00—11:00am	Pierce Chapel
Four Classic Alfred Hitchcock Films	Robert Fieldsteel	Wed. Sept 7, 14, 21, 28	1:30—4:30	Taylor Amphitheatre, Taylor Hall
The British Family, pt 5: the Windsors	Dr. Jan Lewis	Thursday, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29	11am—noon	Taylor Amphitheatre, Taylor Hall
Psychology of the Future	Dr. Brooke Bennett-Day	Thursday, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29	2:30—3:30 pm	Taylor Amphitheatre, Taylor Hall



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# INSTRUCTORS and COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

**Dr. Jeffrey Seeley. Hymn Writers: Their Stories and Songs.** Dr. Seeley recently retired as the Associate Professor of Church Music at the Mercer University Townsend School of Music and as the Director of Music at Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon. He holds a D.Min. degree in Church Music from Emory University, an M.M. in Choral Conducting from Mansfield University, an M.Div. from Drew University and a B.A. in Music from Lycoming College. Prior to this appointment at Mercer, he was the Director of Choral Activities and Instruction of Music at Elmira College. Dr. Seeley, an ordained minister, has held music ministry positions in churches, often accompanied by pastoral and worship development responsibilities for over 40 years.

**Robert Fieldsteel. 4 Classic Alfred Hitchcock Films.** Robert Fieldsteel worked in Los Angeles for 28 years as an actor, writer, producer, and teacher in film, theatre and television. He currently teaches playwriting and acting at Wesleyan College and is president of the Macon Film Guild. "Alfred Hitchcock: Four Classic Films" will take an in-depth look at the following works directed by Alfred Hitchcock: *The 39 Steps* (1935), *Notorious* (1946), *Rear Window* (1954) and *Vertigo* (1958). All films will be screened during class. Hitchcock was more than just the "master of suspense"; his best films were cutting edge both technically and in their worldview. And the *frisson* between men and women in all four films has rarely been so vividly explored in popular entertainment. We will study the production history of each film and analyze the artistry of the result. We will also consider the trajectory of Hitchcock's career and recurring aspects of theme and style.

**Dr. Jan Lewis. The British Family, pt 5: The Windsors.** Dr Lewis, now retired, was the Chair of Theatre at Wesleyan College and has presented four other courses on the British Royal families. As we head down this final stretch toward the current British Royal family, we will examine Queen Victoria's flamboyant son King Edward VII, otherwise known as "Bertie"; his son King George V, who first took the surname "Windsor" for this family; King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne so that he could marry Wallis Simpson; and King George VI, the father of the current Queen of England. These kings oversaw Great Britain's expansion of its empire, the nation's involvement in two world wars, and the overall trend toward a monarch who had primarily figurehead status and little political power.

**Dr. Brooke Bennett-Day** is a Professor of Psychology at Wesleyan College. She specializes in social psychological research related to prejudice and stereotypes, psychology in the legal system, and how attitudes about robots can tell us more about being human. This course will bring together several broad areas of psychological research in order to examine how our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors may be impacted by what we think of as the future and what we expect the future to hold. Discussions will center on the following questions: Will the technology that is so pervasive in our everyday lives produce fundamental changes in how we interact, or even develop? How might the ways in which we think about the future relate to our behaviors when it comes to mental health, financial responsibility, and our work? How comfortable do we really feel with artificial intelligence?



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Affordable Membership! Take one class for \$45, or however many your schedule will allow in a semester for only \$80! Interested in signing up for the entire year? It's only \$150!
- Free Parking!
- Advanced notice of all cultural and social events on Wesleyan College's campus.
- 15% discount in the Wesleyan College Bookstore to purchase merchandise and apparel.
- Access to Wesleyan's Willet Library
- Discounted meal-plans for Academy members
- Meeting great people!



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If you have suggestions for the WALL program, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Sandy Tharpe at [stharpe69@gmail.com](mailto:stharpe69@gmail.com)

# WESLEYAN COLLEGE WHERE **YOU WANT TO BE**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Munroe Science Center<br>Nursing Lab and Classrooms                        | 10. Olive Swann Porter Student Center<br>Burden Parlor<br>Career Development Center<br>Lane Center<br>Manget & Anderson Dining Rooms<br>Post Office & Campus Store<br>Student Affairs<br>Trice Conference Rooms | 17. Murphy Art Building                                        |
| 2. Tate Hall                                                                  | 11. Persons Residence Hall                                                                                                                                                                                      | 18. Physical Plant                                             |
| 3. Willet Memorial Library<br>Confucius Institute<br>Academic Resource Center | 12. Banks Residence Hall                                                                                                                                                                                        | 19. Nancy Ellis Knox<br>Equestrian Center                      |
| 4. Candler Alumnae Center                                                     | 13. Worham Residence Hall                                                                                                                                                                                       | 20. Mathews Athletic Center                                    |
| 5. Taylor Hall                                                                | 14. Hightower Residence Hall                                                                                                                                                                                    | 21. Bradley House                                              |
| 6. Elizabeth Turner Corn Hall (North)                                         | 15. Jones Residence Hall                                                                                                                                                                                        | 22. Arboretum Entrances                                        |
| 7. Ernest & Pauline Pierce Corn Hall (South)                                  | 16. Huckabee Hall: Admission Office                                                                                                                                                                             | 23. Dice R. Anderson Cabin and<br>Ellen Ann Edenfield Pavilion |
| 8. Porter Gymnasium                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 24. James Hyde Porter House                                    |
| 9. Porter Memorial Fine Arts Building                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 25. Pierce Chapel                                              |

 Wheelchair accessible

