“Assessment and Solutions to Health Needs of the Hispanic Community in Macon, GA.” Dr. José Pino, Assistant Professor of Spanish, CLA

“The Turing Test before Turing: Views on Mechanical Minds from 1600 – 1900.” Dr. Creighton Rosental, Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy, CLA

“The Three Dimensional [3D] Structure of a Streptomyces PI-PLL Reveals a Novel Combination of Evolutionary Features from Diverse Sources.” Dr. Thomas Selby, Assistant Professor of Basic Science, School of Medicine

“To the Great Variety of Readers’: A Cultural History of Reading Shakespeare.” Dr. Deneen Senasi, Associate Professor of English, Writing Program Director, CLA

“A New Lucretius: Leonard da Vinci and De Rerum Natura.” Dr. Beth Stewart, Professor and Francis Sewell Plunkett Chair of Art, CLA

“Eros and the Structure of the Soul in Plato’s Republic.” Dr. Charlie Thomas, Professor of Philosophy, Co-Chair Center for America’s Founding Principles, CLA

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**Plenary Address**

Dr. Wallace L. Daniel  
Distinguished University Professor of History

“Aleksandr Men and the Transmission of Religion and Culture in Russia”

Dr. Wallace L. Daniel came to Mercer as Provost after serving as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Baylor University and teaching Russian history for many years. His most recent book is *Russia’s Uncommon Prophet: Father Aleksandr Men and His Times* (2016).

He is the author of *The Orthodox Church and Civil Society in Russia* (2006) and co-editor of *Perspectives on Church-State Relations in Russia* (2008), as well as many articles on Russian economic, social, and religious history.

Following Dr. Daniel’s plenary address, the audience is invited to view research posters by members of the Faculty Research & Writing Colloquium on view in the Presidents’ Dining Room. Project titles are listed in the program, and a portfolio of research abstracts has also been provided. Please join members of the Colloquium for light refreshments and a brief discussion of their Works-in-Progress.

**Poster Presentations**

“Faculty Perceptions of Challenges to Growth and Meeting Student Population Needs.” Dr. Justin Ballenger, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, Tift College of Education

“Yoga, Space, and Freedom: Prajna Yoga Students Narrate the [Gendered] Self.” Dr. Natalie Bourdon, Associate Professor and Chair of Women’s and Gender Studies, CLA

“Capacity Strategy and Decisions for Modern Times.” Dr. Carol Cagle, Assistant Professor of Management, Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics

“‘A New Glass to See All Our Old Things Through’: Reading During the Civil War.” Dr. Sarah Gardner, Professor of History and Director of Southern Studies, CLA

“The Image of the Sketcher in Machiavelli’s Prince.” Dr. Kevin Honeycutt, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, CLA

“Examining Secondary Science Teachers’ Formative Assessment Practices in Biology Instruction When Using Computer-based Interactive Models.” Dr. Melissa Jurkiewicz, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, Tift College of Education

Agent versus Cause: The Humanities, Health, and Culture in the Vision of Wendell Berry.” Dr. Richard McCann, Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs, Associate Professor, Director of Masters of Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine