

## NEWLIN LECTURE

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Horton explained what led her to her research before delving into the significance of citizenship.

"At the time that I was choosing my dissertation topic, it was 1996 and there was a big backlash against immigrants," Horton said. "It became an ethnic and racial backlash against people of Latin descent whether they were documented or not. Citizenship seemed irrelevant if you had a brown face and an accent."

Horton asked the audience to define citizenship.

"Formal equality," one person said.

"Identity," said another.

Everyone agreed that citizenship would imply equality of rights and privileges. For Puerto Ricans, however, migration to America did not include the supposed benefits of citizenship.

Puerto Rico as a commonwealth receives no federal representation from the United States; therefore they do not pay taxes. They do receive U.S. military protection and can be drafted. Also, Congress can override any of their laws.

Some benefits of Puerto Rico as a commonwealth to the United States were that corporations in the United States could operate within Puerto Rico and import and export without having to pay federal taxes. Also, to alleviate the high rate of unemployment, corporations could hire

Puerto Ricans to work in these factories without having to follow minimum wage standards since U.S. law did not apply.

In 1948, the United States allowed Puerto Rico to appoint their governor. In 1952 the country wrote their constitution. All aspects of the constitution were approved of by the United States except for Puerto Rico's request for rights to a standard of living and employment.

The handouts Horton gave were an area employment contract for agricultural workers and the letters that the migrants sent home pleading for support from their governor in Puerto Rico.

Horton continued to discuss discrepancies between the United States policies regarding Puerto Rico. At the conclusion of the lecture the audience asked questions. Time did not permit Horton to delve into each answer the way she would have liked.

Later, Horton said that one of the questions she would consider researching in depth are the reasons Alaska and Hawaii became states but not Puerto Rico.

When asked what drives her passion Horton said, "I want to make Puerto Rico visible in U.S. history because they are a colony, though the American government doesn't like to look at themselves as colonists. Puerto Ricans are a significant group within the U.S. yet invisible in the history that is taught to us."

## Retired High Point captain Ronald Stowe hired as new director of Public Safety

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After a confusing 15 months of turnover, Guilford's Office of Public Safety has a new director. Ronald Stowe, retired captain in the High Point Police Department, has 32 years of law enforcement experience, 27 of which were spent in High Point. Stowe will be the fifth Director of Public Safety in this eventful period.

The college chose Stowe out of 45 potential candidates for the position. Stowe has taught law enforcement throughout his career, mostly at community colleges, fulfilling Guilford's requirement that the new director have some experience with students.

The months spent searching for a new director have not been easy. After previous director Sam Hawley's sudden death in July (only three months after he took his position), Aaron Fetrow, dean for campus life, was appointed the interim director of public safety.

"I was given the title of interim director, however, that can be deceiving," Fetrow said in an e-mail interview. "What I did was help with issues like budgeting and staffing decisions while the day-to-day operations fell squarely on our officers and administrative staff. A real

dichotomy exists regarding this interim period. We have functioned very well, even admirably, without a full-time director, however, we cannot wait for Ron's arrival."

Stowe will officially begin his tenure at Guilford on Jan. 7 for the beginning of the spring semester.

"I've been really impressed by the Guilford community," Stowe said. "I've reached a point in my law enforcement career where I could retire. But I don't want to stop working. (Guilford) is ideal because it will allow me to use my training and experience in a different and smaller setting."

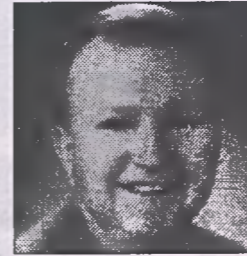
The last year has been a particularly tumultuous one for Guilford, with the Bryan incident, the Virginia Tech shootings, and an on-campus robbery adding to Public Safety's perennial concerns about alcohol,

drugs and sexual assault.

"They need to focus away from petty fines," said junior John Rock, who was robbed in the Bryan parking lot last semester. "(Public Safety) isn't equipped to deal with an armed robbery in the parking lot at nine o'clock on a Sunday."

Despite the importance of these more sensational incidents, the recurrent issue of on-campus sexual assault is still of great importance.

"(Sexual assault) is an issue on any college campus," Stowe said. "People find themselves in situations where they are victims, even though it didn't start out that way. One of the (most important) things (we can do) is to take sexual assault very seriously and let everyone know it will not be tolerated."



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## Johnson replaces Kraus as director of IT&S

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Glitches in your hard drive? Slow Internet speed? Complications such as these are easily taken care of by a zippy call down to Information Technology and Services (IT&S). You may have already become familiar with the staff working with IT&S. Now, the department has a new head.

Kyle Johnson has replaced Leah Kraus as Director of IT&S. Previous to accepting the position at Guilford, Johnson was executive director of student life technology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from January to May, 2007. Before that, Johnson worked as the director of student affairs information technology services at Duke University from 1999-2006. He also did consulting in Ohio and North Carolina before working for Duke.

A longtime computer user, Johnson also claims to having owned one of the first Apple II+ computers in the mid 1970s.

"My primary goal here at the beginning is to work with the Guilford community to understand the strategic direction for the college and the specific needs and goals of the various departments," Johnson said.

"I also hope to increase the visibility of IT&S on campus and help the community see the value IT&S brings to Guilford College."

Johnson received a B.A. from Duke University in anthropology and a Masters of Education in higher education administration from N.C. State.

The previous director, Leah Kraus, accepted an administrative job at UNC Wilmington. She left behind a positive impression with the Guilford IT&S staff.

"She was also bubbly and friendly," said senior Wilt Johnston, supervisor of IT&S help desk and system/networks technician. "She had a good sense of humor and was considered a 'people person.'"

IT&S in the past has shown to be accommodating which is displayed by the many students who request IT&S assistance. First-year Garrett Brandes has had nothing but good experiences with this service.

"Any time that I am in need of computer assistance, they react quickly. They are supportive in Bauman and are able to answer any computer questions that I have for them. Hopefully that proficiency will continue to be displayed going under new leadership."

## BIAS INCIDENT GROUP

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Vogelbach, one of two student members of the group. "The group's not just made up of traditional students, or faculty," Vogelbach said. "There are staff, faculty, and students. It basically gives the whole campus a chance to be involved."

Inspiration for the group came from the success of the one at Bowdoin as well as an incident that occurred in Chabotar's first year at Guilford in which students and a black faculty member overheard a group of people in a parking lot using the "N" word.

The incident became widely known in the Guilford community.

"If the group had been in existence, we probably would have convened to condemn the use of that horrible word," Chabotar said.

"I can't think of a better example of something directed against a particular group. Because it was so useful at Bowdoin, we would have done it eventually here. That incident was another impetus to have it done."

Since its inception, the Bias Incident Group has only had to respond to one incident.

During the group's second year, small cards promoting the Ku Klux Klan were

found tucked in books at Hege Library.

"Some people thought it was recruiting for the KKK," Chabotar said. "Can you imagine a worse place to recruit than Guilford College?"

The group's response was handled in large part by Mary Ellen Chijioke, director of the Hege Library.

A letter was e-mailed to the Guilford community strongly denouncing the incident and signs were put up in the library.

Similar materials were found in other libraries and inserted into newspapers after delivery, indicating the perpetrator was likely someone outside of Guilford.

"It was very clear that it was serious, it needed to be addressed, and there needed to be a public statement to protect anyone who found more of this stuff," Chijioke said. "It was frustrating that we couldn't discover who was responsible but the college reacted appropriately."

"The Bias Incident Group is an important safeguard," Chabotar said. "When somebody's done something really bad on campus directed against a particular group because of who they are, and we don't know who said it or who did it, we've got a mechanism to draw people's attention to how bad that act is and implore people not to do it, not to spread it."