The Fight of the Century: The Wilson-West Battle over the Graduate College

Old Graduate College, Common Room

Moderator:
Gregg Lange ’70
PAW History Columnist, Annual P-rade Narrator

Gregg Lange is the author of Rally ‘Round the Cannon, the online history column and podcast of the Princeton Alumni Weekly. Next June, he will be narrating the annual Reunions P-rade from the Poe Field reviewing stand for the twenty-second year. A member of both the Alumni Council’s Committee on Reunions and the Princetoniana Committee, he has served as chair of each. A volunteer for the Alumni Schools Committee and his class annual giving effort, he has also served as Class Secretary of 1970 and chair of its twentieth reunion, which was given the Clancy Award for best-run major reunion. He has been a trustee of WPRB Radio for thirty-two years, during seven of which he served as president of the corporation. In 2010, Gregg received the Alumni Council’s Award for Service to Princeton. In the real world, he is a management consultant to entertainment and media companies. He lives in Montclair, NJ with his wife Beth, his blind date for Houseparties in 1968.

Panelists:
John V. Fleming *63
Louis W. Fairchild ’24 Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Emeritus

John Fleming is the Louis W. Fairchild ’24 Professor of English and Professor of Comparative Literature emeritus. He taught at Princeton from 1963 until 2006 and held numerous other campus roles including those of departmental chair, college master, and Chief Marshal. He has published very widely in the fields of medieval literature, religion, and art history and directed the doctoral dissertations of several of the leading literary medievalists in America today. He has been an active member of the APGA, serving on its board for several years; he was among the first elected members of the Andrew Fleming West Society. He is a past president of the Medieval Academy of America and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Karen Jackson-Weaver ’94  
*Associate Dean for Academics and Diversity, Office of the Dean of the Graduate School*

Dr. Karen Jackson-Weaver is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Diversity at the Graduate School. She specializes in African-American religious history with a focus on race, gender and class in modern America. Her current research explores women’s leadership roles in sacred contexts and gender dynamics within the civil rights movement. Recently, Dr. Jackson-Weaver was selected to be the Series Editor of the Oxford University and American Academy of Religion *Teaching Religion* series. She has received a number of fellowships and awards for her research and administrative leadership. Dr. Jackson-Weaver earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University, where she majored in American History. Upon graduation from Princeton, she attended Harvard University where she received a Specialized Master’s Degree in Education and graduated magna cum laude. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in American History from Columbia University.

W. Barksdale Maynard ’88  
*Author, *Woodrow Wilson: Princeton to the Presidency and Princeton: America’s Campus*

W. Barksdale Maynard is the author of six books on American history, architecture, and landscape, as well as two co-authored business books. He wrote *Woodrow Wilson: Princeton to the Presidency* (Yale, 2008) and *Princeton: America’s Campus* (Penn State, 2012). His newest book, published in September, is *The Talent Mandate: Why Smart Companies Put People First* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). He has taught courses on art, architecture, and landscape at Johns Hopkins and Princeton. Maynard is a freelance journalist who has written for more than 25 magazines and newspapers since 1999, including the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. He is a frequent contributor to *Princeton Alumni Weekly* magazine.

Michael Mills ’73  
*Architect and Partner, Mills & Schnoering Architects, LLC*

Michael J. Mills, FAIA, is a Partner with Mills + Schnoering Architects, LLC, and has devoted more than twenty-five years to the preservation, restoration and adaptive use of some of the region’s most significant historic structures. He is the Partner in Charge of the design of Life Safety Improvements for the Statue of Liberty National Monument for the National Park Service. Mr. Mills has served as Chair of the Advisory Group of the AIA Historic Resources Committee and is a past president of Preservation New Jersey, the statewide non-profit preservation organization. He is a national peer reviewer for the GSA Design Excellence program, and a long-time member of the NJ Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board. He has lectured at Princeton University’s School of Architecture and Urban Planning and at the Association of Preservation Technology’s (APT) international conference, and serves as Associate Graduate Faculty in the Rutgers University Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies.
Michael Huerta was unanimously confirmed as FAA Administrator in 2013, after serving as Deputy Administrator since 2010. He oversees a $15.9 billion dollar budget, over 47,000 employees and is focused on ensuring the agency and its employees are the best prepared and trained professionals to meet the growing demands and requirements of the industry. Huerta is an experienced transportation official who has held key positions across the country, including Managing Director of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Before joining the FAA, Huerta held senior positions at Affiliated Computer Services from 2002-2009 rising to the position of President of the Transportation Solutions Group; ACS is now a Xerox company specializing in business processes and information technology. Huerta was commissioner of New York City's Department of Ports, International Trade and Commerce from 1986-89. He then served as the Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco from 1989-1993. From 1993-98, he held senior positions in the U.S. Transportation Department in Washington, D.C. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California-Riverside and a master's in international relations from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

William B. Russel, the A.W. Marks ’19 Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, has been dean of the Graduate School at Princeton University since 2002. After receiving his B.A. and M.Ch.E. degrees from Rice University, where he also played baseball, he received a Ph.D. from Stanford in chemical engineering. After a year as a NATO Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at Cambridge University, he joined the Princeton faculty in 1974. His research has contributed to the education of 39 Ph.D.s and has been recognized with the William H. Walker and Alpha Chi Sigma Awards from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Bingham Medal of the Society of Rheology, and the Award for Surface and Colloid Science of the American Chemical Society. His research has addressed the crystallization of colloidal dispersions on earth and in space (akin to the formation of opals), fabrication of micron scale patterns in thin polymer films, the flow, drying, and cracking of paint films, and the puzzling collapse of colloidal gels. He is the author or co-author of two books, *The Dynamics of Colloidal Systems* and *Colloidal Dispersions*, and notes from the 2000-01 Debye Lectures, *The Phase Behavior and Dynamics of Colloidal Dispersions*. At Princeton he has served as chairman of Department of Chemical Engineering and director of the Princeton Materials Institute. Dean Russel is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has served as president of the Society of Rheology, the chair of the Council of Graduate Schools, on the board of directors of the AAU Association of Graduate Schools and the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Science.
Conference Kickoff and Welcome Dinner  
*Old Graduate College, Tent - South Lawn*

**Kavita N. Ramdas *88**  
*Representative, Ford Foundation, and Former Chief Executive Officer, Global Fund for Women*

Kavita Ramdas is Ford Foundation’s representative in New Delhi, for India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, where she guides programming and grant-making in alignment with the Foundation’s mission, values and global initiatives. Prior to this she was founder and Executive Director of Ripples to Waves: a program on Social Entrepreneurship and Development at Stanford University. Kavita served as President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women from 1996-2010, which grew to become the world’s largest public foundation for women’s rights. A Henry Crown Fellow, she has expertise in human rights, social justice philanthropy and international development. She is a trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and advisor to Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Kavita was born and raised in India, and educated at Delhi University, Mount Holyoke College and Princeton University. She is currently a proud parent of a Princeton student, Mira Ahmad ‘16.

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**Social Hour**  
*Old Graduate College, Procter Hall*

**Cole Crittenden *05**  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, The Graduate School*

Cole M. Crittenden joined the Graduate School as the head of academic affairs in 2012. He first came to Princeton as a graduate student himself in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. While a graduate student, he served for three years as Assistant Master of Rockefeller College (one of Princeton’s undergraduate residential colleges). From 2005-2007 he was at Harvard University, where he served as senior tutor/resident dean at Currier House and taught in Harvard’s Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. He returned to Princeton in 2007 as the founding Director of Studies of Whitman College. In 2010 he moved to Princeton’s central administration as the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students. He holds a B.A. in English and political science from Weber State University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University.