

Renegade Roundup



Announcing the next Levan Center Director

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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the next Director of the Levan Center is **Dr. Reggie Williams**.

With so many new faculty and staff at our College, I want to take a moment to highlight a jewel in crown of Bakersfield College, the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities. **Dr. Norm Levan**, was a local physician, veteran, philanthropist and valued friend. His gift of almost \$20 million established the Levan Center to "...focus on and foster a greater appreciation of the humanities...". Since its inception, the Center has supported scholarly research, lectures that are open to the community, students and faculty and the publication of Levan Humanities Review.



Dr. Jack Hernandez has been involved with the Norm Levan Center since its inception. In 2007, he assumed the role as the first director of the Center. This was after a long and successful career at Bakersfield College as a professor and administrator. Jack's close association with Norm Levan, his own deep appreciation of the humanities and his scholarly interests contributed to the development of the Norm Levan Center that we see today. Jack has also served as the editor of the Levan Humanities Review since 2013.

Under Jack's leadership, the Levan Center has thrived. BC is grateful for his dedicated service.



I'm very pleased to announce that **Dr. Reggie Williams**, Professor of Philosophy, has an outstanding scholar in his field and has been the recipient of Levan Center Summer Grant Program. He has been part of the scholarly exchange program with John's College in Santa Fe and currently chairs the Summer Grant Committee. You may have seen his name associated with the Gadfly Café, which he organizes and facilitates.



The Levan Center's established programs will continue under Reggie's leadership. But, future. Join me in congratulating Reggie on his new role as Levan Center Director.

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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