

## Expert List

Here is a list of experts who are available for interviews during the *Rethinking Admissions* conference, scheduled for April 15 and 16, 2009 on the Wake Forest campus.

### Moving Beyond the SAT

- ***John Douglass, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Studies in Higher Education, University of California at Berkeley***

Dr. Douglass can discuss the experience of the University of California system, which was among the first to object to the use of the SAT in admissions.

- ***Thomas Espenshade, Professor of Sociology and Faculty Associate of the Office of Population Research, Princeton University***

Dr. Espenshade can discuss new findings on the effects of going SAT optional on both the social diversity and academic quality of undergraduates at public and private selective colleges.

### Real World, Real Criteria

- ***Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Daniel Golden***

Golden will be available for interviews after his address. He can discuss inequities in college admissions and the obstacles faced by low-income students trying to get into Ivy League schools

- ***Robert Schaeffer, Public Education Director for FairTest***
- ***Lloyd Thacker, Director, Education Conservancy***
- ***Bruce Walker, Vice Provost and Director of Admissions, University of Texas at Austin***

How many people get a job solely because of their grades or standardized test scores? Which diverse set of skills and experiences do students need to be successful when they graduate? How much does the SAT add to that equation? Schaeffer, Thacker and Walker can address those questions and discuss the importance of critical thinking skills and class ranking in the college admissions process and as indicators of future success.

- ***Jeffrey Brenzel, Dean of Admission, Yale University***
- ***Robert Morse, Director of Data Research, U.S. News & World Report***
- ***Richard Vedder, Professor of Economics, Ohio University***

The SAT, while a good tool, is often misused. It was never intended to be used as a proxy for student quality in college rankings. How big of a role does the SAT play today in consumer magazine college ranking systems? Morse and Vedder can address that question, while Brenzel can discuss some of the reasons why critics contend the ranking systems are flawed.

### Wake Forest: A Case Study

- ***Jill Tiefenthaler, Provost, Wake Forest University***

Why was Wake Forest the first top-30 national university to make the SAT optional for applicants? What are the reasons behind the decision to host the conference?

- ***Martha Allman, Director of Admissions, Wake Forest University***

Allman can discuss the admissions process under the new SAT-optional policy. She can talk about the fuller set of criteria Wake Forest used this year to attract creative thinkers, problem-solvers and leaders who may not necessarily be good test takers.

For a full list of conference participants available for interviews, visit:

[http://www.wfu.edu/provost/rethinkingadmissions/conference\\_bios.php](http://www.wfu.edu/provost/rethinkingadmissions/conference_bios.php)