

Lives of Learning: Chang, Lamb, and Winston to Retire

Three distinguished members of the Williams faculty will retire at Commencement: Raymond Chang, the Halford R. Clark Professor of Natural Sciences; Renzie Lamb, assistant professor of physical education, men's head lacrosse coach, and director of intramurals; and Gordon Winston, professor of economics and Orrin Sage Professor of Political Economy.



NICHOLAS WHITMAN

Raymond Chang

Chang views his teaching career at Williams as an improbable journey from Shanghai to Williamstown. Born in Hong Kong, Chang grew up in Shanghai and later moved to Hong Kong during the rise of the Communist Regime. In 1962 he graduated from London University in England with first class honors in chemistry. Continuing his adventure around the globe, Chang went on to earn his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Yale University. After doing post-doctoral research at Washington University in St. Louis and teaching for a year at Hunter College in New York, he was offered a three-year terminal appointment by the chemistry department at Williams in 1968. The rest, as they say, is history.

Chang's research employed the use of electron spin resonance to study reactive chemical species called radicals and the fluorescence of chlorophyll molecules. He has published extensively in these fields and also in the area of chemical education. Chang has written many books on general chemistry, physical chemistry, spectroscopy, industrial chemistry, and the physical sciences. His books have been translated into nine languages and are used by students and researchers all over the world.

Chang has served on several professional committees of the American Chemical Society and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) committee. As a visiting professor, he has taught at Stanford University and he was a visiting scientist at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at U.C. Berkeley and Amherst College.

At Williams, Chang has served as chair of the chemistry department and on many college-wide committees, including Williams in the Eighties Committee and chair of the Commission on Campus Race Relations.

In the early 1970s, before the establishment of the Asian studies department, he taught a popular Winter Study course on the Chinese language and calligraphy for several years. As an outgrowth of the course, Chang and his wife, Margaret, who teaches in the education department at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, co-authored "Speaking Chinese," an easy-to-read account of the cultural aspects of the language. The Changs have also written a novel "In the Eye of the War," based on Raymond's childhood in Shanghai during the Japanese occupation in World War II for young readers and three children's picture books based on Chinese folklore.

Renzie W. Lamb

When Renzie W. Lamb, the college's long-time men's head lacrosse coach, retires this June, his name will remain much in evidence—gracing the new turf field which the athletics department is planning for Weston Field. If construction remains on schedule, the field bearing Lamb's name will be complete by early fall of this year.

Lamb, who came to Williams in 1968, is revered for the pep talks he gave to his teams every year before playing arch rival Amherst. A rendition of his speech was even quoted in an article by The New York Times about the endurance of Williams-Amherst hostility: "If you wish to be happy for an hour, get intoxicated. If you wish to be happy for three days, get married. If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill a pig and eat it. If you wish to be happy forever, beat Amherst." Amen.

After graduating from Hofstra College, Lamb spent four years with the Marines and coached high school lacrosse teams in the New York City area before transitioning to a life in the Berkshires. Called by some the "Renaissance man" of the athletics department, he has served as the college's football scout and has coached football and women's squash, in addition to men's lacrosse.



NICHOLAS WHITMAN

Lacrosse, though, has been his passion. A few years ago he even went so far as to cook up a dry marinade, Renzie's Rub, to sell on behalf of the men's team.

His dedication has not gone unheralded. Two generations of Lamb's former players continue to return to campus for the team's bi-annual alumni game.

Former captain Ian Smith '91 said, "The recent success of Williams lacrosse cannot be measured by winning percentage, though it has been high. The success of the program is found in its timeless nature. Tales pass from one generation of Williams players to the next, and each player is well aware of the heritage."

Gordon C. Winston

Economist Gordon Winston has been at the college four decades, joining the faculty in 1963.

His research has focused on three areas: the economics of higher education (college pricing, structure, and peer effects), economic development, and economic theory (capital theory, timing, and behavioral economics).

He founded the Williams Project on the Economics of Higher Education with fellow economists President Morton Owen Schapiro and Dr. Michael McPherson in 1990. He was named director in 1997, and served until 2001.

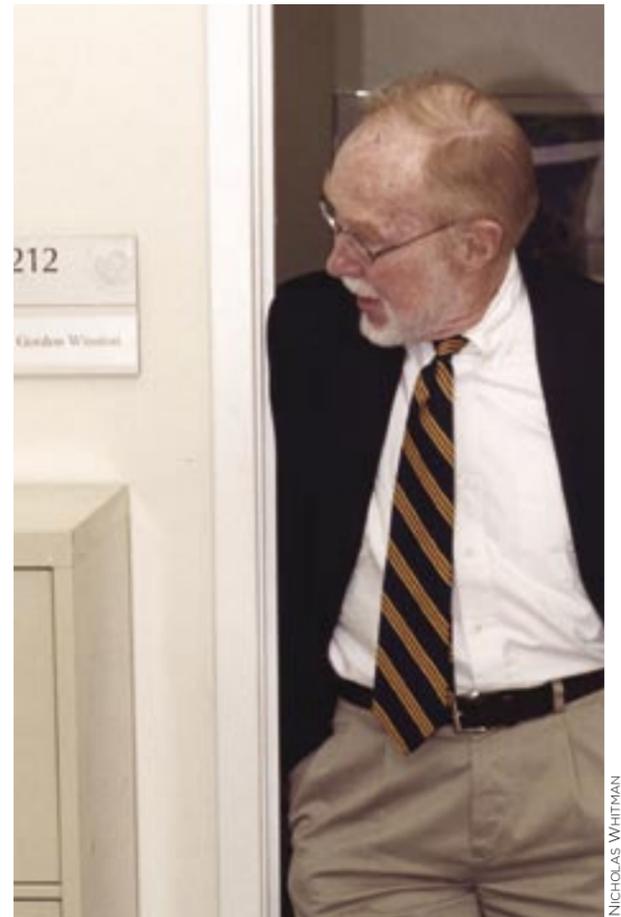
Winston has published more than 70 papers and articles in professional journals including The American Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, The Journal of Law and Economics, and the Journal of Economic Perspectives.

He is also the author, co-author, or editor of "The Timing of Economic Activity," "Paying the Piper" "The Boundaries of Economics," and "An Industrial Capacity and Employment Promotion: Case Studies of Sri Lanka, Nigeria, and Morocco."

He graduated from Whitman College in 1950 with an A.B. in English literature and briefly pursued graduate studies in literature at the University of Washington. After working for the International Paper Company and then the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, he shifted his focus back to academia and to economics, earning his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1964.

In addition to his teaching and research at Williams, Winston has been a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, The Institute for International Economic Study in Stockholm, and a visitor at Yale and at Nuffield College, Oxford.

He was provost of the college from 1988 to 1990. Winston also served the college as a member and then chair of the Committee on Priorities and Resources, and member of the Advisory Group on Admissions and Financial Aid, the Tuition Advisory Group, and the Evaluation Study Committee.



NICHOLAS WHITMAN

ONCAMPUS is a publication of the Williams College Office of Public Affairs, James Kolesar, director. Additional copies are available on a limited basis; call Jo Procter at (413) 597-4279.

Editor: Jo Procter
Editorial assistants: Noelle Lemoine and Nora Burns '04
Layout & design: Heather Clemow
Contributing writers: Liz Costley '81, Carrie Love, Zelda Stern, Lauren Stevens
Student writers and editors: Bob Quay '04, Adam Babson '05, Drew Thompson '05, Alexis Chernak '05, Linh Le '06, Jennifer Linnan '06, Sydney Streets '06, Kim Fassler '06, Ainsley O'Connell '06, Courtney Bears '07, Therese Anne Yu Lim '07.

Williams College News Office, Box 676, Williamstown, MA 01267