

Paul Green Foundation

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100th Anniversary of Pulitzer Prizes

The Paul Green Foundation is participating in the Pulitzer Prize Board's Celebration in 2016 that will commemorate 100 years of the awards. Humanities Councils around the country are working in collaboration with the Pulitzer Prize Board "to highlight the way Pulitzer Prize-winning journalism, literature and drama record, analyze, critique and therefore impact our world."

On April 4, 2016, Green's 1926 *In Abraham's Bosom* will be performed as a staged reading at the Paul Green Theatre at 7 p.m. A panel discussion will follow the reading. Several UNC English faculty will be introducing Green's play in their classes – playwriting and Southern Literature. The Sonja Haynes Stone Center on campus will be partnering with the Foundation as will the UNC Department of Drama.

The play's original Broadway run premiered on December 30, 1926, at the Provincetown Playhouse in New York City. It starred Charles Sidney Gilpin as an African-American farmer from North Carolina whose efforts at self-improvement are thwarted by segregation. The story opens in and near the Turpentine Woods in Eastern North Carolina in the summer of 1885.

Green received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for the work in 1927. The play was included in Burns Mantle's *The Best Plays of 1926-1927*.

Paul and Elizabeth Green Scholarship Fund

Denise Chukhina, a UNC-Chapel Hill student in costume production, received the 2014-2015 award. The Fund was established in 1972 for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of the Greens and is awarded annually to an MFA student.

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New PGF Website

Thanks to Intern Zachary Williams

This semester brought to the Foundation another capable intern from UNC's School of Information Sciences. Zachary Williams' interest was to develop an updated website for the Foundation, so over the semester he worked with his UNC Advisor to turn out a fine product – **check it out!**

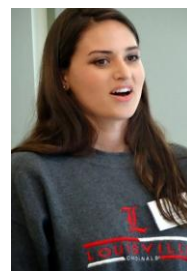
Zach will receive his B.S. in Information Science and a second major in Political Science from UNC in May. He is our first intern to earn credit for his time with the Foundation. We're very grateful for his excellent work. **Thank you, Zach!**

Annual Meeting Highlights

At the lunch, prior to the Annual Meeting, we welcomed three special guests: **Lori O'Keefe**, president and CEO of the Triangle Community Foundation, who reported on TCF's activities. Although it's true that I urged her to say it, Lori said that the PGF is their favorite "Donor Advised Fund."



Bert Wallace, Campbell University Professor of Theatre Arts, gave us an update on his process to adapt Paul Green's novel, *This Body the Earth*, as a stage play – we'll all look forward to the spring 2016 production, in Buies Creek, NC.



This fall a young woman, **Hannah Bowman**, from Bardstown, KY was in touch with the Foundation to tell us of her interest in doing a film about Paul Green's early activism to abolish the death penalty. She travelled to North Carolina and interviewed Paul Green, Jr., Laurence Avery and the PGF Executive Director.

We'll let you know when the film is completed.