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Quick Facts

- Browning has more than 26 years of board experience and has served on the board of directors of 12 publicly traded companies.
- The Whitton Speaker Series offers support and free access to state-of-the-art knowledge relevant to business practice.

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Peter Browning

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – There's an art to board service that consultant **Peter Browning**, founder and managing director of **Peter Browning Partners Board Advisory Services**, has spent his career studying. He will speak on **"Responsibilities and Challenges of Board Service"** at **Winthrop University's 2015 Whitton Speaker Series** March 31 at 9 a.m. in **Whitton Auditorium**.

After an 8 a.m. continental breakfast in **Macfeat House**, **Browning** will share his expertise in **effective board practices, board structure and management**. He is the former CEO of National Gypsum and of Sonoco Products Company. With more than **26 years of board experience**, Browning has served on the board of directors of 12 publicly traded companies, including Acuity Brands; EnPro Industries; Lowes Companies; Nucor Corp; ScanSource Inc.; and Wachovia Corp.

Browning began his career in sales and spent 24 years with the Continental Can Company, serving as president of two different divisions and last serving as executive vice president and operating officer. The Boston native later worked with National Gypsum and Sonoco Products, serving as president and chief executive officer for both companies. Today Browning is lead director of Acuity Brands, and a member of the Board of Directors of EnPro Industries, Inc.; Nucor Corporation; and ScanSource, Inc.

Throughout his career, **Browning** has earned a number of awards, including Outstanding Director of the Year from Board Alert Magazine in 2004; Boston University's Gislason Award for Leadership in Executive Development in 2009; and inclusion in the 2011-12 National Association of Corporate Directors' 100 List, a list of the most influential people in corporate governance in the boardroom.

Browning explained that the role of board members has evolved over the years and now comes with a host of expectations.

"Whether for a public company or a not-for-profit organization, board service is taking more time and carrying more scrutiny with elevated expectations," said Browning. The former dean of the McColl School of Business at Queens University of Charlotte, **Browning** earned an A.B. in history at Colgate University and his M.B.A. at the University of Chicago.

Sponsored by **Elaine Whitton Davis '73** and the **College of Business Administration**, the **Whitton Speaker Series** offers support and free access to current state-of-the-art knowledge relevant to business practice.

Danny Nicholson, vice president for institutional advancement at Winthrop, noted that the Whitton Speaker Series offers a rare and welcome opportunity to gain insight into Browning's experience in board service.

“Few people understand the intricacies of board service the way Peter Browning does,” said Nicholson. “We’re pleased and honored that he’s chosen to share his knowledge with Winthrop as well as the Rock Hill and Charlotte business communities.”

The **2015 Whitton Speaker Series** is free and open to the public. To register for the event, visit <https://browning-at-winthrop.eventbrite.com>. Visit [Browning’s website](#) to learn more about his advisory firm.

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