Happy New Year and welcome back graduate and professional Wahoos! Over the break your Graduate Professional Council (GPC) has been hard at work to revamp the first ever UVA newsletter made by and for graduate and professional students. We hope you enjoy the new layout and find the information helpful. Don’t see something you want? Have information you want shared with your colleagues? Please email all newsletter inquiries to gpc_vicechair@virginia.edu.

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Journal of Emerging Investigators seeking student editors and reviewers

GPC Monthly Poll

GPC’s Monthly Poll is just one of the ways we hope to engage our readers and connect the graduate and professional community at UVA. Results will always be posted in the next month’s newsletter. Responses are completely anonymous but greatly appreciated! Questions, comments, or want to submit a question for the poll, please contact GPC_Chair@virginia.edu.

Click here to fill out the Poll
Events

PhD Plus: Shaping the Future of Graduate Education

This will be held on January 17 starting at 9:00 am. Graduate students are encouraged to attend the afternoon breakout sessions beginning at 1:15pm in Newcomb Hall and the Rotunda where they will have the opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas on various topics related to graduate education. More information and registration can be found here.

Breakout session topics include:

- Bridging the Skills Gap: Dialogue with Employers and Alumni: Newcomb Hall Commonwealth Room
- Do we need a culture shift in graduate education? Newcomb Hall Kaleidoscope Room
- Diversity of People, Diversity of Careers: Newcomb Hall Gallery
- Data use for program improvement: Workshop and Discussion: Rotunda, Multipurpose Room
- A Listening Session on the Science of Mentoring: Contribute to a National Academies Study: Rotunda, Lower West Oval Room

Event speakers and presenters include:

- Tom Katsouleas, Provost, University of Virginia
- Helen Doyle: Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Stanford University
- Julia Kent, Vice President, Best Practices and Strategic Initiatives, Council of Graduate Schools
- Emily Miller, Associate Vice President for Policy, American Association of Universities
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- Jennifer West, Associate Dean for Doctoral Education, Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University

Women in Medical Sciences - January 17

Women in Science Story: A Discussion with Dr. Anna Cliffe
Thursday, Jan 17, 3-4 pm
HSL RM 1336

Anna is an assistant professor in the MIC department. As a junior PI and a mother of 2, Anna will share her story beginning with her career and how she juggles her personal life and children with the demands of science.

Refreshments provided!
~ Hosted by WIMS ~
Questions? Email Doris at dw2vr@virginia.edu

Hamilton’s Leslie Odom Jr. UVA President’s Speaker for the Arts on Jan. 19, 3 p.m., John Paul Jones Arena.
Winter Formal at Rapture - January 19

SAVE THE DATE FOR

Winter Formal

JANUARY 19, 2019 | 7-9PM
RAPTURE
303 E. MAIN ST., CHARLOTTESVILLE

COCKTAIL ATTIRE
FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED
CO-SPONSORED BY GSAS, GESC, AND GBS
In partnership with Net Impact at Darden, join us for a Leadership Speaker Series on Tuesday, 22 January, with Bob Langert, former vice president, corporate social responsibility & sustainability at McDonald’s. Please register here. Bob will speak at 1:30 p.m. in the Abbott Center Auditorium. Lunch will be provided from Roots Natural Kitchen for registered attendees outside the Abbott Center Auditorium at 12:45 p.m. Bob joined the McDonald’s system in 1983, with management positions in logistics, packaging and purchasing and was appointed McDonald’s first VP to lead sustainability in 2006. Bob led the development of McDonald’s 2020 Sustainability Vision and Framework, including McDonald’s commitment to the environment, supply chain sustainability, and balanced menu choices. As part of this work, Bob worked with numerous organizations, including Conservation International, Environmental Defense Fund, Environmental Protection Agency, Greenpeace, PETA and World Wildlife Fund. In his recent book The Battle to Do Good: Inside McDonald’s Sustainability Journey, Bob shares his stories of trying to address some of the most significant societal issues of our times, including obesity, waste and packaging, the protection of the Amazon rainforest, animal well-being and much more. Bob received his BA from Lewis University and his MBA from Northwestern University. In 2007, Bob was named as one of the 100 Most Influential in Business Ethics by Ethisphere. He has also served as a board member of Net Impact, Keep America Beautiful and the National Recycling Coalition.

PhD+ Foundations: Multicultural Fluency event

January 22 at 3:30 pm in the Harrison Institute Auditorium. This interactive workshop focuses on learning about our own experiences of noticing difference, with a focus on race/ethnicity, by defining the intent vs. impact of things we say, defining microaggressions and articulating identifying components of life that is most salient for each of us. This is done via presentation of information, which is then processed in small and large group discussions. Graduate students register here.

First Harmonics Audition
The First Harmonics
Graduate A Cappella Group

UVa’s Only Graduate Science and Engineering A Cappella Group is Auditioning All Parts
7:00 – 10:00 PM
Tuesday January 22nd
Callbacks: Thursday, January 24th (7 PM)

Visit tinyurl.com/FHAuditions to sign up for an audition time
Questions? Contact mkm8k4@virginia.edu

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Informational Sessions
January 23 and 24 at 12:00pm. More information about 3MT can be found here. Note that registration begins February 1, 2019.

National Symposium Series on Democracy: 20th Annual American Democracy Conference "Trump at the Midterm of his Presidency"
Join us for the 20th Annual American Democracy Conference at Alumni Hall. This event is free and open to the public. Registration required on eventbrite

- For more information, contact Glenn Crossman at 434-243-3540 or gac4t@virginia.edu. The schedule is as follows:
- 9:00 am - Keynote speaker: Terry McAuliffe: Former Governor of Virginia
- 10:00 am - Panel discussion: Trump at the Midterm of his Presidency
- 11:30 am - Lunch (provided free of charge)
- 12:30 am - Keynote speaker: Karl Rove: Former Deputy Chief of Staff to President Bush

Information session on Praxis Fellowship
Will be held on January 29 at 3:30pm. Brandon Walsh, PhD, Head of Graduate Programs at Scholars’ Lab, UVa Library will give an overview of the Praxis Program in Digital Humanities and answer questions about applying to the 2019-2020 cohort. To attend this session, register here. More information about the Praxis Fellowship can be found here.

Announcements
2019-2020 Student Member of the Board of Visitors
Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 Student Member of the Board of Visitors. The Board of Visitors has maintained a position for the Student Member since 1983. Although the Student Member does not have a vote on the Board, full members consider his or her voice equally among the opinions of others. Consequently, the Student Member must actively assess, predict, and communicate the general student reaction to the Board's decisions. More than anything else, the Student Member serves as a soundboard for the Board of Visitors with regard to issues that affect students at the University.

The term of the Student Member is one year, beginning June 1. Candidates must be full time students (undergraduate or graduate) whose completion of degree requirements is at least one year beyond the date of appointment to the Board of Visitors. For more information and the online application, please visit the website. Applications are due Wednesday, February 6 at 11:59 p.m.

National Association of Graduate-Professional Students

The board members of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) Southeast Region (of which UVA is a part) were elected recently. Results are listed below. UVA plans to attend the Southeast Regional Conference coming up this spring.

- Regional Chair: Judith Rivera (North Carolina State University)
- Regional Vice Chair: Darren Pikul (Florida Atlantic University)
- Director of Communications: Robert Lyons (American University)
- Director of Legislative Affairs: Veronica Charles (American University)
- International Students Concern Chair: Mahbubul Hasan (The University of Memphis)

Graduate Legislative Affairs Committee (GLAC) Update:
Graduate Legislative Affairs Committee (GLAC) Update: Stay up to date on the latest news and happenings in Washington, DC with the latest version of Legislative Letters. Brought to you on behalf of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students.

The Compassionate Care Initiative at the UVA School of Nursing is recruiting physicians, RNs, and NPs for a research study

ARE YOU A PHYSICIAN, REGISTERED NURSE, OR A NURSE PRACTITIONER?

The Compassionate Care Initiative at the UVA School of Nursing is recruiting for a research study.

The purpose of the research study is to examine the effects of two mindfulness-related practices on healthcare providers’ physiological and psychological responses while participating in a high-fidelity simulation scenario. The study involves one visit to the simulation lab at the UVA School of Nursing, completing several surveys before and after participating in a medical simulation. Some participants will be randomly selected to learn a brief mindfulness-related practice.

Compensation for study completion is $100. In addition, parking will be offered on the day of your visit.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:
Dr. Ebru Cayir at ec2wm@virginia.edu or 803.422.0783
Dr. Tim Cunningham at tbc9b@virginia.edu or 434.924.0103

The Compassionate Care Initiative at the UVA School of Nursing is interested to learn your opinion: How do you define compassion?
HOW DO YOU DEFINE COMPASSION?

The Compassionate Care Initiative at the UVA School of Nursing is interested to learn your opinion.

If you are a health professional (physician, nurse, pharmacist, social worker, patient care technician, chaplain, health administrator, environmental service support) working at the UVA Health System, we’d like to hear your opinions. If you are interested, we’ll invite you to participate in a group discussion that will take no longer than 2 hours of your time. You will be given a $25 gift card as a token of thanks for your participation. In addition, parking will be offered on the day of your visit.

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2019 Freezer Challenge

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Discard old samples, perform routine freezer maintenance, and consolidate cold storage space to WIN PRIZES!

Visit UVA Green Labs at sustainability.virginia.edu to register for the International Lab Freezer Challenge by Friday, February 1, 2019

Huskey Exhibition - Save the Date

Save the date! The Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition will be held:

Tuesday March 26, 2019

A call for abstracts will be announced in January. Graduate students in all departments are encouraged to apply!

Volunteering Opportunities

Journal of Emerging Investigators
Looking for a way to give back through science education, all while furthering your professional development as a scientist? The Journal of Emerging Investigators is an open-access science journal publishing research by middle and high school scientists. JEI was established by graduate students at Harvard University to reinvest in the next generation of researchers, both teaching skills in professional academic writing and lowering barriers to publication of student research. Since then, JEI has spread to over 30 research universities worldwide, with a volunteer staff of 180 PhD candidates and serving between 300-500 secondary students each year. For more information on how to get involved, look [here](#).

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