

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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**October 12, 2020**

## Special Announcement

In order to reduce the risk of exceeding the max capacity, the Office has created an email for you to send print requests. [Click here to get more details about printing.](#)

Also, to maintain social distancing and safety guidelines while still supporting you, OAAA will only be able to host a very limited number of persons by appointment only. Students will be able to reserve study space for 60 minutes each day. [Click here to get more details and to make a reservation for study space.](#)

Since we are all returning to Grounds, you may call our main number (434-924-7923), If you cannot reach us via phone please contact Mr. Smith ([jcs9cz@virginia.edu](mailto:jcs9cz@virginia.edu)) or Ms. Comfort ([alc9r@virginia.edu](mailto:alc9r@virginia.edu)) to assist you.

Let us continue to work together, staying focused and hopeful along the way and in ways that would enable us to do our best work in the midst of crises. We look forward to working with you this semester.

Sincerely,

The Office of African-American Affairs

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## UVA COVID-19 PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE PLAN

The University is closely monitoring key metrics and has developed a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) that will be shared and will track key metrics like the rate of infections and our operational readiness to respond to the virus. We stand ready to alter our operations and plans based on these metrics. We are grateful to all members of our community for their diligence in following the guidelines outlined below. A printable copy of the [UVA COVID-19 Prevention, Detection, and Response Plan](#) is available.

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## Plan Your Vote!

Mark your calendars. Everything you need to know about mail-in and early in-person voting, including the first day you can cast your ballot in the 2020 election. [Click here.](#)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FALL 2020

Tuesday, October 13

## Last Day to Drop a Class

Tuesday, October 20

Last Day to Withdraw from a Class (via SIS)

Will remain in session

No Fall Break

Family Weekend will be cancelled for 2020

Monday, November 4 - Friday, December 13

Apply for May 2021 Graduation

Friday, November 13

Last Day to Withdraw from the University and Return for Spring 2021

Tuesday, November 24

Courses end

*(No in-person instruction or assessments after November 24)*

Wednesday, December 2 - Friday, December 11

Examinations (administered on-line only)

Monday, December 14

Undergraduate Enrollment for Spring 2021

To Be Determined

Fall degrees conferred

## OAAA Announcements & Services

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### OAAA Announcements & Services – Fall 2020

#### OAAA Virtual Office Hours

Monday with Dean Bassett

9:00 am – 10:30 am

[Zoom Meeting](#) - Passcode: 104941

Tuesday with Dean Bassett

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

[Zoom Meeting](#) - Passcode: 864290

Wednesday with Dean Thomas

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

[Zoom Meeting](#) - Passcode: 692599

Thursday with Dean Mason

11:30 – 1:00 pm

[Zoom Meeting](#) - Passcode: 605279

Friday with Mason/Thomas (*Alternating*)

9:30 am – 11:00 am

[Zoom Meeting](#) - Passcode: 474974

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OAAA Tutoring for Fall 2020 –

OAAA Organic Chemistry Tutoring with Sarah Weisflog  
Every Monday - 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – [Zoom Room](#)

OAAA Chemistry Tutoring with Yvette Gamor  
Every Tuesday – 5:00 pm–7:00 pm – [Zoom Room](#)

OAAA Biology Tutoring with Jermaine Austin  
Every Thursday – 3:00 pm–5:00 pm – [Zoom Room](#)

OAAA Calculus I and Statistics Tutoring with Travis Elliott  
Every Monday - 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm – [Zoom Room](#)  
Every Thursday - 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm – [Zoom Room](#)

Contact: [Dean Thomas](#) for more information

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Contact: [Dean Mason](#) for more information on:

- Black College Women (BCW) Book Club
- Black Male Initiative (BMI)
- Black President’s Council (BPC)
- Black College Women (BCW) - In the Company of my Sister

## Quote of the Week

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*“You don't have the right to hold somebody accountable for standards you refuse to apply to yourself.”* Steven A. Smith

## Student Spotlight



**Dionne Regis** is a Fourth-Year in the College of Arts and Sciences from Brooklyn, NY. She is double majoring in French and African-American and African Studies. She is a Peer Advisor for the Office-American Affairs, and currently on the Executive board for Selections Committee. Her current and past involvements at UVA and the Charlottesville community have been with the following organizations: Student Organization for Caribbean Awareness (SOCA), and serving as mentor for girls of color at Charlottesville High School with My Sister's Keeper. Dionne has a strong passion for mental health and counseling and is planning to pursue a masters in counseling following graduation

## Quote's Corner



**Stephen Anthony Smith** (born October 14, 1967) in the Bronx borough of New York City is an American sports television personality, sports radio host, and sports journalist. Smith is the fifth of six children. Smith's parents were originally from Saint Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. After attending the Fashion Institute of Technology for one year, Smith received a basketball scholarship to attend Winston-Salem State University. In college, he played basketball under Hall of Fame coach Clarence Gaines. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Smith is a commentator on ESPN's First Take, where he appears with Max Kellerman and Molly Qerim. He also makes frequent appearances as an NBA analyst on SportsCenter. Smith also is an NBA analyst for ESPN on NBA Countdown and NBA broadcasts on ESPN. He also hosts The Stephen A. Smith Show on ESPN Radio. Smith is a featured columnist for ESPN.com, ESPN.com, and The Philadelphia Inquirer. In 2020, Smith served as a commentator for the after-party coverage of the 92nd Academy Awards on ABC.

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming UVA Virtual Events, Learning & Services

#### [\\*ONLINE\\* Critical Language Scholarship Information Session](#)

**Monday, October 12- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm – Zoom**

The Critical Language Scholarship is a fully-funded, in-country intensive language and cultural immersion program. It is part of an effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages such as Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. Come learn more. [Register here](#)

#### [\\*ONLINE\\* Beinecke Scholarship Information Session](#)

**Monday, October 19 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm - Zoom**

The Beinecke Scholarship provides funding for master's and doctoral degrees in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, neuroscience excluded. Come even if you are not sure about graduate school at this time. Apply as a third year. [Register here](#)

#### [\\*ONLINE\\* Intro to Office and Q&A](#)

**26 October - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm - Zoom**

Haven't heard of the Office of Citizen Scholar Development? Don't know what fellowships are? Come listen to a brief introduction of the office followed by a time for Q&A. This session is helpful for students and alumni who have yet to interact with the Office of Citizen Scholar Development. [Register here](#)

#### [\\*ONLINE\\* Yenching Academy Information Session](#)

**Monday, November 2 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm - Zoom**

The Yenching Academy of Peking University is a fully-funded residential program offering an array of interdisciplinary courses as part of a one-year master's program in China Studies. Students from all fields are encouraged to apply and take advantage of one of six academic concentrations. [Register here](#):

**[\\*ONLINE\\* Boren Awards Information Session](#)**

**Monday, November 9 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm - Zoom**

Interested in studying abroad? Learning a language crucial to US national security? Come learn about the Boren Awards, which fund the study of less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Come learn about the opportunity and the internal process for applying. [Register here](#)

**[\\*ONLINE\\* Davis Projects for Peace Information Session](#)**

**Monday, November 16 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm - Zoom**

The purpose of the Davis Projects for Peace is to spark initiatives for building prospects for peace in the world. Each year, the University of Virginia nominates one project and an alternate for the \$10,000 prizes to actually complete the project. Come explore how your vision for peace could be funded by Davis. [Register here](#):

**The Office of Citizen Scholar Development**

**[\\*ONLINE\\* Intro to Office and Q&A](#)**

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**[\\*ONLINE\\* UK Fellows Information Session](#)**

**Monday, November 30 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm - Zoom**

The United Kingdom Fellows Program allows graduating University of Virginia students the opportunity to teach and live abroad in a boarding school in the UK for the year following graduation. Come learn about the different schools with which we have a relationship and how to apply. Students in all fields welcome! [Register here](#)

**Around the Charlottesville Area Community**

**Charlottesville Community Cares – Emergency Funding for Households**

**Apply Mondays thru Fridays between 9:00 am-5:00 pm by calling (434) 234-4490**

If you are having economic hardship due to the COVID-19 virus, and live in the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, or Orange Counties, call today. Multiple languages are available. Thanks to the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, Cville Community Cares, United Way of Greater Charlottesville, City of Charlottesville, and the County of Albemarle for sponsoring this effort to support our community!

**Filing for Unemployment [Video] – Virginia Employment Commission**

[Visit](#) for help to file in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**“In My Humble Opinion”– 101.3 Jamz -- Charlottesville’s Own Talk/Radio**

**Every Sunday 12 noon – 3:00 pm**

Hosted by Charles Lewis, Max, and Razor, along with special guests. Listen online at 101jamz.com, or download the free TuneIn app for iPhone and Android to get the latest local news in Charlottesville’s Black community.

## Opportunities with Deadlines

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**The Rangel Graduate Fellowship**

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 14**

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship is a premier U.S. Department of State program created to attract diverse talent to its Foreign Service. The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women, and those with financial need. The fellowship seeks individuals committed to promoting positive change in the world as U.S. diplomats for the Foreign Service. Selected fellows will receive support for graduate school, internships, and professional development. The fellowship provides a pathway to a uniquely rewarding career as a Foreign Service Officer representing the United States of America. Applicants must be college seniors or graduates, can come from any academic discipline and must be seeking entry into graduate school in fall 2021. Eligibility Requirements: U.S. citizenship, seeking admission to graduate school in fall 2021 for a two-year program in an area of relevance to the Foreign Service at a U.S.-based institution, cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. For tips to submit a competitive application: [Applications Tips](#). Review [the FAQs page](#) for details about grad school, the application and more.

**Visit:** [www.rangelprogram.org](http://www.rangelprogram.org). **Program Contact:** [rangelprogram@howard.edu](mailto:rangelprogram@howard.edu)

## This Week in Black History



**Did you know that?** Most people think of Rosa Parks as the first person to refuse to give up their seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. There were actually several women who came before her; one of whom was [Claudette Colvin](#). It was March 2, 1955, when the fifteen-year-old schoolgirl refused to move to the back of the bus, nine months *before* Rosa Parks' stand that launched the Montgomery bus boycott. Claudette had been studying Black leaders like Harriet Tubman in her segregated school, those conversations had led to discussions around the current day Jim Crow laws they were all experiencing. When the bus driver ordered Claudette to get up, she refused, "It felt like Sojourner Truth was on one side pushing me down, and Harriet Tubman was on the other side of me pushing me down. I couldn't get up." Claudette Colvin's stand didn't stop there. Arrested and thrown in jail, she was one of four women who challenged the segregation law in court. If *Browder v. Gayle* became the court case that successfully overturned bus segregation laws in both Montgomery and Alabama, why has Claudette's story been largely forgotten? For many years, Montgomery's black leaders did not publicize Colvin's pioneering effort. She was an unmarried teenager at the time, and was reportedly impregnated by a married man. Colvin has said, "Young people think Rosa Parks just sat down on a bus and ended segregation, but that wasn't the case at all. It is widely accepted that Colvin was not accredited by the civil rights campaigners at the time due to her pregnancy shortly after the incident, with even Rosa Parks saying "If the white press got ahold of that information, they would have [had] a field day. They'd call her a bad girl, and her case wouldn't have a chance." At the time, the NAACP and other Black organizations felt Rosa Parks made a better icon for the movement than a teenager. As an adult with the right look, Rosa Parks was also the secretary of the NAACP, and was both well-known and respected – people would associate her with the middle class and that would attract support for the cause. But the struggle to end segregation was often fought by young people, more than half of which were women.