Special Announcement

Retirement Announcement

To the UVA Community:

After a long, distinguished career with the University, Dean Maurice Apprey has announced he will retire June 30, 2022. Maurice has served the University as both a faculty member and administrator since 1980. He has been a member of our division since 2006.

As Dean of African American Affairs and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Maurice has led a team whose support of Black students has concentrated on academic achievement, leadership education, and the mastery of skills and competencies to negotiate personal, professional, and ethnic identity. Maurice’s primary strategic focus has been to align high graduation rates with correspondingly high graduating grade point averages for undergraduate Black students. As a result, these students have gone on to succeed in graduate and professional study and in competitive workplaces. Several key initiatives have supported this strategy, including the well-known, longstanding Peer Advisor Program; the GradStar Program; and the Luther P. Jackson Cultural Center, which houses the Black Male Initiative, Black College Women, and Project RISE.

Maurice began his career with UVA’s School of Medicine where he was involved in the successful recruitment and retention of minority students. In addition to teaching undergraduates, he is a tenured full professor of psychiatric medicine in the School of Medicine. He has taught psychoanalytic thought to medical students and residents at UVA for more than 40 years, and he also has taught UVA Hospital chaplains. Both in the U.S. and abroad, his extensive teaching career has included psychoanalytic candidates and other professionals.

A training and supervising psychoanalyst of the International Psychoanalytic Association, he is one of a handful of students of child psychoanalysis trained in London by Anna Freud at the Hampstead Clinic, now known as the Anna Freud Centre, London, where he graduated in 1979. He went on to receive his adult training in psychoanalysis at the New York Freudian Society where he is now a training and supervising analyst. He was a student of American psychologist Amedeo Giorgi at the Saybrook Institute in San Francisco where he received a Ph.D. in human science research. He received his second doctorate in management, now a doctorate in business administration, at the Weatherhead School of Management.
Maurice has published extensively in three interrelated areas: conflict resolution and social change management; modern French reception of German phenomenology; and child, adolescent, and adult psychoanalysis. He recently co-edited *Key to the Door* (UVA Press), a book chronicling the experiences of UVA’s earliest African American graduates.

Countless students have benefited from Maurice’s support and guidance over the years. A fourth-year student wrote him earlier this semester, saying: “I remember listening to you at either the OAAA Welcoming Reception or Harambee as a wide-eyed first year and realizing that anything is possible. Every day, I’m thankful for that, and I look forward to imparting similar lessons to the next generation of Black students . . .”

We will officially celebrate Maurice’s long service and many contributions at an event in June. In the meantime, please join me in congratulating him on his upcoming retirement milestone.

Regards,

Robyn S. Hadley
Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

OAAA Trivia Tuesday will return next week. Be sure to stay on the lookout!
OAAA Announcements & Services

2022-2023 Peer Advisor Application is now available

Application Deadline: Friday, January 28, 2022 at 11:59 pm

[Link to application]

Apply Now to be a 2022-2023 Peer Advisor! Late applications will not be accepted. We look forward to reading your applications! What Is the Peer Advisor Program? Nationally recognized for "exemplary practice in achieving campus diversity," the Peer Advisor Program was established by the University of Virginia's Office of African-American Affairs in 1984. It assists Black first-year and entering transfer students with their college transition by providing personalized, sensitive support and counseling. In addition, the program offers a wide range of activities from orientation to workshops and seminars to academic recognitions. What is a Peer Advisor? Peer Advisors are a select group of University of Virginia second-, third-, and fourth-year students chosen to serve as mentors and advisors to the entering class of first-year and transfer students throughout their first year at the University. All Peer Advisors undergo an extensive training to ensure they are prepared to assist entering students with common issues faced by new students to the University. [To learn more]

OAAA Tutoring for Spring 2022 – (will resume the first week of February 2022)

Contact: [Dean Thomas] for more information

- OAAA tutors meeting dates & times via In-Person & Zoom
- OAAA Calculus & Statistics Tutoring with Travis Elliott
- OAAA Chemistry Tutoring with Yvette Gamor
- OAAA Biology & Chemistry Tutoring with Kamryn Crowder
- OAAA Organic Chemistry Tutoring with Heran Tadesse

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

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

Student Spotlight

Faculty Spotlight:

Associate Dean Kelly

Kelsie D. Kelly is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Science (PHS) in the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She joins OAAA as an Associate Dean for First year and transfer students and Director of the Peer Advisors program. Her philosophy is to educate, empower and advocate to improve the quality of lives and experiences of all she interacts with. She looks forward to taking on this new role and maintaining her teaching efforts in the Masters of Public Health program.

Her research and community initiatives aim to improve health disparities in African American communities, the Caribbean and raise youth awareness of public health issues through health education, advocacy and empowerment. As a public health professional, she has worked both locally and globally to improve population health outcomes using mixed methods. Her work examines paternal involvement on healthy birth outcomes, Type 2 diabetes in minority communities, transnational and immigrant health outcomes and health disparities. Her most recent research entitled the UNIITE Project, Understanding the narrative of invisible individuals after traumatic events examining the direct and vicarious impact of the August 12th events in Charlottesville on public housing residents in Richmond and Charlottesville Virginia. This research was awarded a NIH grant through the NIHBI in partnership with the University of Miami PRIDE program.

As a junior faculty member she has mentored and advised student in the Masters of Public Health Program, the Minority Health International Research Training program and undergraduate student volunteers assisting in the Community Health Leaders after-school program with 5th - 8th graders. This program aimed at teaching the next generation about public health issues and becoming change agents and advocates for their communities through education and interactive activities.

Dr. Kelly completed her PhD at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2016. Her training is in health behavior and health education with an emphasis on community health. Her undergraduate work was completed at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA followed by her MPH at UVA. She has maintained an active role in supervising and mentoring students from the time she began her college studies until she completed her time at the University of Illinois. While at U of I, she was the Lead Health Educator at the University’s Health center overseeing all health programs, community collaborations and summer orientation programs for students in the College of Allied Health Sciences. She brings these experiences as well as her qualitative research skills to the Office of African American Affairs.

Dr. Kelly is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin with deep southern roots. She enjoys traveling, challenging herself physically and mentally, staying spiritually grounded and is an avid sports fan.

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You can nominate someone (not yourself) to be in the Spotlight. Send your
nominations to Dean Antoinette Thomas (art8u@virginia.edu) every Thursday by 12 noon.

Quote's Corner

On April 4, 1968, an assassin’s bullet killed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — at the time, perhaps the country’s most passionate advocate of nonviolent protest in support of civil rights. When Dr. King was struck, he had been standing on the second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel, now part of the National Civil Rights Museum, in Memphis, Tennessee, whereafter he was rushed to a nearby hospital and pronounced dead. He was only 39 years old. King’s leadership played a pivotal role in ending entrenched segregation for African Americans and to the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, considered a crowning achievement of the civil rights era. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the entire nation pauses in remembrance of a civil rights hero, designed to honor the activist and minister whose accomplishments have continued to inspire generations of Americans. King was the first modern private citizen to be honored with a federal holiday, and for many familiar with his non-violent leadership of the civil rights movement, it made sense to celebrate him. Legislation making Martin Luther King, Jr., Day a federal holiday was passed in 1983, and the first nationwide observance took place in 1986. Legislation for the holiday had been introduced in Congress in 1968 but initially received enough opposition to block its passage, though states and cities began honoring King’s birthday, January 15, as early as 1970.

Upcoming Events

Peace Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday, January 20th 2022 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, join us at this story slam event featuring returned Volunteers who identify as Black Americans. Hear stories that highlight the challenging, rewarding, and inspirational moments from Peace Corps service. For more information: https://virginia.joinhandshake.com/edu/events/932088  Contact: Aaron Meadows peacecorps@virginia.edu

Values & Your PhD/Postdoctoral Journey
Mon., Jan 24 2022 - 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

For those of you who are beginning your PhD programs or Postdoctoral training at UVA, it may be easy to feel the weight of your checklists, your to-dos, your calendars. But it is also critical for us to pause and reflect on what is explicitly and implicitly driving our decisions. In this session, we will discuss the definitions of values, take a values assessment, and brainstorm ways that allow us to live our lives more intentionally based on our values. All UVA PhD students and postdocs are welcome to attend this workshop. URL for more information: https://csc.virginia.edu/event/values-your-phdpostdoctoral-journey-spring-2022  Kimberly Vo csc@virginia.edu

Contemplative Inquiry, Pedagogy and Practice
January 31, 2022, 3:30-5:00pm

Navigating the various roles and responsibilities of a graduate program can be disorienting and stressful. As a result, graduate students may find themselves unthinkingly adapting to social norms, doubting their own capacities, or losing the sense of joy that comes from good work. In this interactive 90-minute workshop, we will learn how contemplative approaches to research, teaching, and daily life can enhance our well-being as scientists, scholars, teachers, and students. All UVA PhD students and postdocs are welcome to attend this workshop. For more information: https://csc.virginia.edu/event/contemplative-inquiry-pedagogy-and-practice-spring-2022  Kimberly Vo csc@virginia.edu

Opportunities with Deadlines

Associate Community Organizer
Positions begins: Monday, January 10, Monday, May 9, and Monday, August 8, 2022

Starting salary $40,500/year + benefits. Positions open in: Florida: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Manatee County, Miami, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa; Kansas: Lawrence, Wyandotte County, Johnson County; Kentucky: Lexington; South Carolina: Charleston, Columbia; Virginia: Charlottesville, Richmond; Lead Community Organizer / Executive Director positions begin Fall 2021 in: Florida: Brevard County, Sarasota; Kansas: Wyandotte County. DART organizations are diverse coalitions that include communities of color, low-to-moderate-income communities and immigrant communities. We strongly encourage people from these backgrounds, as well as fluent Spanish speakers and DACA recipients, to apply. To apply or learn more about DART, visit or find us on Instagram and Facebook @theDARTcenter. Still have questions? Contact Moe or (602) 510-4658.

Ridley Scholarship Fund Awards Available to Non-Ridley Students Available
Ridley scholarships that extend beyond current scholars: https://aig.alumni.virginia.edu/ridley/about/ridley-scholarships/

This Week in Black History
Did you know? **Fashion journalist André Leon Talley dies at 73.** André Leon Talley (October 16, 1948 – January 18, 2022) was an American fashion journalist, stylist, creative director, author, and editor-at-large of Vogue magazine. He was the magazine’s fashion news director from 1983 to 1987, its first African-American male creative director from 1988 to 1995, and then its editor-at-large from 1998 to 2013. Often regarded as a fashion icon, he was known for advocating for diversity in the fashion industry. Talley also served on the judging panel for America’s Next Top Model (from Cycle 14 to Cycle 17). Talley authored three books, including the memoir *The Chiffon Trenches*, which landed on The New York Times Best Seller list; and co-authored a book with Richard Bernstein. Talley was the editor-at-large of Numéro Russia in 2013, before resigning due to Anti-LGBT laws in Russia. He additionally worked stints with Andy Warhol at Interview Magazine, Women’s Wear Daily, W and The New York Times; and once served as a stylist for former United States President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama. In 2021, France awarded him the Chevalier de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres honor for arts and letters. He was heavily featured in the documentaries *The First Monday in May* and *The September Issue*, and was the subject of the documentary, *The Gospel According to André* directed by Kate Novack. In 2007, Talley was ranked 45th in *Out* magazine’s "50 Most Powerful Gay Men and Women in America”. Talley lived in White Plains, New York, and attended the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.
Did you know? The beachfront land — known as Bruce’s Beach in Manhattan Beach, Calif. is being returned to the descendants of Charles and Willa Bruce 97 years after it was taken from them. Willa and Charles Bruce bought a property in the strand area for $1,225 that was set aside from Henry Willard in 1912, and added on three lots. They established a resort and named it for Mrs. Bruce. The development included a bathhouse and dining house for Blacks, whose access to public beaches was highly restricted. Aside from the Blacks-only beach resort, Manhattan Beach was a white community and Blacks only had limited access to beaches. As Los Angeles's population increased and property values soared in the 1920s, Black people in the area suffered from increased racial tension, before eminent domain proceedings started by the city forced the club to close down. Under the pretense of building a city park, the city of Manhattan Beach took control of the land from the Bruce family, and the buildings were razed in 1927. In the 1950s, city officials began to worry that family members might sue to regain their land unless it was used for the purpose for which it had been originally taken. 

On September 30th, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill SB796 into law, allowing the descendants of Charles and Willa Bruce to have their land returned to them from Los Angeles County. In 2006, the Manhattan Beach City Council decided to rename the park. The city acknowledged its history of racial discrimination and in March 2007 the beach was ceremoniously renamed Bruce’s Beach. On April 20, 2021, LA County Supervisors voted unanimously to approve returning the county land where the LifeGuard Station was located to the family’s descendants. The property to be returned was estimated to be worth $75 million at the time. On June 2, 2021, the California State Senate approved a bill to return the property to descendants of the Bruce’s. Due to a series of land transfers, a restriction required Los Angeles County to use Bruce's Beach for public recreation and prevented the county from transferring or selling the property. Legislative approval by the state to eliminate that restriction passed on September 9, 2021, and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 30, 2021.