

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

September 5, 2017

Special Announcement

The Office of African-American Affairs is on [FACEBOOK!](#)

LIKE US to keep up-to-date with events and more info about OAAA!

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 4 – Classes are in session

Tuesday, September 5 – Last day to ADD a course in the following schools: Architecture, Arts & Sciences, BIS, McIntire/Commerce, Curry/Education, Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy & Nursing – [For more information](#)

Wednesday, September 6 – Last day to DROP a course without Penalty (course removed from transcript) in the following schools: Architecture, Arts & Sciences, BIS, McIntire/Commerce, Curry/Education, Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy & Nursing – [For more information](#) visit

Monday, September 18 – Deadline when students must enroll in or waive their right to individual health insurance coverage - [For information visit](#)

Friday, September 22 – Deadline when students can appeal the decision if a health insurance waiver is denied. [For information visit](#)

Saturday, September 30 through Tuesday, October 3 – Reading Days (no classes)

Thursday, October 5 - Saturday, October 7 -- [Cornerstone Bicentennial Weekend](#)

OAAA Announcements & Services

Coming soon: GradSTAR on-line applications for the 2017-2018 Faculty-Student Mentoring Program & Fall Personal Branding Seminar Series!

Black Friday - FRIDAYS 1:30 pm

LPJ Cultural Center #2 Dawson's Row

Come join us for food & fellowship!

"Raising-the-Bar 4.0" Study & Tutoring Sessions- Fall Semester

Monday through Thursdays (**Starting Tuesday, September 5 – Ice Cream Social!**)

5:00– 8:00 pm LPJ Black Cultural Center (study with OAAA Peer Advisors)

WEB DuBois Conference Room (small group tutoring):

Monday–TBA; Tuesday–Calculus (OAAA grad tutor); Wednesday–TBA; Thursday – Calculus & Quiet Study

For details, see Raising-the-Bar Coordinator: Destini Walker (dw2uy@virginia.edu)

RTB 4.0 – It's Not Just for First Years' Anymore!

OAAA Calculus Tutoring

Tuesdays 4:00–7:00 pm & Thursdays 4:00–6:00 pm - WEB DuBois Conference Room & and by appointment: email: ste3an@virginia.edu

Statistics 2120 Support @ McIntire – Stay tuned for more information!

Quote of the Week

“There will always be men struggling to change, and there will always be those who are controlled by the past.” Ernest J. Gaines (1933-) interview with John O'Brien in African American Writers (1991)

Student Spotlight



Cameron Stokes is a third year student in the Curry School of Education from Portsmouth, VA, who is double majoring in Youth & Social Innovation and Psychology. He brings a positive energy and enthusiasm to all of his UVA activities. This Portsmouth, VA native is a 2017 fellow in the Meriwether Lewis Institute for Citizen Leadership and is the current Orientation and Bonding co-chair for the OAAA Peer Advisor Program. Cameron is also a member of the Iota Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., a Big Brother in the Mens Leadership Program and active with the Black Student Alliance. After graduation, Cameron hopes to pursue a career in counseling or educational policy reform.

You can nominate an exceptional student (not yourself) to be featured in the Spotlight on Student Achievements. Please send your nominations to:

Dean Patrice Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu) every Thursday by 12 noon.

Quote's Corner



[Ernest James Gaines](#), born January 15, 1933, is an African-American author best known for his works, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, and *A Lesson Before Dying*. His novels have received numerous awards. Born in poverty to a Louisiana sharecropping family, he earned a degree in literature from San Francisco State University. After spending two years in the Army, he won a writing fellowship to Stanford University. From 1981 until retiring in 2004, Gaines was a Writer-in-Residence at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The Ernest J. Gaines Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was established as an international center for scholarship. Gaines was inducted into the French Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Order of Arts and Letters) as a Chevalier. In 2013 he returned to his Louisiana roots to build a home on part of the old

plantation where he was raised.

Upcoming Events

Info Session: Commerce 2018 January Term

Tuesday, September 5 & Wednesday, September 6 - 5:00 pm - Rouss-Robertson Hall 225

Attend an info session to learn more about the 2018 January Term programs offered by the McIntire School of Commerce.

Fall Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, September 6 - 11:00 am–3:00 pm - Newcomb Ballroom

Learn about the many study abroad opportunities available to UVA students. Meet UVA program faculty directors, representatives from approved outside programs and students who have had study abroad experiences. Be a part of the tradition!

Jefferson Trust Grants Information Session

Wednesday, September 6- 4:00-5:00 pm – Alumni Hall, 211 Emmet Street

Have a great idea? The 2017 Jefferson Trust application is available on the website – deadline for grant applications is September 30th. Visit www.jeffersontrust.org for more information.

2017 CGH Scholar Welcome Back Party

Thursday, September 7 - 6:00-8:00 pm - Pavilion VII

Join faculty, staff and all 2016 Center for Global Health (CGH) Scholars to celebrate the new research season and academic year!

Dr. Cornell West – Keynote Address (Ticketed Event)

Friday, September 8 – 6:00 pm – Old Cabell Hall

Internationally known Cornell West is Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy at Harvard University and holds the title of Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He has written 20 books and has edited 13 others, including *Race Matters*, *Democracy Matters*, and his memoir, *Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud*. The event will also feature a performance by pianist Dana Kristina-Joi Morgan. While open to the public, this event is ticketed and all tickets have been claimed. More information can be found on Excellence through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series [website](#) or on [Facebook](#)

National Scholarships & Fellowships Series

Monday, September 11 – 4:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room

Meet Luce Scholars' Program Director Ling Li and learn about opportunities to study abroad in 2018. This award is for those who *do not* have extensive experience in Asia and is ideally suited for those students who wish to pivot their careers toward Asia. The Luce Scholars Program provides stipends, language training, and an individualized professional placement in Asia for 15-18 scholars. Students and alumni under 30 in any field are welcome to apply! The UVa internal deadline is October 10th, 2017.

Charlottesville – Albemarle NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, September 11- 7:00 pm - Jefferson School City Center, 233 4th Street NW

Meet in the Mary Williams Center on the first floor adjacent to the Vinegar Hill Café. Free parking is available on site. The community is welcome to attend!

2017 Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce Business Diversity Luncheon

Tuesday, September 19 11:00 am-1:30 pm - Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

Keynote Speaker: Michel Zajur, President/CEO & Founder, Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact [Andrea D. Copeland-Whitsett](#). To register for the luncheon, [visit](#).

NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

Friday, September 29 – 7:00 pm - Charlottesville Doubletree Hotel, 990 Hilton Heights Road 22901

This annual fundraiser event of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will feature live musical entertainment, a keynote speaker, a silent auction and dinner. Recipients of the Virginia Banks Carrington Award and local scholarship winners will also be featured. [For more information](#).

Opportunities with Deadlines

Sign Up for Dialogue on Race Saturday Study Circles

Sign up Deadline: September 30, 1:00 – 4:00 pm – Jefferson School Heritage Center

Be a part of a community initiative to translate dialogue into action. The Study Circles will meet once a month for 3 hours from September through November; reading materials will accompany the curriculum. To sign up, go to the [Facebook event](#) page and please fill out the application, which can be dropped off/mailed to the Office of Human Rights 106 5TH St. NE OR email the application to dialogue@charlottesville.org To learn more about the Dialogue on Race, visit [the website](#), look at the [Facebook event](#) page, or call (434) 970-3023.

Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium (SEMSS)

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 15

Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, September 1 at 12:00 midnight

The annual Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium (SEMSS) sponsored by University of Alabama at Birmingham, Emory and Vanderbilt Universities will be November 18-19, 2017 at Emory University, Atlanta, GA. This meeting is a great way for your students to meet directors of MD/PhD programs from the three schools and to network with current MD and MD/PhD students. Students also share their research with peers. There are also a limited number of travel awards for undergraduates. [For more information visit.](#)

Churchill Scholarship

Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 7 by 5:00 pm

This scholarship funds a year of research at Cambridge University, where a student can also earn a graduate degree. Fourth years (or those within 12 months of graduation) are eligible to apply. For details [visit](#).

This Week in Black History



American blues, jazz, gospel vocalist and actress [Ethel](#)

[Waters](#) died on September 1, 1977. Waters was born on October 31, 1896, in Chester Pennsylvania. She started her career in the 1920s, singing blues and performing jazz, big band & pop music, both on the Broadway stage and in concerts. Her best-known recordings include "Dinah," "[Stormy Weather](#)," "Taking a Chance on Love," "Heat Wave," " Supper Time," "Am I Blue?" and "Cabin in the Sky," as well as her version of the spiritual "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Waters was the second African-American to be nominated for an Academy Award in 1962. She is also the first African-American woman to be nominated for an Emmy Award. Recordings of Ethel Waters were inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame, which honors recordings that have "qualitative or historical significance."



American actor and hip-hop artist [Tupac Shakur](#) was fatally shot in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 7, 1996. Shakur's albums have sold more than 38 million copies in the USA alone. Shakur was born on June 16, 1971 in New York City, grew up primarily in Harlem, and moved with his family to Baltimore, Maryland, before finally settling in [Oakland, California](#). His first musical breakthrough came in 1991 as a member of the group Digital Underground. In that same year, he received individual recognition for his album *2Pacalypse Now*. His acting career began with an appearance on the television series *A Different World* (1987), before his feature film debut in *Juice* (1992), *Poetic Justice* (1993), and *Gridlock'd*. In a 2005 Rolling Stones Magazine poll, Tupac was named #6 of the '100 immortal artists of all time.' He is also the first rap/hip-hop artist in history to have a wax model of himself be placed in Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in Las Vegas, NV.



Civil Rights Leader [Bantu Stephen Biko](#) died of severe head trauma on the stone floor of a prison cell in Pretoria, South Africa on September 12, 1977. Biko born December 18, 1946 in King William's Town, South Africa, was the most influential anti-apartheid leader of the 1970s. Six days before his death, Biko had suffered a major blow to his skull during a police interrogation in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Instead of receiving medical attention, he was chained spread-eagled to a window grill for 24 hours. On September 11, he was dumped, naked and shackled, on the floor of a police vehicle and driven 740 miles to Pretoria Central Prison. He died the next day. In announcing his death, South African authorities claimed Biko died after refusing food and water for a week in a hunger strike.