

# OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

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**October 30, 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

Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5 – [Family Weekend](#)

Monday, November 6 - Friday, December 15 - Students Apply in SIS for May 2018 Graduation

Tuesday, November 14 - Last Day to Withdraw from the University & Return for Spring 2018

Wednesday November 22 – Sunday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, November 27 - Classes Resume

Tuesday, December 5 - Classes End

Wednesday, December 6 - Reading Day

Thursday, December 7 - Friday, December 15 - Course Examinations

Sunday, December 10 & Wednesday, December 13 - Reading Days

## OAAA Announcements & Services

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### **Project Rise: 4th Year Reorientation with Dean Mason**

1st & 3rd Thursdays – 12:30-1:45 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room - #2 Dawson's Row

Reorientation is a small-group, discussion-based program for Fourth year Black students who are interested in talking about the stresses and challenges of Fourth year and post-graduation. OAAA Assistant Dean Michael Mason leads these sessions, If you are interested in attending, please RSVP via email to Bethlehem Demissie, Student Co-Director, Project RISE.

### **Black Friday – Every Friday - 1:30 pm**

LPJ Cultural Center #3 Dawson's Row

Come join us for food & fellowship!

### **“Raising-the-Bar 4.0” Open Study Sessions - Fall Semester**

Monday through Thursday nights - 5:00-8:00 pm - LPJ Black Cultural Center (study with OAAA Peer Advisors)

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### **“Raising-the-Bar 4.0” Study & Tutoring Sessions - Fall Semester**

WEB DuBois Conference Room (small group tutoring & quiet study):

This week only: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday–open; Thursday – Calculus & Quiet Study

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

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

### **OAAA Calculus Tutoring – This week: Tutoring on Thursday only, 4:00 – 6:00 pm**

WEB DuBois Conference Room & by appointment: Email: [ste3an@virginia.edu](mailto:ste3an@virginia.edu)

## OAAA Statistics Tutoring (through the Black Commerce Student Network-BCSN)

Mondays 5:00-7:00 pm – Rouss & Robertson Hall Room 140. Email: Sydney Shavers  
[sjs3fk@virginia.edu](mailto:sjs3fk@virginia.edu)

### Quote of the Week

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*“Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is in an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob, and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe.”* - Frederick Douglass (Speech on the twenty-fourth Anniversary of Emancipation in Washington. D.C.)

### Student Spotlight



Ibrahim Muhammad, is a Second-year student from Philadelphia, PA, and the newest student office worker at OAAA. He intends to major in African-American Studies and Drama, and is involved in a variety of activities across Grounds. As the Community Service Chair for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Ibrahim coordinates and supervises service opportunities. He is also the Model and Clothing Chair for Fashion for a Cause, and is the Scholarship Chair for the National-Panhellenic Council. His career goal is to become a screenwriter/director and use that platform to help diffuse the many stereotypes used to depict African-Americans on screen. Welcome to the OAAA Staff, Ibrahim!

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You can nominate a student (not yourself) to be featured in the Spotlight each week. Please send your nominations to:

Dean Patrice Grimes (<mailto:pgrimes@virginia.edu>) every Thursday by 12 noon.

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### Quote's Corner



Frederick Douglass (1818-95) was a prominent African-American abolitionist, author, orator and social reformer. Born a slave, Douglass escaped at age 20 and became a world-renowned anti-slavery activist. His three autobiographies are important works of the slave narrative tradition, as well as classics of American autobiography. Douglass' work as a reformer ranged from his abolitionist activities in the early 1840s to his attacks on Jim Crow practices and lynching in the 1890s. For 16 years, he edited an influential black newspaper and achieved international fame as an inspiring and persuasive speaker and writer. In thousands of speeches and editorials, he criticized slavery, racism and gave voice to millions of African-Americans. His famous 1852 speech, *What to the Slave is the Fourth of July*, presents one of the earliest arguments that contrasts American ideals with the realities of inequality for the enslaved. He died in 1895 of a massive heart attack and is buried in Rochester, NY. In 2017, the US Mint began issuing quarters with his image on one side in its *America the Beautiful* coin series.

## Upcoming Events

### Goldwater Scholarship Information Session

Monday, October 30 – 4:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room

This session is for Second & Third year students with research interests in science, engineering and mathematics. Andrus Ashoo of the Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE) will provide information about this and other scholarship opportunities.

### Forward Together: A University Conversation

Wednesday, November 1 – 6:00 pm – Alumni Hall Ballroom

In the wake of this summer's White Supremacists' March on the Lawn and Rally in Charlottesville, the University is sponsoring a panel, facilitated by Law School Dean Risa Goluboff with BOV Rector Frank "Rusty" Connor III, Hoos Against Hate Founder Greg Jackson, Jr., VPSA Patricia Lampkin, BOV Student Member Bryanna Miller and Associate Dean & History Professor Kirt von Daacke.

### Fall 2017 Curry School of Education Info Sessions

Thursday, November 2 - 7:00-8:00 pm - Bavaro Hall: Holloway Hall

Wednesday, November 8 - 3:30-4:40 pm\*\* - Library Data Commons, Ruffner 3rd Floor

Thursday, November 16 - 6:00-7:00 pm - Bavaro Hall: Holloway Hall

Join the Curry Community and multiply your impact! Hear from students, faculty and staff about what you will learn in the classroom, what type of hands on experience you will get, and what you can do with your knowledge and skills after graduation. We will also review the application process and give important deadlines. Session leaders will provide information on Curry programs including; Kinesiology, Speech Communication Disorders, Youth & Social Innovation, and Teacher Education. (Sessions marked \* will have a faculty Q&A panel.)

### **Lunch and Learn: Summer Research Internship Workshop Series**

November 2 - Landing a Summer Research Internship - 12:00-1:00 pm - Clemons Library Room 202/3

November 9 - Benefits of a Summer Research Internship - 12:00-1:00 pm - Clemons Library Room 202/3

November 16 - Make the Most of your Internship - 12:00-1:00 pm - Clemons Library Room 202/3

November 30 - Application Process: Nuts and Bolts - 12:00-1:00 pm - Clemons Library Room 202/3

In November, the Center for Undergraduate Excellence will host a Summer Research Internship workshop series. Lunch will be provided. [RSVP](#) here.

### **2018 Housing Fair Information for on-Grounds and off-Grounds**

Friday, November 3 - 11:30 am & 4:00 pm - Newcomb Hall

At Family Weekend, parents and students can talk with staff who work in the upper class housing areas on Grounds and with representatives from several off-Grounds area properties. In addition, the [Housing](#) website offers a range of information and resources about on-Grounds housing for returning undergraduates, with contact information for questions.

### **Where Do We Go From Here? Martin Luther King, Jr., Reparations, and Emancipation**

Friday, November 3 - 3:30 --5:00 pm - Nau Hall 101

A public lecture presented by the UVa Power, Violence, and Inequality Collective with guest speaker Lawrie Balfour, a UVa Department of Politics professor and author.

### **UVA Law School Panel with Black Law Students' Association**

Friday, November 3 - 5:30 pm - Withers-Brown Hall 128 (Rm. WB 128)

Join UVA Law School's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) as it hosts a panel to answer your questions related to law school and the application process. Dinner will be served! Please [RSVP by October 27th](#). For questions, email [Jianne McDonald](mailto:Jianne.McDonald@uva.edu)

### **UVA College Advising Corps Info Session**

Monday, November 6 - 7:30 pm - Newcomb South Meeting Room

The University of Virginia College Advising Corps places recent college graduates in high schools throughout the Commonwealth to work alongside counselors and help low-income, first generation and underrepresented students get into college. [Join our team](#) if you want to do improve educational equity and serve! Apply via [Jobs@Uva](mailto:Jobs@Uva). Visit [vcac.virginia.edu](http://vcac.virginia.edu)

### **The African-American Great Migration Reverses Course: A Conversation between Sabrina Pendergrass and Joe William Trotter**

Wednesday, November 8 - 3:00 pm - Minor Hall 110

Listen to Sabrina Pendergrass, UVA Assistant Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies discuss this issue with Joe William Trotter, Jr., Giant Eagle Professor of History and Social Justice at Carnegie Mellon University. The community is welcome to attend!

### **Black Citizenship, Law and the Founding with Annette Gordon-Reed**

Thursday, November 9 – 4:00 pm – Caplin Pavilion – UVA Law School

Join Harvard Professor and Pulitzer Prize winning author Annette Gordon-Reed for the McCorkle lecture at the Law School. A reception will follow.

### **2017 Virginia Film Festival**

Thursday, November 9 through Sunday, November 12

This year, the [VA Film Festival](#) features some of the most highly anticipated titles in the film world that showcase the talents of rising stars in the film industry. This selection of transformational classics, fascinating documentaries and outstanding foreign films – some with themes related to the African diaspora -- combine to offer a thought-provoking creative window on important issues in our world today. UVA students can gain free admission to many screenings (while tickets last). Don't miss this annual event!

### **Diversifying Scholarship Conference at UVA: Forging Interdisciplinary Connections, Empowering Students, and Promoting a Culture of Inclusivity**

Friday, November 10 – 9:00 am-5:00pm - Bavaro and Ruffner Hall

The Diversifying Scholarship conference at UVA is intended to embody the stated commitment of the university to inclusivity by addressing several critical needs in higher education; expanding scholarship focused on socially marginalized groups, reducing inequality, and alleviating the effects of discrimination. This event will highlight the diverse work happening across Grounds in the arts, social and physical sciences, humanities, education, and beyond. This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided for attendees who [register](#) in advance. Contact [Jamie Albright](#) or [Andrew Chen](#) with any questions!

### **Source Dorks @ Clemons Library**

Mondays through Wednesdays – 7:00-9:00 pm - Clemons 2nd Floor

What are the [Source Dorks](#)? They are undergrad peer research advisors who can help students level-up their research skills to move beyond Google searches and into the world of databases! They also guide students to find new and amazing sources, and help them tailor their paper topics and search terms for better research results. Source Dorks also assist with puzzling citations and can show you how to use citation management tools. No need to set up an appointment – just drop in!

### **This Week's UCARE Updates:**

For information on upcoming events in the Charlottesville community, visit the University and Community Action for Racial Equality (UCARE) Newsletter and Facebook page: <http://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=edd9fe79282e5d0d8a4b6479f&id=cddcfc0f3f>

## **Opportunities with Deadlines**

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### **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](#).

### **Paige Pre-Medical Scholarship 2017**

Application Deadline: Sunday, November 12

The Paige Pre-Medical Fund Scholarship helps students defray the high cost of applying to medical school, with a \$1,500 scholarship. The applicant must be a fourth-year UVA African-American student who has taken all of the pre-medical requirements and the MCAT. S/he must plan to enter medical school immediately after graduating. Please direct any application questions to [Travis Robertson](#).

Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop: April 2018, NYC

## **American Educational Research Association (AERA)**

Application Deadline: November 15

AERA invites applications for the training workshop to be held from Friday, April 13th through Sunday, April 15th during the AERA Annual Meeting in New York City. The workshop is designed to build the talent pool of undergraduate students who plan to pursue doctoral degrees in education research or in disciplines and fields that examine education issues. Workshop topics include exploring graduate education, applying to graduate school and starting a career in educational research. For information, contact George L. Wimberly, Director of Professional Development at 202-238-3200 or [fellowships@era.net](mailto:fellowships@era.net).

## **Learning In Action Public Service at UVA**

[Learning in Action](#) is the front door to public service at the University of Virginia! It connects students, faculty, and community partners to social entrepreneurship, community engagement, and co-curricular service opportunities. There are also resources that direct users to specific programs and offices based on individual interest. Currently, the Community Service Committee of Student Council and Student Affairs Community Engagement group are responsible for all content. <http://publicservice.virginia.edu/>

## **Diversity in Museums & the Arts Grant for Underrepresented Students**

To support students pursuing internships at museums, historic sites, or archives, a \$3500 grant is awarded to applicants from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in museum careers. This includes students who identify as African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders, and/or individuals with disabilities. Programs also highlight museum careers and provide instruction to help students apply for internships. Students in ALL majors are eligible, not just those in Art/Art History. Visit [Diversity in Museums and the Arts](#) (panel and reception), [Museum Career Panel](#), and [Museum Interview and Application Prep](#) for more information.

## **Shadow a Professional this J-term!**

The [Career IDEAs Externship Program](#) aims to connect students with meaningful Externship opportunities in J-Term and during the summer months. Students apply to the program via Handshake and get selected for an externship site that will help them explore the industry of their choice. The program is open to all students, but the priority is for those who have not had an externship or internship experience. Second and Third years who are first-generation college students and part of under-represented populations are encouraged to apply. URL for more information: Contact Name: [Christie Julien](#)

## **Summer Institute in Bioethics – Yale University**

Applications Deadline: Monday, January 15th

Yale's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics offers an intensive and international summer institute in



bioethics in New Haven, CT, open to graduate students, professionals, and select undergraduates. The program features a series of morning lectures surveying the field of bioethics and over twenty-five small, intensive seminars, including one seminar in Spanish for native speakers. Full Program: June 1 – July 21, 2018 - Tuition \$1,875 for undergraduates, \$2,275 for graduate students, and \$3,275 for advanced professionals. Foundations of Bioethics: June 4 - 7, 2018 - Tuition \$500 for students, \$1,000 for advanced professionals. Course credit may be available, and housing is available within walking distance for an additional cost. For further [information](#), or contact [Lori Bruce, Program Director](#)

### **AT&T Summer Internship Program**

Start Date: May-June 12 weeks per summer over 3 summers paid internship

Join ATT & a team known for shaping the next generation of leaders. [click here for 2018 hiring](#) You must be pursuing an undergraduate degree -- business, technology & finance majors preferred. Relocation is possible to begin the internship, but not required during summer assignment. The goal: to start a career with AT&T after graduation.

## **This Week in Black History**



**On November 2, 1954, [Charles C. Diggs, Jr.](#) became the first African-American politician to be elected to Congress from the state of Michigan at age 31.** Despite his reserved demeanor, Diggs served as an ardent supporter of civil rights and an impassioned advocate of increased U.S. aid to Africa. As a principal architect of home rule for the District of Columbia and the driving force behind the formation of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Diggs crafted a national legacy during his 25 years in the House of Representatives. He later won the general election to the 84th Congress and was subsequently re-elected to the next twelve Congressional terms. He died of a stroke in 1998 and is buried in Warren, Michigan.



A historical marker was dedicated on November 2, 2015, to [Samuel D. Burris](#), a free Black man (b. circa 1808) in Delaware, who helped slaves escape almost 170 years ago. In 1845, Burris, started helping slaves escape in Delaware and Maryland. After a series of successes, he was caught in June 1847 and spent almost a year in jail before his trial. He was convicted on two of three charges but the intervention of abolitionists (who bought Burris) saved him from being killed. Eventually, Burns followed the Gold Rush to California and died in San Francisco (circa 1863-1869). Eventually, he was pardoned by Gov. Jack Markell.



**November 5, 1968 - Shirley Chisholm was elected to Congress. This African-American politician, educator, and author represented New York's 12th Congressional District for seven terms from 1969 to 1983.** Chisholm began her professional career as a teacher. She served as director of the Hamilton-Madison Child Care Center until the late 1950s, then was an educational consultant for New York City's Bureau of Child Welfare. In Congress, she worked on the Education and Labor Committee and helped form the Congressional Black Caucus. On January 25, 1972, she became the first major-party black candidate for President of the United States and the first woman to run for the Democratic presidential nomination. Chisholm died on January 1, 2005.