

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

November 13, 2017

Special Announcement

August Wilson's *Seven Guitars* – UVA Drama Department - Ruth Caplin Theatre

Friday, November 17 & Saturday, November 18 – 8:00 pm & Sunday, November 19 – 2:00 pm

Don't miss this *must-see* production featuring an excellent cast, including Fourth year students Jordan Maia and Branika Scott. Directed by Prof. Theresa M. Davis. Presented with the support of the UVA Office of Excellence through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series. For ticket information, visit [Here](#)

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Mark Your Calendar

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

Thursday, November 30 – Lighting of the Lawn – UVA Central Grounds – 7:00 pm

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

Project Rise: 4th Year Re-orientation 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](mailto:Bethlehem.Demissie@virginia.edu), 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) &

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

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

Monday & Wednesday-open; Tuesday & 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 – Tuesday, 4:00 – 7:00 pm; Thursday, 3 to 5:00 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 – Rouse Robertson 140. Email: cwest@virginia.edu

Quote of the Week

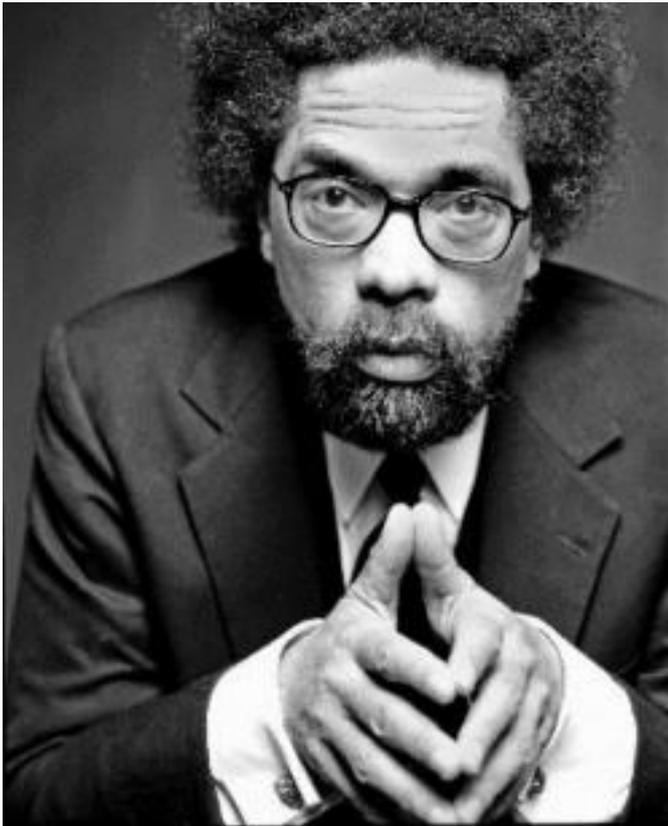
“You can't lead the people if you don't love the people. You can't save the people if you don't serve the people.” - Cornel West

Student Spotlight



Dasmen Richards, is a Fourth-year Foreign Affairs and African-American Studies major from Atlanta, GA. She is new to the OAAA student office worker family, as of 2017 fall semester. Across Grounds, Dasmen is involved in a variety of activities, including being the Treasurer of Kappa Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a model for Fashion for a Cause (FFC), and also working as a Newcomb (Hall) Event Assistant. After graduating, Dasmen would like a job in project management, and plans to return to school within the next 5 years to earn a joint degree in policy and business administration. In the future, she would like to develop a non-profit organization in Atlanta to mentor underserved youth.

Quote's Corner



[Cornel Ronald West](#), born June 2, 1953, is an American philosopher, political activist, social critic, author, public intellectual, and prominent member of the Democratic Socialists of America. West is an outspoken voice in American leftist politics, and as such has been critical of members of the Democratic Party. During his career, he has held professorships at Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale University, Union Theological Seminary, and the University of Paris. He is also a frequent commentator on politics and social issues in many media outlets. West graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton. He has written 20 books and has edited 13 volumes.

Upcoming Events

Green Energy Meetup with Apex Clean Energy

Monday, November 13 - 12:00 pm-1:30pm –Newcomb Hall Room 182

Join us for an informal lunch with Apex Clean Energy! Erik Haug, Business Development Senior Associate, will provide insights on his green career journey, and offer general tips tricks and strategies on what you can do now at UVA to start your clean energy career. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. RSVP required.

Get the Scoop on Careers in Food and Sustainability

Tuesday, November 14 – 11:00 am-2:00 pm - Bryant Hall

Join the [UVA Career Center for Careers in Yum](#). If you're interested in sustainability and food, come to Careers in Yum. Connect with local food producers, and alums who work in food policy and food justice. Get the scoop on how you can start accessing these careers while at UVA, and the options that you can pursue after graduation. RSVP is strongly encouraged - lunch will be provided.

M.S. in Commerce Drop-in Hours at 1515

Tuesday, November – 9:00 am-4:00 pm (no appointment necessary)

Meet with the McIntire Graduate Admissions team to learn more about the M.S. in Commerce program at 1515 on The Corner. Recently ranked the #2 master's in management program in the world by *The Economist*, this 10-month business degree is designed specifically for liberal arts, science, and engineering majors. It features tracks in Business Analytics, Finance, and

Marketing & Management, as well as a three-week global immersion experience. [For more information](#) Contact: [Sean Kelley](#)

BCSN Dean's Dos and Don'ts

Wednesday, November 15 - 6:30 pm – Rouse Robertson Hall 227

BCSN will be host its monthly general body meeting with the Latino Student Network. It will incorporate the annual "Dean's Dos and Don'ts" event, hosted by the Office of Admission. If you are a 2nd year applying to the Commerce School, it is IMPERATIVE that you attend. Hosts will explain the application process. Food will also be provided! URL for more information: Contact Name: [T'sara Nock](#)

Lunch and Learn: Summer Research Internship Workshop Series

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.

Divergent Voices: Professors' Stories

Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm - Wilson 301.

UFUSED is hosting this event for students to hear first generation college professors share their stories of growing up and navigating college. Speakers include: Admissions Dean Valerie Gregory, Professor Brian Balogh, Professor Rose Buckelew, Professor Michael Smith, and Vice President for Diversity & Equity Marcus Martin. There will be a short networking session – and food -- following the event!

UVA Law School Tour

Friday, November 17 - 2:10 pm - Admissions Office in Slaughter (SL) 126A

Third-year UVA law student Deitra Jones will present a tour of UVA Law School. Please [RSVP](#) by Nov. 15th

Reading the Black Intellectual: Angela Davis -"Freedom is a Constant Struggle"

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am, Alumni Room – Jefferson School African-American Heritage Center

Excellence Through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series: Ana Navarro

Thursday, November 30 - 6:00-7:30 pm - Newcomb Hall Ballroom

UVA Engineering welcomes political strategist and CNN contributor Ana Navarro, as part of the 2017-2018 Excellence Through Diversity Distinguished Learning Series. The [event is free and open to the public](#). Contact: [Thomas Pilnik](#)

Pre-Commerce Celebratory Dinner

Monday, December 4 – 7:00 pm - Sedona Taphouse

Second years are invited to a "Pre-Application Submission Celebratory Dinner" where current COMM school students and admissions officers will answer any questions. The dinner is FREE so [RSVP](#) by Monday, November 20th as space is limited! Contact Name: [T'sara Nock](#)

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 demonstrate how to use citation management tools. No need to set up an appointment – just drop in!

This Week's UCARE Updates: Check it out! - For information on upcoming events in the Charlottesville community, visit the University and Community Action for Racial Equality ([UCARE](#)) Newsletter and [Facebook](#).

Opportunities with Deadlines

Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop: April 2018, NYC

Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 15

American Educational Research Association (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.

Join the The Cultural Programming Board

Application Deadline: Fridays by 5:00PM at least two weeks before event

The Cultural Programming Board is NOW accepting applications for the Fall 2017-2018 semester to fund cultural events and programs. [For more information](#).

Apply to The Serpentine Society

Position expected to begin January 2018 through May 2018

[The Serpentine Society](#) is pleased to announce the creation of an internship which will work closely with our board to connect the Society with UVA students and administrators in Alumni Hall. Subsequent intern appointments will run for the entire academic year beginning in the fall of 2018 ([see job description](#)). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and applicants should [submit](#) a cover letter, resume, and contact information for one professional (or academic) reference. Applicants should incorporate answers to the following questions in their cover letter: What do you hope to gain personally from this experience? How would you like to use this opportunity engage the UVA LGBTQ student population?

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](#)

The Leadership Alliance National: Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)

Application deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2018

SR-EIP is a fully paid summer internship that provides undergraduates in the Humanities, Social Sciences and STEM with training and mentoring in the principles underlying the conduct of research. It also prepares them to pursue competitive applications for graduate school specifically PhD or MD-PhD programs. Participants will spend 8-10 weeks at a Leadership Alliance institution (Harvard, Princeton and Yale to name a few), receive a stipend, travel, and housing expenses from the research institution, and gain theoretical knowledge and practical training in academic research and scientific experimentation. Application is open! [For more information](#), please visit.

The UVA Parents Fund

Deadline: Closes early March - Recipients announced at Parents Fund Committee Spring Mtg.

[The Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship and the Gordon C. Burris Scholarship](#) are awarded to rising third-year students who have a demonstrated record of citizenship, leadership, academic achievement, and financial need. These two \$7,500 annual scholarships cover a portion of tuition and fees for the recipients' Third and Fourth years. In addition to the application template (emailed to all second-year students early in the spring semester) and a resume, applicants must have a letter of recommendation sent to uvaparentsfund@virginia.edu. Letters of recommendation may come from anyone, however, we recommend asking a UVA professor or dean to write about your citizenship, leadership, and/or academic achievement. If selected, applicants should be available to attend a reception. Email [Jennifer Huebner, UVA Parents Fund Specialist](#), with questions.

The Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT) Summer Workshop Program

Deadline: April 1, 2018

The IRT Summer Workshop selects 35-40 interns for an intense four-week summer workshop at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. Interns will attend discussions, lectures, conferences, and debates in the disciplines of education, the humanities, and social sciences that one may encounter throughout graduate study. The Summer Workshop Program is for college juniors and seniors who intend to pursue graduate study upon completion of their undergraduate degree. Summer workshop participants will receive a stipend, travel expenses, and room and board. Application is open! [For more information](#) and to apply, please visit.

UVA Summer Medical Leadership Program (UVA-SMLP)

Deadline: Sunday, April 15, 2018 for the summer of 2018 - Held from June 2 - July 14, 2018

UVA SMLP builds on the success of the previous summer medical academic enrichment programs [Medical Academic Advancement Program (MAAP) and Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)]. The number one goal of UVA-SMLP is to expose the participants to the "real world of medicine" to prepare them not only for admission to medical school, but also to assume future leadership positions in medicine/biomedical field. For a more detailed description of UVA SMLP, please refer your students to our homepage on the web: <https://med.virginia.edu/diversity/programs/smlp>

AT&T Summer Internship Program

Start Date: Late May through early 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](#) information. 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.

Cville Bio-Trek: Connect with BioTech Companies in your Backyard

Spend quality time at local Charlottesville organizations that are revolutionizing biotechnology in your own backyard! Learn how your lab and bench science skills can work, and connect with potential local employers interested in connecting with UVA students. Get insider tips on how to market your experience, and where to apply your life science skills. Learn from professionals who are on the cutting edge of BioTech and expand your network. [For more information](#) or contact [Christie Julien](#)

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 are 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. Contact Name: [Christie Julien](#)

This Week in Black History



November 14, 1915 - Booker T. Washington Died - Washington, one of the foremost teachers and 20th century African-American leaders, died at his home, near the Tuskegee Institute, AL (now University), which he founded and was President. Hardening of the arteries, following a nervous breakdown, caused his death four hours after Dr. Washington arrived from New York. His last public appearance was on October 25th at the National Conference of Congregational Churches in New York City, where he delivered a lecture. The funeral was held on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, where he is buried under a massive tree next to the university chapel. [Visit](#) to learn more.



November 17, 1955 - Civil Rights Bloc Formed in Congress
- Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Democrat from Harlem and the leading African-American in Congress, on this day announced the formation of an “organized civil rights bloc” in Congress. The event marked the beginning of a civil rights caucus that eventually led to the formal organization of the Congressional Black Caucus, on March 30, 1971. Civil rights groups had already organized the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, on January 8, 1950, to lobby for civil rights legislation. Rep. Powell’s move was prompted by the Supreme Court’s *Brown v. Board of Education* decision on May 17, 1954. [Visit](#) to learn more.



November 18, 1797: Abolitionist and women rights activist Sojourner Truth was born in Ulster County, New York. Originally named, Isabella Baumfree, Truth changed her name

because she believed that the Holy Spirit was calling her, telling her friends “the Spirit calls me, I must go.” Truth, who escaped from slavery in 1826, became one of the first black women to win a court case against a white man when she fought to recover her son after he had been illegally sold. Truth was also influential in the social and political spheres as she advocated for abolition, women’s rights, and prison reform. To gain support for her causes, the former slave traveled to various conventions giving speeches. Her most famous speech was “Ain’t I a Woman.” Truth became so well known that she was given the opportunity to also meet with President Ulysses S. Grant to try to secure land grants from the federal government to former slaves.