

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

April 10, 2018

Special Announcement

OAAA Academic Support – 2018 Spring Semester

Raising-the-Bar Open Study Sessions with Peer Advisors – LPJ Black Cultural Center

Sunday through Thursday nights - 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Thursday: SPAN 1020, 2010, 2020 & Career Services Support – with Career Peer Educator & Focused Study & Tutoring Sessions - WEB DuBois Conference Room & Hallway

MATH 1190, 1210, 1220, 1310: Tuesday, 4:00-7:00 pm & Thursday, 4:00-6:00 pm

BIOL 2200: Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm

CHEM 1420: Friday, 2:00-4:00 pm

For questions, contact Dean Grimes (pgrimes@virginia.edu).

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

Have an item you'd like in the next newsletter? [Submit it here!](#)

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

Tuesday, April 17 - Last Day to Withdraw from the University & Return for Fall 2018 Semester; Last Day to Apply for Readmission for the Summer 2018 Term

Wednesday, April 25 - Last Day to Request Change in Examination Schedule

Tuesday, May 1 - Classes End

Wednesday, May 2 - Reading Day

Thursday, May 3 through Friday, May 11 - Course Examinations

Sunday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 9 - Reading Days

Friday, May 18 – Donning of the Kente Ceremony - 6:00 pm – Old Cabell Auditorium

Saturday, May 19 & Sunday, May 20 - Final Exercises Weekend

OAAA Announcements & Services

Project Rise: 4th Year Re-orientation with Dean Mason

Mondays – 12:00 pm - W.E.B. DuBois Conference Room - #2 Dawson's Row

Now is the time to decompress and discuss the stresses and anxieties that come with May graduation! Reorientation is a social support group that provides African-American Fourth year students a space to discuss the stress surrounding graduation, as well as the transition from college to the “real world,” led by Dr. Michael Mason.

Black Friday – Every Friday - 1:30 pm - LPJ Cultural Center #3 Dawson's Row

Come join us for food & fellowship!

Quote of the Week

“I didn’t learn to be quiet when I had an opinion. The reason they knew who I was is because I told them.”

- Ursula Burns, American Executive

Faculty Spotlight:



Meredith D. Clark, is a journalist-turned-academic, whose work focuses on the many intersections of race, media, and power. Currently, she is working on a book about Black Twitter and how people of color use social media to disrupt mainstream media narratives about our lives. She teaches MDST 3760, [#BlackTwitter and Black Digital Culture](#), that applies a Black feminist epistemology to explore how race and technology shape online communities and their cultural production.

Prof. Clark’s engaged scholarship has produced industry reports and peer-

reviewed research on the [#BlackLivesMatter movement](#), [hashtag activism](#), [the formation of online communities](#), and mainstream media's relationship with [Twitter subcultures](#). She is searching for up to four students (both graduates and undergraduates) to work as paid research assistants on the American Society of News Editors' [Newsroom Diversity Survey](#), a two-year grant-funded project that will use a mixed-methods approach to examine ethnic, racial, and LGBTQ representation in U.S. print and digital newsrooms. Prof. Clark also plans to participate in the [USOAR](#) program next year, and looks forward to working with and mentoring students who are interested in critical race and digital media studies. She's also on Twitter: [@meredithdclark](#).

Nominate a student to be featured in an upcoming OAAA Student Spotlight! Send your nominations to:

Dean Patrice Grimes ([mail to:pgrimes@virginia.edu](mailto:mail.to:pgrimes@virginia.edu)) by Thursday at 12 noon.

Quote's Corner



[Ursula M. Burns](#) (born September 20, 1958) serves as Chairperson (since May 2010) of Xerox and was the CEO of the company from July 2009 to December 2016. As such, she was the first black-American woman CEO to head a Fortune 500 company. She is also the first woman to succeed another woman as head of a Fortune 500 company, having succeeded Anne Mulcahy as CEO of Xerox. In 2014, Forbes rated her the 22nd most powerful woman in the world.

Upcoming Events

Fulbright US Student Awards – Statement of Grant Purpose Workshop

Monday, April 9, 4:00 pm – Rotunda Multipurpose Room with Andrus Ashoo (aga3a@virginia.edu)

This workshop is sponsored by the Center for Undergraduate Excellence and designed to prepare you to write a purpose statement for a Fulbright US Student Award. What is it? What are the pitfalls? How can you get support you as you develop and write your entire grant over the summer? Come and get the answers.

2017-2018 Walter N. Ridley Distinguished Speaker Series with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum

Tuesday, April 10, 4:00 pm – Newcomb Hall Ballroom

The Curry School of Education hosts its 12th annual lecture series honoring Walter Ridley, who was the first African-American graduate from the University of Virginia, when he received his doctorate in education from Curry in 1953. Dr. Tatum will engage in a dialogue related to her best-selling book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race*, which was released as a 20th anniversary edition in the fall of 2017. A book signing & reception follow in Newcomb Lounge.

Persistent Racial Inequality in the United States: Where Do We Go from Here & What Does Family Have to Do With It?"

Friday, April 13, 4:00 pm – Rouse Robertson 120

Social inequality between blacks and whites in America persists into the 21st century, constituting a fundamental challenge to the health of the American experiment. Yet the discourse surrounding these issues -- in the popular media and in the academy — is often deficient and incomplete, Professor Glenn Loury of Brown University will argue that more needs to be done to foster a "development narrative" among black Americans. This narrative includes the acquisition of skills, attitudes, and cultural practices associated with success in an ever-changing and dynamic society and the strengthening of Black families. Loury is the author of *The Anatomy of Racial*

Inequality (Harvard, 2002) among many other books.

UVA Ruffin Distinguished Artist in Residence: Marisa Williamson

Featured now through Sunday, April 15 – Ruffin Hall Studio 323

[Marisa Williamson](#) is a New York metro area-based multimedia artist and teacher who will work with students in a variety of courses is in residence this semester. Her visit is generously supported by The Peter B. and Adeline W. Ruffin Foundation and the McIntire Department of Art. The Ruffin Distinguished Artist in Residence is an annual position designed to bring artists of international stature to the University's studio art program within Ruffin Hall.

Schwarzman Scholars w/ Ms. Arlie Slonim

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

The program gives participants the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a fully-funded, one year master's degree in Public Policy, International Relations, or Economics and Business at Tsinghua University. Come to meet Arlie Slonim, Admissions Outreach and Selection Officer. [RSVP](#) For more information, visit the website, or contact Andrus Ashoo, Center for Undergraduate Excellence (aga3j@virginia.edu)

Opportunities with Deadlines

Z Society Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship!

Application Deadline: Friday, April 13 at 11:37 PM

All returning undergraduates are eligible to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship to support an internship that is otherwise unattainable due to financial constraints. The scholarship application is attached to this email. Students should submit any questions or applications to zsociety3711@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Summer Institute (CSI) Counselors Needed

Applications Deadline: Sunday, April 15

Apply to be a counselor for the Cornerstone Summer Institute! The Cornerstone Summer Institute (CSI) is a week-long camp from Saturday, June 23 - 29, 2018 for high school students who come to UVA and learn about the legacies of slavery here in Charlottesville. The position is paid. [Apply Here](#).

Deans' Scholarships

Application Deadline: Sunday, April 15

[Deans' Scholarships](#) are completed through [AcademicWorks](#) (an online scholarships management system). If you have questions, please contact Sean Reed via email at rsr4c@virginia.edu. Students with a 3.4 GPA or higher can apply. Students complete a generic application; if you are interested in a particular scholarship that has specific criteria (record of service to others, career in public service, etc.), include details about qualifications in your statement.

UK Awards (Ex. Churchill, Gates, Marshall, Mitchell, & Rhodes)

Application Deadline: Monday, April 16

There are a number of excellent graduate school opportunities in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Learn what they are, what it

takes, and how the University of Virginia can support you by contacting Andrus Ashoo at the Center for Undergraduate Excellence (aga3a@virginia.edu).

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program w/ Mr. Derrick Bolton

Application Deadline: Monday, April 23

This is a new graduate-level scholarship program to prepare the next generation of global leaders to address the increasingly complex challenges facing the world. Knight-Hennessy Scholars will annually select up to 100 high-achieving students with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment, who will receive full funding to pursue a graduate education at Stanford University. Scholars may pursue studies at any of university's seven graduate schools, and will be educated to navigate across business, government, academia, and the nonprofit sectors. [RSVP for Information Session](#)

The Young Innovative Investigator Program (YIIP)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 25

The Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) at the University of Connecticut (UConn), has an exciting research opportunity, led by Dr. Cato Laurencin. YIIP provides academic training to underrepresented minority students dedicated to pursuing careers as scientists and scholars in biological and biomedical science, to develop the next generation of innovative biomedical scientists and increase diversity among academic scientists. Scholarships are available! Check here for more [information](#) and [eligibility qualifications](#), as well as the [application](#).

A Mile High Ascent to Public Service at the University of Colorado Denver

Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 1

This weekend conference (Thursday, June 7, beginning at 1 p.m. MST through noon on Sunday, June 10.) seeks applicants who are currently enrolled or recent graduates of bachelor degree programs who are motivated to lead changes in public policy and administration. You will learn and network with prominent local, state and federal officials on how to prepare for and what to expect from a career in public service. Those accepted will get support for all lodging, registration, and most meal costs. Airfare vouchers will be provided on an as-needed basis. [Apply online!](#)

Civic Engagement, the Public Trust, & Public Policy at the Pepperdine School of Public Policy—Malibu, CA

Priority Application Deadline: May 7 @ 11:59 pm CST

Final Deadline: May 28, 2018 @ 11:59 pm CST

This free three-day conference (Friday, June 15, 2018 – Sunday, June 17, 2018) will dive deep into how you, as citizens and future leaders, can revitalize public leadership through civic engagement. Learn from practitioners and experts in the importance of the role civic engagement plays in the development and implementation of good public policy. All majors welcome! [Apply Now!](#)

UVA Summer Medical Leadership Program (UVA-SMLP)

Application Deadline: Sunday, April 15 for the summer of 2018

Program dates: Saturday, June 2 – Thursday, July 14

[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 goal: to expose the participants to the “real world of medicine” to prepare them for medical school admission and future leadership positions in medicine/biomedical field.

NextGen Leadership: Ethics and Practice: June 15 – 17, 2018

George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration – Washington DC

[Apply](#) for this fully funded conference hosted by the Elliott School of International Affairs and the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. Be prepared for a dynamic weekend of engagement, inspiration, and networking opportunities in the heart of the nation's capital. You will learn from and network with leading scholars and policy experts in the field of domestic and international service. Topics to be discussed include: domestic and global policy, diversity and public affairs, ethical leadership, careers in public service, and the graduate school application process. Social events include: Dinner reception, networking, social outing, and a tour of Washington, D.C.

Defending Our Communities: The Role of Social Justice in Public Service at the University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy – June 22-24, 2018

Los Angeles is an exciting living and learning laboratory for this free 3 day conference! It will provide an educational experience designed to improve communities through innovation and social change. Be a part of a new generation of creative thinkers and doers who explore beyond the status quo. Learn how to be a future change maker through public service. All majors are welcome to apply.

[Jopwell](#) is the leading career advancement platform providing Black, Latinx, and Native American students and professionals with support for jobs and internships at 80+ partner companies including Facebook, Goldman Sachs, the NBA, and Pfizer. In addition, there is a digital magazine, The Well, with career advice from people of color for people of color. [Two UVA alumni](#) have been featured in the digital magazine.

Apply for a Serpentine Society Internship

[The Serpentine Society](#) is pleased to announce the creation of an internship for a person who will work closely with the 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?

AT&T Summer Internship Program

Start Date: Late May through early June for the next 3 summers (12 weeks per summer)

Join ATT after graduation and be a part of 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 start the internship, but not required during summer assignments.

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 Summer!

The [Career IDEAs Externship Program](#) aims to connect students with meaningful externship opportunities 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: [Christie Julien](#)

STEM Summer Research Opportunities

Now is the time that 2018 summer research programs are posting applications. There are 699 summer research programs posted on this website, with new program dates and programs posted every day! Right now, students can find 57 summer science exposure programs for high school students, 607 PAID summer research programs for undergraduates, 30 PAID

summer programs for post-baccalaureate students (including graduating seniors), and 56 PAID summer programs for graduate students. For even more search options and filters, try our [advanced search](#).

This Week in Black History



Did you know? On April 11, 1881, Spelman College was founded in Atlanta, GA as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary, an institute of higher education for African-American women. Spelman was the fourth historically black female institution of higher education to receive its collegiate charter in 1924, and is consistently ranked among the nation's top liberal arts colleges. Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, President Emerita, will speak at the University of Virginia on Tuesday, April 10 at 4:00 pm in the Newcomb Ballroom.



Did you know? In 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University), wrote an open letter in the Pittsburgh Courier to the presidents of the nation's private black colleges urging them to "pool their small monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience." His now famous words, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," became the guiding principle for one of the world's leading education assistance organizations. One year later, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was incorporated on April 25, 1944, with 27 member colleges and a combined enrollment of 14,000 students. Each year, the UNCF hosts a national telethon as a part of its fundraising efforts.



Did you know? In April 1903, Maggie L. Walker was named the president of Richmond's St. Luke Bank and Trust Company. She became the first woman of any race to charter a bank in the United States. Walker received an honorary master's degree from Virginia Union University in 1923, and was inducted into the Junior Achievement U.S. Business Hall of Fame in 2002. The Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site is located at 110½ E. Leigh Street on "Quality Row" in the Jackson Ward neighborhood of Richmond. In 1991, the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies (MLWGS) was founded as an innovative public high school to offer a comprehensive college preparatory program emphasizing government, international studies, science, mathematics, languages, and fine arts.