

OAAA E-Weekly Newsletter

Office of African American Affairs

April 29, 2019

Special Announcement

**OAAA / Madison House “Reading Day Refresh’ Cookout:
Wednesday, May 1st
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

OAAA Front Lawn (#4 Dawson’s Row)

Join us for a community-wide end-of-year cookout celebrating your work thus far as University students and civically engaged community partners.

Madison House and OAAA are proud to present this opportunity to bring our community together, as we prepare for final exams.

Mel’s Diner, Mellow Mushroom, and Wayside will be providing the catering.

See you soon.



Information and applications are on line now for the 2019-2020

OAAA / GradSTAR Faculty-Student Mentoring Program!

<https://oaaa.virginia.edu/mentoring-program>

Student Application Deadline Extended to Wednesday, May 1 at 5:00 pm

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 30 – Courses end

Wednesday, May 1 – Reading Day

Thursday, May 2 – Friday, May 10 – Examinations – All the best on finals!

Sunday, May 5; Wednesday, May 8 – Reading Days

Friday, May 17 – OAAA 15th Annual Donning of the Kente Program, Old Cabell Hall (tickets needed)

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19 – Final Exercises Weekend

OAAA Announcements & Services

“Raising-the-Bar 4.0” Study Sessions with OAAA Peer Advisors - Spring 2019

Peer-Supported Study Sessions end on Tuesday, April 30th

Thanks to our students for a successful year!

Calculus Tutoring through May 10 – contact Travis Elliott for specific hours

[Ste3an@virginia.edu] in the W.E.B DuBois Center Conference Room. #2 Dawson’s Row

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

Quote of the Week

“Part of teaching is helping students learn how to tolerate ambiguity, consider possibilities, and ask questions that are unanswerable.” - Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot

Faculty Spotlight



Keisha Lashley, Ph.D. is an assistant professor of management in the McIntire School of Commerce and an active mentor in the OAAA Faculty-Student Mentoring Program. Since coming to UVA in 2015, she has studied the intersection of strategic management, entrepreneurship, and organizational theory. She is interested in questions related to organizational social evaluations such as legitimacy, stigma, reputation and status, and uses mixed methods to explore those questions. Lashley has also taught undergraduate courses in strategic management and entrepreneurship. Before her academic career, she worked for several years coordinating buyer-supplier relationships between major corporations and their small suppliers and gained experience with start-up ventures. Her personal journey from a small Caribbean island to the USA, where she earned a Ph.D. at Penn State University, is inspirational. Read her [UVA Today interview](#) to learn more about her.

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

Quote's Corner



[Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot](#), is a MacArthur prize-winning sociologist and the Emily Hargroves Fisher Professor of Education at Harvard University, where she has been on the faculty since 1972. Lawrence-Lightfoot is an author, educator, and researcher. She has pioneered an innovative social science method called "portraiture," (a method of social science inquiry distinctive in its blending of art and science, capturing the complexity, dynamics, and subtlety of human experience and organizational life). Lightfoot has written eleven books, serves on numerous professional and scholarly boards and committees, and has received 28 honorary doctorates from universities. She did her undergraduate work in psychology at Swarthmore College and received her doctorate in the sociology of education at Harvard. She is the first African-American woman in Harvard University's history to have an endowed professorship named in her honor. Upon her retirement, the Emily Hargroves Fisher Endowed Chair will become the Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot Endowed Chair. The first endowed professorship in her name was established at Swarthmore College in 1993.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events at UVA (All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.)

Q&A Panel: The Echols Scholars Program

Monday, April 29 – 6:00 pm – Multicultural Student Center.

Attention all 1st years in the College of Arts and Sciences! Apply to join UVA's Echols Scholars program by filling out the [application](#). Attend an information session about the program and process on Monday, April 29th at 6pm. Dinner will be provided! Please fill out this interest form if you plan to attend or want updates on the program/info session!"

Fellowships Series – Office of Citizen Scholarship Development

Every Monday – 4:00 pm - Rotunda Multipurpose Room 121

Attend introductory workshops every month, which are great for first and second year students, and are the best first touchpoint with the Office of Citizen Scholarship Development. There are a number of sessions dedicated to fellowships that have deadlines in the fall. It is important that students consider opportunities early so that they can take prepare and take advantage of summer advising programs. Third and fourth years, graduate and professional students, and area alumni can attend sessions on the UK Awards, Asia Awards, and the Fulbright US Student Award this spring. [For more information](#)

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/>

In the Community

The 16th Annual Festival of Cultures
Saturday, May 11 – 10:00 am-4:00 pm – Booker T. Washington Park, Preston Avenue, Charlottesville

Come and celebrate the cultural and linguistic diversity of our local community. The Festival of Cultures will be a day of free family-friendly fun with all-day entertainment: music, dance, song, and storytelling. Enjoy hands-on cultural crafts activities, visit cultural exhibits, food, and artisan vendors. The Festival is organized by the Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education (TJACE) Program at Piedmont Virginia Community College, with the support of many other individuals and organizations. It provides an opportunity for building bridges of communication between new Americans and established residents, and between different cultures residing in our community. FREE and open to the public. For more, visit: <http://www.festivalofcultures.org/>

19th Annual Juneteenth Invitation

Friday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m. - 233 4th Street, N.W. Charlottesville, Virginia

You are invited to attend this year's Juneteenth celebration. It is the oldest known celebration that commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. It grew out of the freed slaves' desire to remember that day- June 19, 1865. We will celebrate through history, music, poetry, dance and participatory activities. On Friday, our local Ancestors will be honored. Then, on Saturday we will continue celebrating outside in front of the African American Heritage Center starting at 5:00 p.m. Sample food prepared by the best Cooks in this area- soul food, pound cake, pies and more. Support local vendors. Bring people with you!! For information contact: Miss Maxine Holland 434-295-6632

Do You Know a Trailblazer?

Monday, June 17 – Friday, August 9

Do you have a student who loves history? Is interested in learning more about local African American history and teaching others about it? Would be excited to be in front of a crowd? Let them know about the Trailblazers program at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center! The JSAAHC seeks African American students 16 to 21 years old to train as community tour guides this summer. Students will become knowledgeable about local and national African American history, art history, museum education, and public speaking techniques. Trailblazers will also lead activity sessions for participants (fourth through sixth graders) in a Charlottesville's Parks and Recreation summer camp and complete a research project that will influence how two JSAAHC exhibits opening in September 2019 will be presented to the public. This is a paid position and a great opportunity for motivated students to gain experience with public history institutions and research methods. [Please direct any questions](#) or 434-260-8723. [Apply here!](#)

Opportunities with Deadlines

2019 Sylvia Terry Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: Saturday, May 18

[The 2019 Terry scholarship](#) provides full tuition and fees for rising third-year African-American students enrolled at UVA who are Virginia residents. The scholarship recognizes the recipients' scholastic and community achievements. Ideal applicants have strong grades, leadership activities, and community service. Preference is given to academically strong candidates with significant experience as peer advisors in the Office of African-American Affairs. The award is renewed for an additional year if the Scholar meets the eligibility criteria of maintaining a 2.75 GPA and participating in Ridley Scholar programming. For questions, please contact [Travis Robertson](#).

The OAAA Parents Advisory Association (PAA) Academic Scholarship

Application Deadline: Friday, May 24

The OAAA Parents Advisory Association (PAA) is pleased to announce a \$500 academic scholarship that is open to any rising 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, year UVA student with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. Students must fully complete an application; prior scholarship recipients will not be considered. For more information, e-mail paa.nova@gmail.com. [Apply Now](#)

Upward Bound: 2019 Summer Residential Counselors Needed (June 16-July 19)

Application Deadline: Friday, May 24

The Upward Bound team is seeking high-energy, creative, individuals with great organizational skills and the ability to work with local first-generation high school students during our Summer Enrichment Program. Ideal candidates will demonstrate working with culturally diverse communities, will maintain a professional demeanor and can handle situations with tact and diplomacy. Compensation includes housing, meals, gym membership to the Aquatic Fitness Center, and \$425 per week. To apply [visit](#) or contact [James Bland](#)

UVA's Echols Scholars Program

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 29

First year students in the College can apply into to the Echols Scholars Program. Echols scholars enjoy the benefits of priority in class sign-up times, exemption from area requirements, advising opportunities, special events, and most importantly, a community of scholars who actively pursue their intellectual curiosity. Students in minority organizations on Grounds are encouraged to apply. Submit an application form, responses to three application essay questions, an unofficial transcript from SIS, a 1-page resume, and one letter of recommendation. For more information [visit](#).

Hiring SURP Undergrad Administrative Assistant for Summer 2019

VEST and SURP programs seek a Student Administrative Assistant who is enrolled in a bachelors program at UVA. The position requires the student to work 10-20 hours per week from May through August (scheduling of hours will be flexible depending on SURP program activities and needs). Responsibilities will likely change over the course of the summer or year and may include: 1) Assisting with program coordination and communication, 2) Assisting in coordination of events, including VEST workshops and SURP activities, 3) Working in teams with faculty, staff, and other students. Interested students should submit a resume, letter of interest, and summer availability to CurryVEST@virginia.edu.

Seeking Summer Enrichment Program Residential Camp Counselors

The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is seeking counselors for its 2019 residential program. For over 40 years, this on-Grounds program has served Charlottesville area children & youth. The position includes a wage plus room and board for 7 weeks in June and July. For a full description of the position and application information, go to <http://curry.virginia.edu/SEP>

In DC this summer? Volunteer with the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture (MMAAHC)

Smithsonian volunteers play essential roles in sharing the rich collections, exhibitions, research, and educational programming with the public. This summer, MMAAHC the Early Childhood Education Initiative team will launch an educational program series for children, ages 0 to 8, and their caregivers. Volunteers will assist with music performances, story times, infant and toddler programs, community and family events, hands-on and craft activities and more. For more information, visit <https://www.si.edu/volunteer>

Charlottesville Parks & Recreation Summer Hiring – Camp Counselors

Provide equal opportunities for children with disabilities, who are rising Kindergarten-6th graders, and attend an inclusive camp program. When not working with children with disabilities, the Inclusion Counselor will perform typical camp duties related to supervising and effectively leading camp and outdoor recreational day camp activities. [For more information, or to apply](#)

Madison House Summer Volunteering

Will you be here in Charlottesville for at least 3 weeks this summer? Are you interested in getting more involved with the Charlottesville community? Consider volunteering this summer! Whether you are taking a class, doing research or you live here, take the opportunity to get more involved with our community. There are many different sites starting at just 1 hour a week! Applications are open now! [View our website for more information](#) about sites Contact [Caroline Hallowell](#) at for more information.

Post-Grad Fellowships for Environmental Work: RAY Fellowship and Meridian Institute Fellowship

The Meridian Institute Ruckelshaus Fellowship provides the next generation of public policy leaders with the skills to support collaboration on complex and controversial problems. The Fellowship is a two-year, full-time position. Selected Fellows will work in summer 2019 at either Meridian's Dillon, CO, or Washington, DC locations. The [Roger Arliner Young \(RAY\) Conservation Diversity Fellowship](#) focuses on increasing opportunities for people of color to learn about, engage with, and enter the environmental conservation NGO sector. [Visit](#) or contact [Kiera Givens](#) for more information.

This Week in Black History



Did you know...? April 29, 1992 - Unrest began in South Central Los Angeles after a trial jury acquitted four officers of the Los Angeles Police Department [LAPD] for use of excessive force in the arrest and beating of Rodney King. The incident was videotaped and widely viewed in TV broadcasts throughout the United States. The riots that followed resulted in at least 50 deaths, thousands injured, and estimates of up to \$1 billion in property damage.



Did you know...? A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste! 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 our nation's private black colleges urging them to "pool their small monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience." His words soon 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.