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## CCC Weekly News & Updates

This week in CCC News!!

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### Upcoming Events



2020 EMERGING RESEARCH FOR RACIAL  
JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM  
Saturday, March 21 from 9:30am -2:30pm  
California State University, Los Angeles



#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND REVIEWERS

The Asian American Justice + Innovation Lab (AAJIL), in partnership with California State University Los Angeles, is pleased to announce the inaugural year of the annual symposium *Emerging Research for Racial Justice*.

The vision of this annual event is to provide participating scholars with community engagement, support, and grounded dialogue for their ongoing research. For the local community, it will provide exposure to exciting emerging research across a diversity of fields that intersect with racial justice issues. This program aims to increase the impact of research beyond academia's narrow publishing model and to create pathways for increased awareness, relevance, and application through community-engaged scholarship.

We invite applications from scholars from any field whose current research has important implications for issues of racial justice. We aim to curate an interdisciplinary mix of work from the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences. We also invite applications from scholars who would like to serve as peer-reviewers in the programming selection process; please note that you must be available to read proposals between late December and January 20.

To submit an application for peer-reviewing, email a cover letter and short bio by December 16 to [skim260@calstatela.edu](mailto:skim260@calstatela.edu) with the following subject heading: "2020 ERRJ Peer-Reviewer Application."

To submit a research talk proposal, email a short bio and a 250-word abstract by December 20 to [skim260@calstatela.edu](mailto:skim260@calstatela.edu) with the following subject heading: "2020 ERRJ Proposal Submission." Applicants should write the proposal with a non-specialist audience in mind, as community reviewers will participate in one of the stages of the selection process. Applicants also should make clear the potential real-world impact of their research on issues concerning racial justice. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by January 21.

Summary of dates and deadlines:  
12.16.19: Deadline for peer-reviewer applications  
12.20.19: Deadline for research talk proposals  
Late December: Notification of peer-reviewer acceptance  
01.21.20: Notification of accepted proposals  
03.21.20: Date of symposium

Questions can be directed to Dr. Sandra So Hee Chi Kim at [skim260@calstatela.edu](mailto:skim260@calstatela.edu).

# AUDITIONS: MACBETH, THE MURDERER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6-10 PM  
HENDERSON 302



SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2  
HENDERSON CALL-BOARD, 1ST FLOOR  
\*WALK-INS WELCOME & ENCOURAGED\*

**CALL BACKS:**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, TBD

We are seeking performers of diverse experiences and abilities including writing, movement, and musical skills (vocal and instrumental). Please prepare 2-4 minutes of material related to race, gender, social justice, and/or self-identity. You may share a monologue, a poem, an original piece, a song, a dance, a movement sequence, etc. We suggest two short, distinct pieces (e.g. monologue and song) to showcase your talent and connect with these topics. Shakespeare and Contemporary monologues are highly encouraged. If you don't have a monologue/written dialogue, we have cold readings to pair with your piece.

## Comida y Comunidad

**Who: El Centro and L.A.S.O.**

**What :** Join us for meaningful conversations with the amazing community in El Centro!

We will have guest speakers and delicious food! This happens during the first Tuesday and last Wednesday of the month.

**Where:** El Centro, Squires 309

**When:** December 3rd, 2019



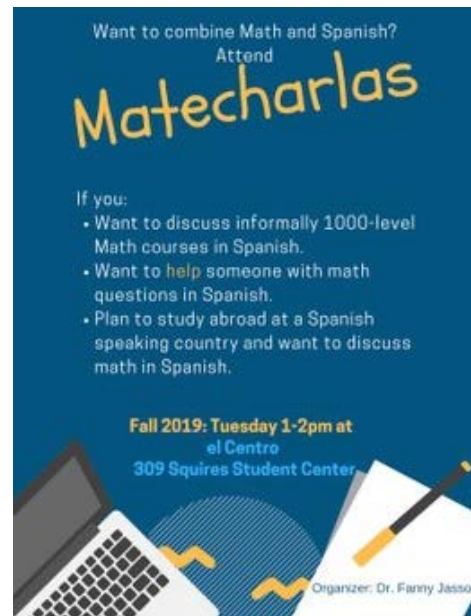
EL CENTRO AT VT PRESENTS:

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SQUIRES 309  
@ 12:00 PM

Dates:  
September 25th, 2019  
October 1st, 2019  
October 30th, 2019  
November 5th, 2019  
December 3rd, 2019



Want to combine Math and Spanish?  
Attend

## Matecharlas

If you:

- Want to discuss informally 1000-level Math courses in Spanish.
- Want to help someone with math questions in Spanish.
- Plan to study abroad at a Spanish speaking country and want to discuss math in Spanish.

Fall 2019: Tuesday 1-2pm at  
el Centro  
309 Squires Student Center

Organizer: Dr. Fanny Jasso

## Matecharlas

**Who:** Dr. Fanny Jasso

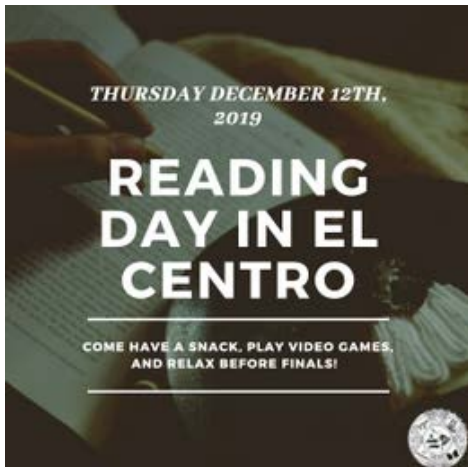
**What:** Matecharlas! This is a great opportunity to get assistance in any 1000-level math course. You can practice your Spanish by asking questions in that language. You can also speak about the opportunities to study abroad in Spanish-speaking countries.

**Where:** El Centro, 309

**When:** Every Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Working on your spring break plans? Join VT Engage on one of our alternative break trips! These trips are a great way to meet new people, engage in service, learn about a social topic you care about, and connect to communities in the southeastern United States. All trips are open to undergraduate and graduate students of any major. You can learn more about these trips and apply

- [the VT Engage website](#)



## Reading Day in El Centro

What: Reading day in El Centro! Come have snacks, relax and engage in our community.

Who: El Centro

Where: El Centro

When: Thursday, December 12th, 2019

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black Cadet Networking event

December 2, 2019 in the BCC,  
Squires 126  
5:00- 6:00 pm



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### FOOD ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

This program is open to ALL undergraduate, graduate and

### Food Access for Students

#### Who are we?

Food access for students was founded by graduate students at Virginia Tech to ensure all students have consistent access to healthy food.

#### What do we do?

We provide grocery cards to students referred to our program.

#### Who is eligible?

All undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at all locations of Virginia Tech.

#### How can you refer?

Please ask students to contact us directly:

- Email us: [foodaccess4students@gmail.com](mailto:foodaccess4students@gmail.com)
- Call/Text Anurag Mantha: (540)750-6833

This program is confidential and we will never share any personal information of students who contact us.

professional students at all locations of Virginia Tech, including Blacksburg, Roanoke, and the National Capital Region.


## SAVE THE DATE!

The seminar will take place on January 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM in the Steger Hall auditorium. The seminar is entitled "Worms, germs, and buffalo: a coinfection story" by Dr. Vanessa Ezenwa, professor in the Odum School of Ecology and department of Infectious Diseases at the University of Georgia.

Ninth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Seminar  
**Dr. Vanessa Ezenwa**  
Professor  
Odum School of Ecology and  
Dept. of Infectious Diseases  
University of Georgia  
Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:20pm  
Steger Hall Auditorium

Dr. Vanessa Ezenwa received her B.A. in Biology from Rice University, her Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University, followed by postdoctoral positions at the USGS from 2005-2010, she was a faculty member at the University of Montana and then moved to the University of Georgia in 2010. Her research centers on the ecology of infectious disease in wild animal populations.

**Worms, germs, and buffalo: a coinfection story**  
Abstract  
Concurrent infection by multiple parasites can shape the trajectory and outcome of infectious diseases. For example, coinfections with parasitic worms can affect the progression and severity of microbial infections, including many viral and bacterial infections. Although an increasing number of studies are investigating the consequences of worm-microbe coinfections in laboratory settings, we still know very little about the repercussions of coinfection in natural environments. This is despite the fact that a majority of hosts (including humans) are simultaneously infected with multiple parasites. Ongoing work in my laboratory is using experimental and observational studies of wild animal populations to understand how coinfection with worms affects the host response and population dynamics of microbial pathogens. Nearly a third of the world's human population, as well as most wild and domesticated animals harbor worm infections, and the geographic distribution of parasitic worms often coincides with the distributions of key microbial pathogens that threaten human and animal health. Our work is revealing that both active infection with worms, and a host's constitutive response to worm infections, have profound implications for the outcome of microbial diseases such as tuberculosis.



Host: Biological Sciences Diversity Committee  
Co-sponsors: '19 Life Sciences Seminar, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science Diversity Committee, College of Natural Resources and Environment, Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series, Global Change Center, Office of Inclusion and Diversity, Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior Seminar, College of Veterinary Medicine

## Weekly/Monthly Events

Every Monday!!



**Q\*MMUNITY  
SUPPORT GROUP**  
**MONDAYS**  
5:30-7:00 PM  
LGBTQ+ Resource Center  
Squires 227

This group welcomes folks who identify as LGBTQ+, as well as those who are exploring their gender and/or sexual identity, to connect and share their experiences. Feel free to come late, leave early, and/or bring food. Food provided the first Monday of every month.

For questions, contact Jordan Harrison at [harrisoj@vt.edu](mailto:harrisoj@vt.edu)

A collaboration between:  
Cask Counseling Center,  
Cultural and Community Centers,  
and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center



On Mondays every week, connect with others who LGBTQ+ and/or are exploring their gender identity and share your experiences.

5:30pm - 7:00pm  
LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Squires 227

To have your event included in the CCC Newsletter, email Sandy Martin at [sypack@vt.edu](mailto:sypack@vt.edu) with information and jpg files by Thursday of each week.