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## CCC Weekly News & Updates

This week in CCC News!!

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### Welcome Back!

#### Virginia Tech appoints new director of the Black Cultural Center

As the new director of the Black Cultural Center, Tyler Brentley will support the university's diversity and inclusion efforts by developing programs, events, and services that facilitate the personal, social, academic, and cultural well-being of Black and



African American students .

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"I know why the caged bird sings." - Maya Angelou

**02.06.2020**  
**STANDPOINTS:  
 BOOK LAUNCH**  
 Perspectives Gallery  
 (Squires)  
 6:00PM

**02.11.2020**  
**LEARNING  
 INTERVIEWING  
 TIPS AROUND  
 MICROAGGRESSIONS**  
 Black Cultural Center  
 12:00-1:30PM

**02.13.2020**  
**BROADWAY IN  
 BLACKSBURG:  
 THE COLOR PURPLE**  
 Moss Arts Center  
 7:30PM  
 \$10 for students

**02.14.2020**  
**SOULFUL FRIDAY:  
 BLACK LOVE EDITION**  
 Squires/Outside the BCC  
 5:00-7:00PM

**02.15.2020**  
**UPLIFTING BLACK  
 MEN CONFERENCE**  
 The Inn at Virginia Tech  
 All Day

**02.15.2020**  
**FLEX AVE.**  
 Moss Arts Center  
 7:30PM  
 \$10 for students

For more information, check out  
[ccs.st.edu/index/bcc](https://ccs.st.edu/index/bcc)

**02.18.2020**  
**BLACKBALLED: THE BLACK &  
 WHITE OF RACE ON  
 AMERICA'S CAMPUS WITH  
 LAWRENCE ROSS**  
 TBD  
 Doors open 6:30PM

**02.19.2020**  
**3RD ANNUAL  
 ARTS & ORATION  
 COMPETITION**  
 Moss Arts Center  
 6:00PM

**02.20.2020**  
**DR. MONICA WHITE:  
 ROUND TABLE  
 DISCUSSION**  
 Graduate Life Center  
 12:00-1:30PM

**02.20.2020**  
**DR. MONICA WHITE:  
 TALK AND BOOK  
 SIGNING**  
 204 Draper Rd SW  
 Blacksburg, VA  
 Doors open 5:30PM  
 Event begins at 6:00PM

**02.21.2020**  
**2ND AND 3RD GENERATION  
 CARIBBEAN DIASPORA  
 DISCUSSION-DR. NATASHA  
 MORTLEY**  
 Fralin Auditorium  
 7:00PM

Contact info:  
 Jarish Strouder [jarish@st.edu](mailto:jarish@st.edu)  
 Dr. Nina Hu [nhu@st.edu](mailto:nhu@st.edu)

**02.25.2020**  
**TRAP YOGA**  
 First basketball gym, McComas  
 7:00PM

**02.27.2020**  
**TRAP N PAINT HOSTED  
 BY TRAP CANVAS**  
 Torgersen 3100  
 7:00PM

**AFRICANA STUDIES WEEK**  
**02.24.2020**  
**ROUNDTABLE WITH DR. JOSH  
 MYERS - THE BLACK LEGACY AT  
 UNIVERSITIES: DO WE STILL NEED  
 AFRICANA STUDIES?**  
 Lavery Hall 320  
 5:00PM

**02.25.2020**  
**TWITTER TAG DISCUSSION**  
 Use the hashtag #AFSTVT  
 7:00-9:00PM

**02.26.2020**  
**MAMA DIPS SOUTHERN DESSERT  
 RECEPTION IN HONOR OF CHEF  
 MILDRED COTTON COUNCIL**  
 Black Cultural Center  
 4:00-6:00PM

**02.27.2020**  
**NATURAL CARE DEMO DAY**  
 Black Cultural Center  
 6:00-7:30PM

**02.27.2020**  
**AFST RESOURCE  
 CENTER REVIEW**  
 Squires Booth B  
 11:00AM-2:00PM

The Student Success Center's Black Male Excellence Network (BMEN) is currently preparing for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Uplifting Black Men Conference:

What Do Black Men Need?  
Navigating the Public Domain  
February 15, 2020  
The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center

The mission of BMEN is to design and implement unique programs that empower, unite and celebrate the success of Black men at Virginia Tech. This year, we will be recognizing and celebrating individual's outstanding accomplishments and contributions that assist with the advancement of Black male success on our campus. We hope you will take a moment to nominate a student, academic peer, colleague, faculty, staff, community member, or mentor for the 2020 BMEN awards:

- **BMEN Student of the Year Award**
- **BMEN Faculty/Staff of the Year Award**
- **BMEN Ally of the Year Award**
- **BMEN Excellence in Service Award**
- **BMEN Leadership Award**

For information on the award descriptions and nomination form, click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/itnib5aTcr3SmzCt7>

The nominations deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, February 5th**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jennifer Brown ([jennifer.brown@vt.edu](mailto:jennifer.brown@vt.edu)).

Schedule of Events

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Learning Lunch w/ Dr. Sano-Franchini | Squires 140 | 12:15PM-1:15PM

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

Navigating the Interview Process | Squires 126 | 12PM-1:30PM

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

The Case in Hong Kong | Squires 140 | 5PM-6:30PM

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

International Café Hours | Deet's Place | 4PM-5:30PM

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Career Tips & Financial Wellbeing | Squires 140 | 12PM-1:30PM

Jan/Feb

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

APIDAs and Rape Culture | Squires 140 | 5PM-6:30PM

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

Learning Lunch w/ Al Evangelista | Squires 140 | 12PM-1PM

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

An Evening w/ Staceyann Chin | NCB 360 | 7PM-9PM

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

Workshop w/ Staceyann Chin | Brush Mountain A&B | 10AM-12PM

March

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

Resiliency & Self Care | Squires 140 | 5PM-6:30PM  
Lee Ellis Talk: Prisoner of War of Hotel Hanol | Burruss Auditorium | 7PM-8:30PM

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

Learning Lunch w/ Dr. Casinelli | Squires 140 | 12PM-1PM  
Mulan | Regal Theater in Christiansburg | Evening TBD

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

Powwow at VT | GLC Lawn | TBD

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

Seadrift Screening & Discussion | Lyric Theatre | 6:30PM-9PM

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

JSU Passover | Squires 140 | 5PM-6:30PM

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

AASU Pageant | Commonwealth Ballroom | TBD

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

APIDAs & the VT Shooting: Commemoration | Squires 140 | 5PM-6:30PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

Blinded by the Light Screening | Squires 140 | TBD

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

AASU Guest Speaker | Colonial Hall | TBD

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

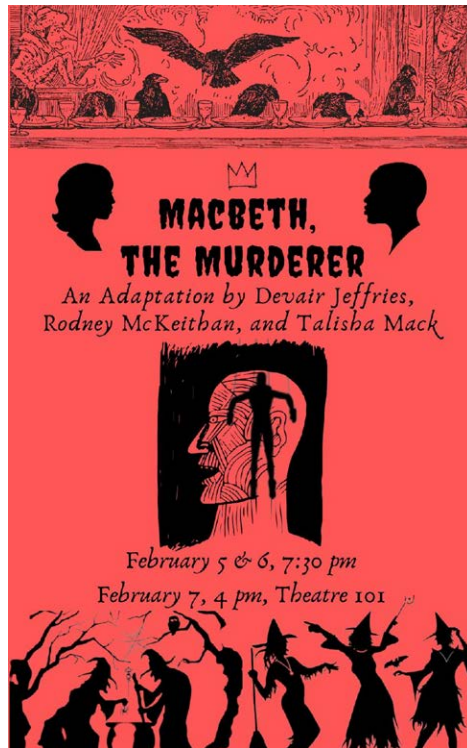
International Street Fair | Alumni Mall | 12PM-6PM

**DATE TBD**

APIDAs, The Yellow Peril, & The Coronavirus | Squires 140 | 5PM-6:30PM

April

Contact us at  
ACECenterVT@vt.edu



ASIAN CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER & BLACK CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

Learn Interviewing Tips Around Microaggressions:

FOCUSING ON BLACK AND APIDA COMMUNITY MEMBERS



featuring Weston Truss and Derek Chen

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020 | 12 PM - 1:30 PM**  
**BLACK CULTURAL CENTER (SQUIRES 126)**

Light refreshments will be served.



The 3rd annual MLK Arts and Oration Competition will be held on Wednesday, February 19th at 6 PM at the Moss Arts Center. And course, there are prizes! Submission deadline is February 5th! The competition is open to ALL VT students! Find out more and apply [https://ccc.vt.edu/calendar/mlk/MLK Oration Competition.html](https://ccc.vt.edu/calendar/mlk/MLK_Oration_Competition.html)

2020  
MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR.  
CELEBRATION

THE FIERCE  
URGENCY OF NOW



# ARTS & ORATION COMPETITION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 6:00 p.m.  
ANNE & ELLEN FIFE THEATER, MOSS ARTS CENTER

Submit your creative work in response to Dr. King's words and present at the Moss Arts Center in this 3rd annual competition for cash prizes. Open to Virginia Tech undergraduate and graduate students.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE	COMPETITION AWARDS
11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020	1st   2nd   3rd
	\$500   \$300   \$150


APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS  
[ccc.vt.edu/mlk\\_oration](https://ccc.vt.edu/mlk_oration)

Submission entries are eligible for a raffle for Two (2) complimentary tickets to the VT vs. Miami basketball game

For more information, visit [ccc.vt.edu/mlk](https://ccc.vt.edu/mlk)  
or contact Shernita Lee at [shernita@vt.edu](mailto:shernita@vt.edu) or 540-231-6529



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**Career** ?'s  
 stop by drop-in job search advising  
 during hip hop study hours



- résumés
- search tools
- general questions about your career

Wednesdays  
 Feb. 12 - Mar. 25  
 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

West Ambler Johnston  
 1st floor - Senior Commons

Please visit [www.career.vt.edu](http://www.career.vt.edu) for a list of all advising options.  
 For more information contact: Weston Truss [Weston19@vt.edu](mailto:Weston19@vt.edu)  
 or Career and Professional Development 540-231-6241



*El Centro Presents:*

# COMIDA Y COMUNIDAD

*Come join us for meaningful conversations with the amazing community in El Centro! We will have guest speakers and delicious food! This happens during the last Wednesday of the month.*

JANUARY 29TH, 2020  
 FEBRUARY 26TH, 2020  
 MARCH 25TH, 2020  
 APRIL 29TH, 2020

12 P.M.  
 SQUIRES 309

For any questions, contact Veronica Montes  
 ([vmontes@vt.edu](mailto:vmontes@vt.edu))



## Comida y Comunidad

**What: Comida y Comunidad in El Centro**

**Who: El Centro**

**Where: El Centro, Squires 309**

**When:**

**(Remaining dates)**

**February 26th, 2020**

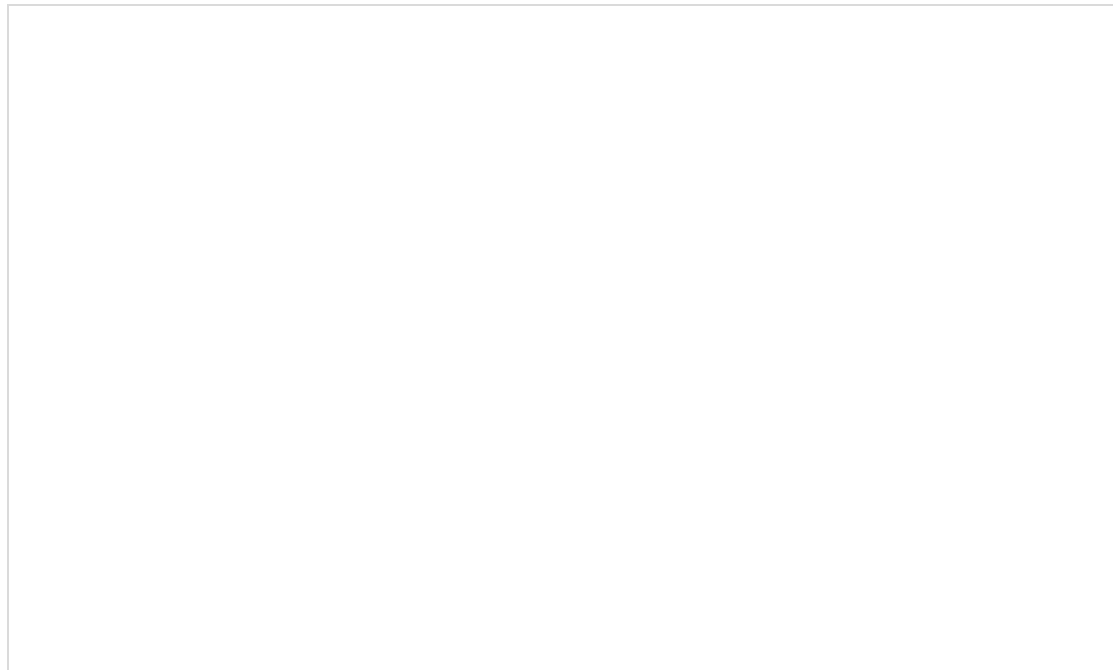
**March 25th, 2020**

**April 29th, 2020**



**COME AND MEET EL CENTRO'S FACULTY FELLOW**  
**Office hours: Tuesdays 3.30-5pm, El Centro. Squires 309**

**Faculty Fellows are here to support El Centro in bringing visibility to Virginia Tech's and the local Latinx community and in enhancing your student experience at Virginia Tech. Most and foremost, they are here to advise and support you. Dr. Desiree Poets is El Centro's 2019-2020 Faculty Fellow. Born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. Drop by office hours (Tuesdays 3.30-5pm in El Centro) or e-mail [DesireePoets@vt.edu](mailto:DesireePoets@vt.edu)) to discuss anything related to your studies, life as a Latinx student, or plans for after you graduate. All welcome!**



# HOKIE Mentorship Connect

## Black Career Connections

GET CONNECTED!



### GROUP DISCUSSION BOARD

- Black/African American Undergraduate Students and Alum Participants
- Industry Experts with Unique Minority Perspectives
- Ask Questions and View Comments
- Actively Engage by Career-Related Interest
- Networking
- Conduct Informational Interviews
- Ask Questions about your Resume, Job Search and more

Creating relationships between multiple generations of Hokies!

[mentoring.career.vt.edu](http://mentoring.career.vt.edu)



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# **DR. SANO-FRANCHINI**

FACULTY FELLOW AT THE ASIAN CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

## **Office Hours @ ACEC**

**1:30 - 3:30PM**

Every other Wednesday  
beginning January 22,  
2020



## **The ACEC Welcomes Dr. Jennifer Sano-Franchini as New Faculty Fellow!**

Dr. Sano-Franchini is the Director of the Professional and Technical Writing Program and associate professor of English at VT. Her research and teaching interests are in the cultural politics of design, Asian American rhetoric, and the rhetorical work of institutions. Dr. Sano-Franchini is a former Co-Chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication Asian/Asian American Caucus, and she founded the Asian/Asian American Caucus for Virginia Tech Faculty and Staff in 2015. She identifies as a second generation Korean, fourth generation Japanese American, and first generation college graduate who was born and raised on O'ahu, Hawai'i.

Questions? Contact Dr. Nina Ha at [nha@vt.edu](mailto:nha@vt.edu)

**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.**

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