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THE ASIAN CULTURAL
ENGAGEMENT CENTER PRESENTS

De-Stress Yoga

With Instructor Ravi (Ravinder Gill)

DATE: FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020

TIME: 5:30 - 6:45PM

LOCATION: ACEC (SQUIRES 140)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DR. HA AT

NHA@VT.EDU

Come take a break and learn some yoga poses with Ravinder Gill! Gill is an instructor at the Blacksburg Yoga Collective who wants to bring holistic health to underprivileged communities; her method focuses on the grounding, balancing, and regenerating aspects of yoga. This class is donation-based and yoga mats are on a first-come first-serve basis; feel free to bring your own mat as well!

**2020
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
CELEBRATION**

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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

11:59 p.m. on Wednesday,
February 5, 2020

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

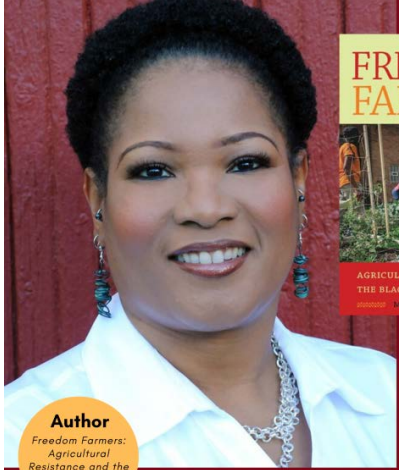
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COMPETITION AWARDS


1st	2nd	3rd
\$500	\$300	\$150

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
or contact Sheritta Lee at sheritta@vt.edu or 540-231-6529



FREEDOM FARMERS



AGRICULTURAL RESISTANCE AND
THE BLACK FREEDOM MOVEMENT
Author: MONICA M. WHITE

Author
*Freedom Farmers:
Agricultural
Resistance and the
Black Freedom
Movement*

February 20, 2020

Dr. Monica White
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION PUBLIC TALK

12:00-1:30 PM
VT Graduate Life Center, Room C
155 Otey St
Blacksburg, VA 24060
Light refreshments provided

6:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM)
The Alexander Black House
204 Draper Rd SW
Blacksburg, VA 24060
Includes book signing and refreshments

SPONSORS

- Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation
- Community Change Collaborative of the Institute of Policy and Governance
- CALS Diversity Council
- Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS)

**Water in the Lumbee World:
Indigenous Rights,
Environmental Justice, and the
Atlantic Coast Pipeline
Talk**
Where: Fralin Auditorium
When: Friday February 21, 10:00 -
11:00.



Dr. Ryan Emanuel
Associate Professor, North Carolina State University

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**RIO DE JANEIRO & APPALACHIA IN DIALOGUE:
ARTS, PUBLIC HEALTH,
AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**

ROUNDTABLE WITH

**ANDREZA JORGE & HENRIQUE GOMES,
REDES DA MARÉ NGO (RIO DE JANEIRO),
DR. BRANDY FAULKNER (PSCI) &
DR. JORDAN LANEY (RELIGION & CULTURE)
RACHEL WEAVER (SOVA)**

**FRIDAY FEB 21, 4.30-6pm
EL CENTRO, SQUIRES 309**

PIZZA AND RESHMENTS PROVIDED

Sponsored by
CLAHS International Initiatives Small Grants, the Department of Political Science, the
Virginia Tech Center for Humanities, and the Institute for Policy and Governance

Join us for a roundtable on:
**Rio de Janeiro & Appalachia
in Dialogue** Arts, Public Health
& Community Organizing
Friday, Feb 21, 4.30-6pm, in El
Centro (Squires)
Pizza & refreshments provided

This roundtable will place
community organizers and
educators from the Maré Favela
Complex in Rio de Janeiro and
Appalachia in conversation.
It will cover the role of the arts,
including poetry, dance, music,
and photography in community
development and activism, as
well as issues pertaining to
public health and drug use.
Anchoring the conversation are
questions of race, gender,
ethnicity, place and belonging.

ALL WELCOME!



Andreza Jorge is a black feminist, mother, academic, and resident of the Complexo da Maré favela. Her work focuses on racial, gender, and sexual identity. She has published articles, short stories, and poems and was named the "highlight" poet of the 2017 International Literary Festival of Paraty. She coordinates *Casa das Mulheres*, a space for women in Maré. Jorge uses dance, music, and composition to discuss themes pertinent to the daily life of women living in favelas.



Henrique Gomes da Silva is a black activist and resident of Complexo da Maré. He works with numerous local and international academics, artists, and activists. Silva also coordinates *Maré que Queremos*, a project which brings together Maré's neighborhood associations to improve favela conditions, and *Espaço Normal*, a space for drug users and the homeless.



Dr. Brandy Faulkner, the Gloria D. Smith Professor of Black Studies at Virginia Tech, is a collegiate assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. Faulkner is an award-winning teacher, teaching courses in public administration, constitutional and administrative law, research methods, and the politics of race, ethnicity, and gender. She is also an activist in the New River Valley region.



Dr. Jordan Laney, Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Religion & Culture, Jordan's current work addresses issues of gender within traditional Appalachian music, theories of space and place, sustainable economies, and qualitative research methodology. A member of the Edward A. Bouchet Society at Yale University and a Berea College Appalachian Sound Archives Fellow, she was awarded the 2019 Bluegrass Foundation's Neil Rosenberg Bluegrass Scholarship Award.



Rachel Weaver, Assistant Professor/Chair of Creative Technologies at the School of Visual Arts, is an interdisciplinary media artist working in video, experimental documentary, sound, installation, and performance. Her projects explore personal and cultural memory, resilience in the face of adversity, landscapes and people in flux, and ecological systems. Her research is centered on creative decolonization and fighting for inclusivity, and she actively collaborates with indigenous communities.

Women's and Gender Studies and Africana Studies Programs, and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

presents

Dr. Natasha Mortley, PhD

Building on Heritage: Ties for Proactive Engagement for the The Caribbean Diaspora



Natasha Kay Mortley has a PhD in Migration and Diaspora Studies from the University of the West Indies (UWI) Jamaica. In 2006 she received the Commonwealth Split Site Award and was an affiliate PhD research candidate at the University College London, UK. She is now a Lecturer and Research specialist with the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS). She lectures in Research Methods, Feminist Epistemology and Methodology and Key Theories and Debates in Gender and Development. Dr. Mortley is a native of Saint Lucia. She is an author and has a book entitled "St Lucian Women on the Move: The Impact of Gender Relations on Migration Decisions."

Friday February 21st @ 7pm

Fralin Auditorium

Virginia Tech

Can a Christian be a Democrat? or a Republican?

February 25 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

GLC Auditorium

Our political world seems so contentious, with the economy, race, immigration, and health care on center stage. Religious believers have had an important, though contested, role in American political life, from the rise of the "religious right" to interfaith activism. With the Virginia Presidential Primary approaching, two veteran political leaders, from very different points on the political spectrum, explore the interface between faith and politics

in contemporary America.

Mike McCurry served as press secretary for former president Bill Clinton, and is Professor of Public Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary

Tim Goeglein is Vice President of External and Government Relations for Focus on the Family

Brandy Faulkner Gloria D. Smith Professor of Africana Studies at Virginia Tech, will moderate.

Co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) at Virginia Tech

For more information, contact Mike Weaver, Executive Director of the Bradley Center (mike@bradleystudycenter.org).

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