The College has introduced the following new academic programs. The Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management now offers a major in Family and Consumer Sciences. The Department of Political Science has three new majors within the Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies: International Public Policy, International Relations, and National Security and Foreign Affairs. The department also offers new minors in International Public Policy and International Relations.


Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management/Property Management major Caitlin McCain and faculty member Dustin Read participated in the 2016 National Apartment Association Education Conference and Exposition, which was held June 15–18 in San Francisco. Both took part in a panel discussion focused on best practices in attracting and retaining millennials in the residential property management industry.


A Roaring Lion, a film screenplay by C. N. Bean, English, was selected as a quarter-finalist in the 2016 Page International Screenwriting Awards.


ASPECT doctoral student Michele Deramo published “How KANERE Free Press Resists Biopower” in the open access journal *Refuge* 32.1 (Spring 2016). She also facilitated a weeklong Inclusive Excellence Workshop from July 18 to 22 at Emory and Henry College, in Emory, Virginia.

Roger Ekirch, History, gave a plenary address, “Sleep: At the Intersection of Science and History,” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, which was held June 9–11 in Denver, Colorado; and his essay “Echoes from the Presidential Election of 1800” was posted on June 6 in the *Huffington Post*. His work also appeared in the following: the June 20 issue of the Brisbane *Courier Mail*; the Ljubljana *Delo* on July 31; the August 4 issue of the *Atlantic*; the Melbourne *Herald Sun* on August 14; the August 15 issue of the *Boston Globe Magazine*; the August 17 issue of the *Guardian*; the *BBC News* on August 17; the August 27 issue of the Tokyo *Japan Times*; and the *Toronto Star* on August 29.

Rosemary Goss, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, was reappointed as Residential Property Management Advisory Board Professor by President Sands and Executive Vice President and Provost Rikakis. Established in 1995, the RPM Advisory Board Professorship recognizes a teaching scholar in the field of residential property management; selection is made by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Goss has held the Residential Property Management Advisory Board Professorship since 2001.


Erin Hopkins, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, was awarded the Willis and Mary Blackwood Junior Faculty Fellowship by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors; she will hold the title for three years. The Fellowship recognizes an outstanding faculty member in the Virginia Tech Program in Real Estate. In addition, Hopkins published “An Exploration of Green Building Costs and Benefits: Searching for the Higher Ed Context,” *Journal of Real Estate Literature* 24.1 (2016): 67–84.

Bettina Koch, Political Science, was awarded a Caltech-Huntington Humanities Collaborations Fellowship for her research project titled “Violence and Disordered Order in Theory and Historical Practice” and is spending academic year 2016–2017 in California as a Caltech-Huntington Humanities Collaborations Fellow and Caltech Visiting Associate in the Humanities. In addition, she was appointed Head of the Politics and International Affairs Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research; her three-year term began in July 2016.

As a participant in the Virginia Tech Graduate School’s Global Perspectives Program, ASPECT doctoral student Jordan Laney and her fellow Global Perspectives Program cohort of Willie Caldwell, Ben Chambers, Wei Gong, Josias Planta, Heiko Sorg, and Ayesha Yousafzai presented “Institutes of Higher Education as Regional Innovators” on July 17 at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, DC.

Carol Mullen, School of Education, was selected as the 2016 recipient of the Virginia Educational Research Association’s Charles Clear Research Award. The award is presented annually to an “individual, group, or organization that has made a sustained contribution to educational research or evaluation in the Commonwealth of Virginia or the nation.” Mullen will receive the award at the association’s conference, to be held September 15–16 in Charlottesville.


Dustin Read, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, received the William and Mary Alice Park Junior Faculty Fellowship from the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. Established in 2015, the Fellowship supports faculty who enhance the educational experience of undergraduates aspiring to be real estate professionals. The fellowship appointment is for three years and is renewable.

Bill Roth, who served for 27 years as the Voice of the Hokies, has returned to Virginia Tech as a Professor of Practice in the Department of Communication. As the Voice of the Hokies, Roth provided radio play-by-play for Virginia Tech football and men’s basketball. In recognition of his work, the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association named him the state’s
Sportscaster of the Year 11 times, and he was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.


ASPECT doctoral student **Faith Skiles** published “Change Amidst Tradition: The First Two Years of the Burruss Administration,” *The Smithfield Review* 20 (2016): 27–45; and reviewed *Island Queens and Mission Wives: How Gender and Empire Remade Hawai’i’s Pacific World* by Jennifer Thigpen in the *North Carolina State Graduate Journal of History* 4 (Spring 2016), online. Skiles also was the recipient of a Presbyterian Historical Society Research Fellowship Grant for 2016 for her research project titled “Presbyterian Women Missionaries and the Development of Korean Christianity.”


ASPECT doctoral student **Emma Stamm** published “Building a Cultural Dialogue around the Permanent, Blockchain Web” in the online journal *Model View Culture* 39 (July 25, 2016). Stamm also presented “Block Party People: Off The (Bitcoin) Chain” at the interdisciplinary conference Theorizing the Web 2016, held April 15–16 at the Museum of the Moving Image in New York City.

The following students in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences were awarded scholarships for the 2016–2017 academic year. The Dean’s Rising Senior Scholarship was awarded to **Samantha DiBiaso**, Public Relations and Religion and Culture. Recipients of the Dean’s Rising Junior Scholarship and Rising Sophomore Scholarship were **Haley Meade**, Religion and Culture and Biochemistry, and **Jennalee Beazley**, International Studies, respectively. **Sarah Steelman**, Marriage and Family Therapy, was recognized with the Faculty Campaign Scholarship. The Susan Pascoe Farrell Scholarship was awarded to **Jesse Hughes**, Music.
Education. Recipients of a Hallie L. Hughes Scholarship were: Caroline Amodeo, Music Performance and Spanish, and Jessica Craig, Literature and Language and Professional and Technical Writing. John Mark Mastakas, History, was recognized with the Hulick Scholarship for Leadership, Friendship, and Service. The following students received the Moody, Pratt, Minor Scholarship: Caroline Amodeo, Music Performance and Spanish; Nala Chehade, International Studies and History; Emily Hoyt, Human Development; and Aaron Keeton, International Studies and French. Shelby Borowski, Human Development, and Raven Weaver, Human Development, were recipients of James D. Moran Memorial Scholarships. The Nelson–Lehmann–Gold–VanSant Family Scholarship was awarded to Kristina Lundquist, Human Development. Jessica Craig, Literature and Language and Professional and Technical Writing, was recognized with the John Rathbone Scholarship. Mary Karen Read Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Anna Adere, Human Development, and Rachel Darling, Human Development. Receiving a Robichaud Family Scholarship were: Theodore Alt, Music Education and Music Performance; Jessica Craig, Literature and Language and Professional and Technical Writing; Samantha DiBiaso, Public Relations and Religion and Culture; Emily Hoyt, Human Development; and Jesse Hughes, Music Education. Morgan Alexander, Human Development, and Caroline Sutphin, Literature and Language, received a Margaret Rawlinson Svoboda 4–H Scholarship. Mildred Crawford Weidemann Scholarships were awarded to Makeda Mesfin, International Studies, and Lauren Schmidt, Human Development. Djamila Lou, Russian and Nanoscience, was the recipient of the Mildred E. Young Scholarship. The following were awarded a Margaret Groseclose Skelton Scholarship: Libby Clary, Human Development; Molly Maurin, Human Development and Human Nutrition, Food, and Exercise; Jordan Mercer, Consumer Studies; and Dakota West, History. Receiving a Laura Jane Harper Scholarship were Amy Morgan, Human Development, and Michael Thomas, Human Development. Blythe Boyd, Caitlyn Godwin, and Paige Moorman, all majors in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, were the recipients of a Mildred E. Young Scholarship. The following students were recipients of a Martha Price Hancock Scholarship: Theodore Alt, Music Education and Music Performance; Caroline Amodeo, Music Performance and Spanish; Jessica King, Communication Studies and International Studies; and John Wright, Philosophy. Hokie Memorial Marathon Scholarships were awarded to: Vincent DiNardo, Music; Rachel Hargrave, Creative Writing; Lauren Weaver, Spanish; and John Wright, Philosophy. Jessica King, Communication Studies and International Studies, received the Senior Challenge Book Scholarship as well as the Dean Robert Bates Honorary Endowment Scholarship. The CLAHS Staff Association Scholarship was awarded to Samantha DiBiaso, Public Relations and Religion and Culture. The following students were recipients of a Destiny Scholarship: Taylor Anderson, Political Science; Tyra Anderson, Human Development; Hannah Ange, Literature and Language; Madison Arnesen, Political Science; Megan Church, Communication Studies; Meaghan Doherty, Political Science; Mariah Evans, Criminology; Lidia Guerra, Political Science; Noah Hairston, Multimedia Journalism; Connor Ingalsbe, International Studies; Brett Isom, Political Science; Danielle Jeffers, Multimedia Journalism; Halle Jordan, Multimedia Journalism; Megan Kelley, Human Development; Haein Kim, International Studies; Alexander Knight, International Studies; A’via Linton, Spanish; Gabrielle Lozama, Multimedia Journalism; Madeline MacMeekin, Multimedia Journalism; Casey Molina, Multimedia Journalism; Joshua Morrison, Music; Corrine Murray, Public Relations; Casey Pongonis, Professional and Technical Writing; Carrie Rasnake, Political
Science; Collin Sabine, Political Science; Hunter Shinn, Classical Studies; Rachel Sutphin, Religion and Culture; Luca Thoms, Political Science; Virginia Tilley, Music; Zachary Walker, Criminology; Zachary Weeks, Classical Studies; Jada Woodson, Fashion Merchandising and Design; and Jason Yoxthimer, Communication Studies. Recipients of College scholarships as well as donors who support the scholarships will be recognized at a dinner on October 19.

Charles Taylor, Political Science, was one of seven Virginia Tech employees honored by the 2016 Service Recognition Program for 45 years of service to the university.

Two students from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences were selected as student ambassadors by the Office of Undergraduate Research for 2016-2017: Nala Chehade, a senior History and International Studies major, and Eryney Marrogi, a sophomore Philosophy and Biochemistry major. Ambassadors host weekly office hours and offer presentations on undergraduate research to classes and student groups.

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