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# The Cranwell Courier

Thursday, October 15 - Thursday, October 22

**Welcome, new Courier subscribers!** Below you'll find a wide variety of global and diversity-focused events occurring at Cranwell International Center, as well as throughout the Virginia Tech campus and the Blacksburg community at large.

***We wish everyone a safe and happy fall break!** If you're sticking around town this weekend, be sure to check out the local events calendars, listed at the bottom of this email.*

## Virginia Tech Events and Activities

### Are you an international student from the Caribbean?

Consider participating in a research study aimed at exploring the academic and sociocultural experiences of international students from the Caribbean, particularly the ways in which students form and enact their cultural and racial identities when studying in the United States.

Potential participants should be Caribbean nationals who are F-1 visa holders. They should also be between the ages of 18 and 25, have been enrolled at university for



### The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Formed in 1985 as a bit of fun, the [Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain's](#) first gig was an instant sell-out, and they've been performing ever since. Over the last 30 years, they have spawned hundreds of

at least one year, and will have graduated no more than one year ago.

For more information, contact [dpopova@vt.edu](mailto:dpopova@vt.edu).



## Film Screening: Friendship!

*(in German with English subtitles)*

November 1989. The Berlin Wall has fallen. Two young East-Germans, Veit and Tom, heed the call of the West and set out for America with little more than 100 Deutsch-Marks in their pockets and a dream in their head: to make it to San Francisco. But with their knowledge of English limited to the words "friendship" and "Vee are Communists," they're in for a rough ride.

**When:** October 19, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Hahn North 140

*This film showing is part of the **25 Years of German Unity** event, sponsored by the VT German Program.*

imitators; indeed, the orchestra often is blamed for the current ukulele revival sweeping communities across the globe. The current ensemble has been playing together for more than 20 years and has become a much-loved national institution. They play ukuleles, they sing, they say funny things, they whistle; but they bring a lot more to the table than that. The "Ukes" are an irresistible entertainment juggernaut that bring us good humor, well-being, and joy with their music.

**When:** Friday, Oct 16, 7:30 pm

**Where:** Moss Arts Center

**Cost:** \$20/\$45 (non-students), \$10/students and children aged 18 and under.

**\*\* FREE last minute rush seats are available to Virginia Tech students, but only if you sign up for text notifications. Text "arts" to 31996 and we will add you to our list to receive these notifications. Availability of rush seats vary by performance. Virginia Tech ID will be required for admission.**

## What We Talk about When We Talk about Pools: Controversies in America and Israel

When the mercury rises, people flock to bodies of water. Yet the visual intimacy of bathing also brings together different groups who wouldn't normally mix outside of the water, sparking tensions that have resulted in protests and violence. In this lecture, Dr. Shayna Weiss, of Tel Aviv University, will compare controversies about integration in swimming pools in America and Israel, revealing surprising insights about the intersections of race, gender, and class.

**When:** Tuesday, Oct 20, 7-8 pm

**Where:** 223 Engel Hall

**Free and open to the public.**

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## FILM and PHENOMENOLOGY AFFECT, BODIES, and CIRCULATIONS in LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA

Virginia Tech  
Blacksburg, VA

October 21, 2015

"Filming the Buenos Aires Café: Memory and Community in *Bolivia and Bar, el Chino*"

Amanda Holmes, McGill University  
10am Fralin Auditorium

"The Cruel Optimism of Country Life"

Matt Losada, University of Kentucky  
2:30pm Fralin Auditorium

"Cold in the tropics: sensorial landscapes in *Agua fría de mar* by Paz Fabrega"

Daniel Quirós, Lafayette College  
4pm Fralin Auditorium

"Affecting Desires: The Politics and Poetics of the Female Body in Mexican Neoliberal Cinema"

Ignacio M. Sánchez Prado, Washington University in St. Louis  
5:30pm Fralin Auditorium

October 22, 2015

"Low Intensity Necropolitics: Slow Violence and the Cinematic Representation of Latin American Migrant Bodies"

Adrian Pérez Melgosa, Stony Brook University  
9:30am Fralin Auditorium

"Between Love and Money: Free-Market Epistemologies of Affect"

Dierdra Reber, Emory University  
11am Fralin Auditorium

"Minimalism, Deadpan Humor, and the Affectless"

Laura Podalsky, Ohio State University  
5:30pm Durham 261

Roundtable: 5pm Durham 261

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## Latin American Film Symposium

Entitled *Film and Phenomenology: Affect, Bodies and Circulations in Latin American Cinema*, this two-day symposium brings to Blacksburg preeminent names in the field of Hispanic Cinema Studies.

**When:** October 21 and 22

**Where:** All events will be in Fralin Auditorium, **except** for the Roundtable Discussion on 10/22 at 5 pm in Durham 261.

Click here for a full listing of events: [http://www.clahs.vt.edu/the-college/college-priorities/international-initiatives/pdf/2015-16/L\\_latin-american-film-symposium.jpg](http://www.clahs.vt.edu/the-college/college-priorities/international-initiatives/pdf/2015-16/L_latin-american-film-symposium.jpg)

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## Call for Entries: An Exhibition of Cultures

Virginia Tech/ Art + Architecture

*Diane Rosenberg Program in Judaic Studies in the Department of Religion and Culture and the Residential College at West Ambler Johnston.*



### **New Town: Across the Color Line**

Learn about local Blacksburg history! This student-produced experiential exhibit explores New Town, a predominantly African American community that existed just outside the boundaries of Virginia Polytechnic Institute for more than a century.

**When:** The exhibit runs from Oct 5 - Nov 12

**Where:** Newman Library, 2nd Floor

*Sponsored by the Department of History. For more information, contact [lwining@vt.edu](mailto:lwining@vt.edu).*



### **Get Involved: PIH Engage**

Partners in Health (PIH) is an organization that advocates for making healthcare available for all people, everywhere.

Library of Cowgill Hall

*November 10-12, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm, Art + Architecture Library, Cowgill Hall*

The College of Architecture and Urban Studies extends an invitation to the university community to showcase cultures and countries by celebrating the creative works and objects of art and craftsmanship from various countries and regions: all media welcome - pottery, sculptures, paintings, calligraphy, fabric and so on.

**If you have a craft example to submit, you're in luck! Registration has been extended to October 19, 2015.**

Click here for more information and to register:  
<http://goo.gl/forms/ETnfYpmkz6>

### **World Statistics Day Celebration: Envisioning the 21st Century Global Land Grant University to Build Research Capacity in Developing Countries**

**When:** Tuesday, Oct 20, 2015

**Where:** Goodwin Hall Auditorium

**FREE and open to the public.**

LISA (Virginia Tech's Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis) announces the LISA

Through PIH Engage, the grassroots arm of Partners in Health, our Blacksburg/Virginia Tech community is joining this movement for health as a human right.

As a team, **we will** organize: hosting events, rallies, town hall meetings, and marches.

**We will** educate: holding discussion groups and public lectures about the right to health.

**We will** fund high-quality health care for people living in poverty.

**We will** advocate global and domestic policies that further the right to health.

Together, we can face some of the world's most pressing problems and spur social change—right in our own community.

If you are interested in joining this Right to Health movement, or in learning more about it, please send an email to:

[melissaripepi@gmail.com](mailto:melissaripepi@gmail.com)  
with the subject “PIH Engage”.

2020 Program helps scientists, government officials, businesses, and NGOs discover local solutions to local problems by applying statistics and data science. The LISA 2020 goal is to build a global network of 20 statistical collaboration laboratories in developing countries by 2020.

Join new provost Thanassis Rikakis and other speakers as they introduce the LISA 2020 Program to the Virginia Tech and local community and celebrate the success the program has had thus far.

Following the presentation a reception will be held in Goodwin Hall Atrium.

## Check out these online calendars for even more exciting local events and programs!

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