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January is National Stalking Awareness Month. Stalking is a serious, prevalent, and dangerous crime. While awareness and public discussion of intimate partner violence and sexual assault have increased in recent years, stalking remains frequently misunderstood and rarely discussed.

It is essential for victims, survivors, service providers, and the criminal justice system to be able to identify and name stalking. Stalking is a unique crime that calls for particularized safety planning, investigation, charging, and prosecution, as well as the development and implementation of policies and protocols to ensure an effective response.

For victims, it can be very empowering to accurately name their experiences as “stalking;” it enables them to make sense of what they are going through and helps them identify and seek appropriate help and resources.

If you or someone you know is being stalked, the Women's Center can provide

support and advocacy services. To set up an appointment with one of our advocates, send us an email at WCsupport@vt.edu or give us a call Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm at 540-231-7806.

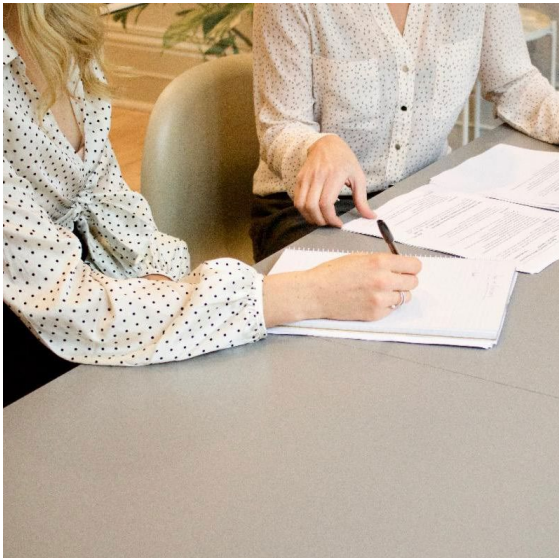
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Walking Together: Working Toward Equity in our VT Community

Join us for this special episode in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the theme, We Cannot Walk Alone.

We talk with Dr. Pat Hyer, Dr. Barbara Pendergrass, and Dr. Delores Scott, who were pivotal in advocating for women, Black students and faculty, students with disabilities, and other marginalized communities at Virginia Tech. They worked together, with many others, to establish programs and policies to help students, faculty, and staff be successful during their time at our university.

[Listen here.](#)



Emergency Leave

Public Health and Emergency Leave (PHEL) is a benefit activated by the Commonwealth of Virginia for state employees as a result of the impact of COVID-19 and when remote work options are not available.

This benefit is available to Virginia Tech full- and part-time faculty and staff, and many wage employees who are impacted by the virus.

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Upcoming Events



January 20, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

A CONVERSATION WITH HABEN GIRMA

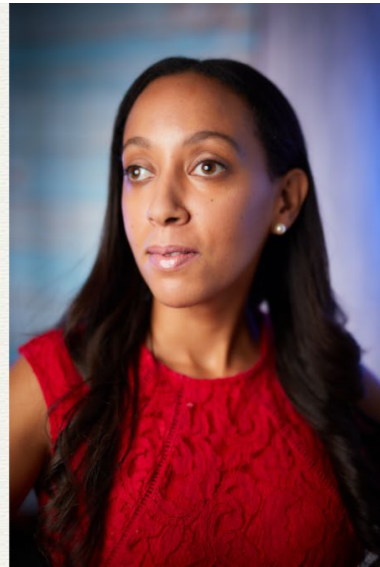
a virtual talk on disability and inclusion in collaboration with
Virginia Tech's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week

ASL interpreted and closed captions will be available

Register at ssd.vt.edu/rsvp

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MLK 2021 VIRTUAL

WE CANNOT WALK ALONE

Sponsored by the Office for Inclusion & Diversity & The MLK Celebration Committee

FEATURED KEYNOTES



Sybrina Fulton
JANUARY 25TH (12-1PM ET)



Ilyasah Shabazz
JANUARY 18TH (5-6PM ET)

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*A conversation with two of the first Black Women
who enrolled at Virginia Tech:*

*Dr. La Verne Hairston Higgins
and Marguerite Harper Scott*

Host: Menah Pratt-Clarke
Vice President for Strategic Affairs & Diversity

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 at 12PM ET
via the InclusiveVT YouTube Channel
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