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100 YEARS OF WOMEN AT VIRGINIA TECH

For the past 16 years, the Women's Center, AdvanceVT, the Graduate School, the Women's and Gender Studies program, and the VT Women's Alliance and Caucus have hosted a Welcome Reception for New Women Colleagues. This annual tradition is an informal opportunity for new women faculty, staff and graduate students at VT to gather as a community, begin forging connections and networks, and to share resource information, and more.

This year we are sad to miss the opportunity to welcome our new colleagues in person, but offer this virtual message and resource page as a welcoming gesture. We all look forward to the opportunity to meet face-to-face as soon as it is safe and healthy to do so.

[Watch the Welcome Messages](#)

After Care Kit Donations

As part of SAVES Service week and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SAVES will be creating care packages for sexual assault survivors after examinations

in the Emergency Room. These kits will be given to forensic nursing staff at local hospitals so they may provide more comfort and care to survivors.

If you would like to support this initiative, please consider purchasing items from their Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR to the left or [click here](#) to choose items from the list.

The After Care packing session will take place on October 28th in Squires Brush Mountain A.

HELP PROVIDE AFTER CARE KITS FOR ASSAULT SURVIVORS

Help us provide survivors who seek Forensic Medical Exams at local hospitals with personal care and support items they need.



SCAN ME!



8th Annual Little Hokie™ Hand-Me-Down

This program is designed to benefit Virginia Tech graduate students and families. We will be collecting unused/gently used children's items for parents and children ages 0 to 10.

Donate

October 11th - November 8th

Gently used clothes, books, toys, lactation aids, strollers, unexpired car seats, baby gear, diapers, etc.

Drop-off at the Women's Center
206 Washington St. SW

We ask that any donations be completely boxed or contained in plastic bags.

Get Free Items

Graduate Students

November 9th | 12p - 5p

Graduate Students and Staff

November 10th | 10a - 2p

Limited capacity; first come, first in.

Items will be available for selection in the Owens Ballroom. For more information womenscenter.vt.edu

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Toys (including music and DVDs,) books
- Gently used clothing (baby and maternity)
- Formula (that is not expired)
- Medical supplies (breast pumps, lactation devices)
- Strollers, unexpired car seats, school supplies
- Bedding (for cribs and adults!)
- Bathing and grooming supplies (bathers, unopened/unused creams, lotions, powders)
- Feeding supplies (bibs, baby bottles, food warmers)
- Baby gear (activity gyms, bassinets, play mats, baby carriers, swings)
- Diapers



give what you can
take what you need

WOMEN'S CENTER
AT VIRGINIA TECH



VT GRADUATE SCHOOL
VIRGINIA TECH

Little Hokie Hand Me Down Donations

Little Hokie Hand Me Down is a program for graduate students and staff members with kids. The event offers university students and staff members with children the opportunity to “shop” for a wide range of infant and children’s clothes, accessories, and other items they may need, free of charge.

We are currently accepting donations from now until November 8th. Items should be contained in boxes or bags, and dropped off at the Women's Center.

For more information, [contact Jessie Meltsner](#).

Kids Night Out

Kids’ Night Out is a free childcare program for graduate student families. We provide a fun evening of play, crafts, movies (and a snack!) each Thursday night while classes

are in session from 6:30-8pm. Kids must be toilet trained and masked. Childcare is provided by volunteers from the Chi Delta Alpha Service Sorority.

Look for a unique sign-up link every Monday on the [Women's Center website](#) Enrollment is on a first come/first served basis. For additional information contact Jessie Meltsner at jmelts@vt.edu




Upcoming Events and Opportunities

A promotional poster for an event. The background features a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a brown patterned shirt and white pants, sitting on stone steps and holding a white rabbit. Behind him is a red door and a black metal railing. The text is overlaid on the image.

"LATINX"
WITH JP BRAMMER

October 13th
6pm EST
via Zoom

Author of **iHOLA PAPI!**
How to Come Out in a
Walmart Parking Lot and
Other Life Lessons



Scan to Attend

If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, welcome! Please contact Dr. Bing at anbingham@vt.edu or 540-231-8584 at least five business days prior to the event. Co-sponsored by: El Centro and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.



2021 National Disability Employment Awareness Month Events



NEW INSTALLATION
AT THE
MOSS ARTS CENTER

The Posture Portraits Project

Come experience an
immersive installation that
explores the uncovered
Posture Portraits

Tickets available at
[https://icat.vt.edu/events/2021/
10/posture-portraits.html](https://icat.vt.edu/events/2021/10/posture-portraits.html)

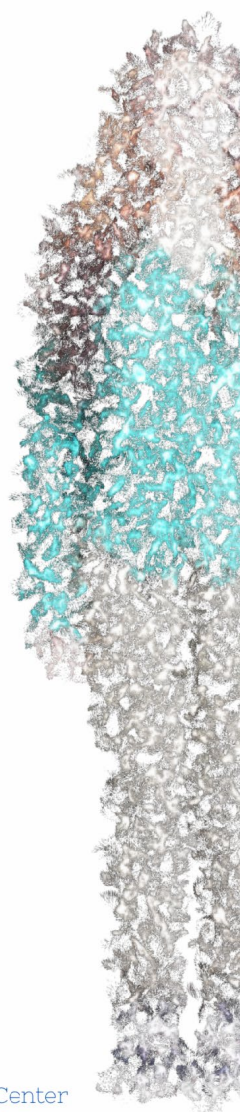
Performance Times

Thursday, October 14th
[5:00 pm - 6:15 pm]

Friday October 15th
[5:00 pm - 6:00 pm]
[6:00 pm - 7:00 pm]

Saturday October 16th
[12:00 pm - 1:00 pm]
[1:00 pm - 2:00 pm]

The Cube
The Moss Arts Center
190 Alumni Mall,
Blacksburg, VA 24051



VIOLET SKYYE

"There's No Place Like Homecoming"

Drag Show
October 13
7 - 9pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
Commonwealth Ballroom

Scan for performer sign ups!



▶ **October 4th**
Q*mmunity Support Group
5:30pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC

LGBTQ+ DND Night
7pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC

▶ **October 5th**
From Hitchcock High to the NFL: I am
Michael Sam 6pm EST via Zoom
Co-sponsored by Virginia Tech Athletics, College of Liberal Arts
and Human Sciences, the Black Cultural Center, Women's and
Gender Studies, the Women's Center, the Center for Peace
Studies and Violence Prevention, & LGBTQ+ Resource Center



▶ **October 7th**
Love It, Like It, or Leave It: Establishing
Healthy Relationships & Spotting Red Flags
7pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC
Co-sponsored by the Women's Center and Hokie Wellness

▶ **October 8th**
Being Seen: The Impact of Trans Visibility
with Meghan Buell
2pm EST in Litton-Reaves 1670
Director of Transgender Resource, Education & Enrichment
Services

▶ **October 9th**
Historical Walking Tour of Downtown
Roanoke 1pm EST at City Market in Roanoke
Tour stops may include Roanoke's late nineteenth-century red light district,
places associated with the history of the gay night scene, and sites of
conflict between local government, police, & LGBTQ+ community.

▶ **October 13th**
"Latinx" w/ JP Brammer
6pm EST via Zoom
Author of *Hola Papi: How to Come Out in a
Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons*
Co-sponsored by El Centro & LGBTQ+ RC



No Place like Homecoming
Drag Show 7pm EST Squires
Commonwealth Ballroom
Co-sponsored by Residence Hall Federation,
LGBTQ+ RC, and Gender Inclusive Housing



▶ **October 18th**
Q*mmunity Support Group
5:30pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC

LGBTQ+ DND Night
7pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC



▶ **October 19th**
LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Awareness Day 11am-4pm EST
in the LGBTQ+ RC
Free t-shirts, crafts, and more!



▶ **October 20th**
International Pronouns Day
11am-4pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC
Make your own pronoun bracelet or pin!
Co-sponsored by HokiePRIDE & LGBTQ+ RC

▶ **October 21st**
"Breathing Fire: Remembering Asian
Pacific American Activism in Queer
History" with Dr. Amy Sueyoshi
6pm EST via Zoom
Co-sponsored by the Asian Cultural
Engagement Center & LGBTQ+ RC



▶ **October 26th**
Asexual Possibilities
with Angela Chen
6pm EST via Zoom
Author of *Ace: What Asexuality Reveals About
Desire, Society, and the Meaning of Sex*
Co-sponsored by Asian Cultural Engagement Center
& LGBTQ+ RC



▶ **October 27th**
Lavender House LLC Interest Meeting
6pm EST in the LGBTQ+ RC
Come and learn about VT's newest
LGBTQ+ living-learning community!



If you are an individual with a disability and desire
an accessible virtual or in-person event, please contact the
Accessibility Program at (541) 229-5000
at least five business days prior to any event.





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METHODOLOGIES IN CARIBBEAN RESEARCH ON GENDER AND SEXUALITY

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. HALIMAH DESHONG
MODERATED BY NANA BRANTUO

OCTOBER 25, 2021

6:00 - 8:00 PM

FRALIN AUDITORIUM & VIRTUAL
RSVP AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2X1MUDM](https://bit.ly/2X1MUDM)

Meet and Greet Breakfast with Dr. DeShong
9:00 - 10:30 AM
417 Clay St. SW, Blacksburg, VA
Sponsored by VT Engage: The Center for
Leadership and Service Learning
Register Here <https://bit.ly/39M9itv>
Max. 20 attendees



Artwork by Brianna McCarthy
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“Making All Black Lives Matter”¹ Course

Through support from a CLAHS Departmental Diversity Grant and the Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies, the Africana Studies Program and the Department of Sociology will be launching a group-taught “Making All Black Lives Matter” course and public speaker series² during the Spring 2022 semester (scheduled for Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:45 AM, with a course capacity of 40). We are currently seeking proposals from faculty, staff, and **graduate students from across VT’s campus who are interested in joining this effort by developing and teaching a one-week module during the semester.**

The Making All Black Lives Matter course is a response to ongoing national and global racial injustices, which have most recently been made apparent in racial disparities connected to the COVID-19 pandemic and police violence against Black lives (including the murders of Breonna Taylor, Daunte Wright, Daniel Prude, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Atatiana Jefferson, Stephon Clark, Botham Jean, and Philandro Castile, to name just a few). Through this course and public speaker series, students will grapple with the United States’ history of racialized terror and the white supremacist foundations of this nation’s institutions; critically examine present-day systems of structural oppression; and learn about social movements working toward a more just future. Students who enroll in the course will develop the ability to recognize racial injustices embedded within social institutions and to think critically about how these injustices can be contested and undone.

We hope to include 8-10 modules taught by an interdisciplinary group of faculty, graduate students, and staff. Modules may be taught individually or by a team. Each module should include readings, lecture/discussion, and one short assignment to be graded by the faculty/staff/graduate student member(s) in charge of the module. We welcome alternative approaches to teaching that foreground experiential learning, critical or liberatory pedagogies, and a praxis of care. Teaching a module is reportable on the Annual FAR in Section II.M: “Teaching Contributions to Inclusion and Diversity.”

Proposals will be reviewed by the Making All Black Lives Matter Steering Committee, and eight to ten modules will be selected from the pool of submissions. Our hope is that this class will be taught annually, so even modules that are not able to be included during the first iteration of the class could potentially be included in future versions of the course.

Any questions may be directed to Dr. Andrea Baldwin (andrea@vt.edu) and/or Dr. Shannon Bell (sbell33@vt.edu).

Please submit module proposals by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 29, 2021 via this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQeALBBMt6WKTO3iKI1aEhyzidJRqtCKIwQQiWg-9Y-AxooA/viewform?usp=sf_link.

More than one module idea may be submitted; please use separate forms for each submission.

¹ This course is named for Barbara Ransby’s 2018 book, *Making All Black Lives Matter: Reimagining Freedom in the Twenty-First Century*.

² As part of this course, we will also curate a “Making All Black Lives Matter” public speaker series with practitioners and activists who are working to implement racial justice initiatives in their communities. By incorporating a public speaker series into the design of this class, we seek to take the course content into the wider community.



ASIAN CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Save the Dates!

Stay updated on our upcoming events this month.



OCTOBER 4 @ 7 PM EST (VIRTUAL)
APIDA CAUCUS GENERAL BODY MEETING



OCTOBER 7 @ 12-1 PM EST (VIRTUAL)
INTERVIEWING & MICROAGGRESSION WORKSHOP



OCTOBER 7 @ 7 PM EST (IN PERSON AT ACEC)
COLLABORATION WITH JSU AND HILLEL
Chinese Restaurants in Israel Documentary



OCTOBER 12 @ 4 PM EST (HYBRID)
APIDA MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP



OCTOBER 14 @ 5-8 PM EST (IN PERSON)
COLLABORATION WITH EL CENTRO & AIICC
Eating Up Easter Documentary



OCTOBER 15 @ 12-1 PM EST (HYBRID)
LEARNING LUNCH
Featuring Dr. Daphne Yao



OCTOBER 21 @ 6 PM EST (VIRTUAL)
COLLABORATION WITH LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER
Featuring Amy Sueyoshi



OCTOBER 26 @ 6 PM EST (VIRTUAL)
COLLABORATION WITH LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER
Featuring Angela Chen



OCTOBER 28 @ 8 PM EST (VIRTUAL)
NIGHTTIME GUIDED MEDITATION

If you are an individual with a disability and desire accommodation or have any questions, please contact Dr. Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu between 9 am - 5 pm EST at least 10 business days prior to the event.

Stay connected!



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