

# Newsletter | Current Edition

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## Interfaith Circle

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This weekly newsletter is promoted by the Dean of Students Office at VT, in support of the [new Interfaith Initiative](#).  
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**Week 21 | February 24, 2020**



## Latest news

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In this section, you will find the latest news about the Interfaith Initiative at Virginia Tech.

### [The Interfaith Together Dinner was a success!](#)

More than 80 students, faculty, staff, and community members participated in the first Interfaith Together Dinner! We enjoyed a delicious, multicultural cuisine, engaging discussion, and an activity where everyone got the chance to visually represent their worldview.

[See the photo gallery](#)



## Follow us on social media!

You asked and we heard you! The Interfaith Program at Virginia Tech is now on social media. Follow us and stay on the loop about interfaith programming on campus: click to access [@InterfaithVT](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



## **Why interfaith?**

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Here we share articles about the importance of investing in interfaith dialogue and cooperation in contemporary society.

### Interfaith Friendships Matter for College Students

Having a diverse friend group can be an important part of college life. In this article from the Academic Minute, Kevin Singer, Ph.D student at North Carolina State University, examines why seeking out people with different beliefs can be a vital part of an education.

[Read the article](#)



## **Learning about diverse traditions**

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Appreciative knowledge is an important part in the interfaith triangle. In this section, we share information to expand our religious, spiritual, and secular literacy, featuring different traditions/worldviews every week.

### Sami People: Religion, Beliefs, and Deities

The Sámi people of Norway, Sweden, and Finland have a rich spiritual history that reflects their culture and traditional ways of life. From reindeer herding to animism, the Sámi have found ways to maintain their ancient culture and religious beliefs despite the ever-changing world around them.

[Read the article](#)



## **Diverse ways to live and to find meaning in life**

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Here, we share stories about how people find different ways to find meaning and purpose in their lives.

### [Chicago History Museum shares stories of 'American Medina' in new exhibit](#)

The exhibition "American Medina: Stories of Muslim Chicago," at the Chicago History Museum shows the deep historic roots that Muslim communities have in the city and suburbs and how intertwined their stories are with the city's story (Religions News Service).

[Read the article](#)



## **Engage with the Interfaith Initiative at VT**

Participate in interfaith dialogue and cooperation at Virginia Tech. All are welcome, as the interfaith circle includes all religious, non-religious, spiritual, and secular identities.

### [This week: Interfaith Brown Bag Lunch on Religious Diversity \(Feb 27\)](#)

Participate in a dialogue with people from diverse worldviews. Discussions about world issues through an interfaith lens. Dates: February 27, March 26, April 23. Time: 12 to 1 pm. Location: Smith Career Center – Meeting Room B. Open the flyer to see the topics for conversation!

[Open the flyer](#)

**INTERFAITH DIALOGUES**  
Brown Bag Lunch Discussions  
Thursdays, always from 12 to 1 pm  
Smith Career Center - Meeting Room B

February 6 - Spiritual development in college  
February 27 - Understanding religious diversity in the U.S.  
March 26 - Being a positive presence for students exploring questions of faith and purpose  
April 23 - Educators' awareness of worldview differences

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### [Next week: Interfaith Evening Dialogues for Students on Social and \(non\) Religious Identities](#)

Undergraduate and graduate students: come participate in dialogues with people from diverse identities! Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm – March 4, April 1, April 29. Open the flyer to see the topics and the location for each dialogue.

[Open the flyer](#)

**INTERFAITH DIALOGUES**  
Evening Sessions for Students - Spring 2020  
Wednesdays, always from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

February 5 - Exploring existential questions while in college | 3310 Torgerson Hall  
March 4 - Intersecting social and (non) religious identities in college | 3390 Torgerson Hall  
April 1 - Participate in an interfaith service project | 250 New Classroom Building  
April 29 - The power of interfaith friendships | 3310 Torgerson Hall

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