

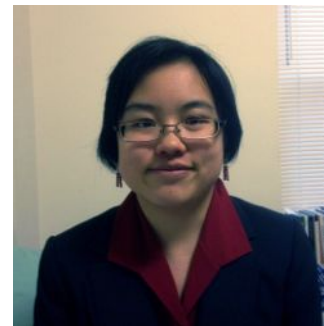
VOICES

Lydia Brown to visit William & Mary



April 2nd is World Autism Acceptance Day. The Student Assembly and the Neurodiversity Working Group are co-sponsoring a talk by Lydia Brown, Georgetown University Student and Disability Rights Activist, titled "Politicized Disability and the Crisis of Disabled

Oppression." The lecture will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium.



Diversity Recognitions

The College Diversity Advisory Committee members have been recognizing colleagues for their efforts toward diversity initiatives. For the spring semester, colleagues will be recognized in the monthly issue of VOICES. Please congratulate the following individuals: Rosanna Koppelman, Business; Jennifer Stevens, WISE; Melinda Anderson, Academic Advising; Gul Ozyegin, Women's Studies; Tom Linneman, MOSAIC House; Anne Marie Stock, Hispanic Studies; Jeff Trammell, Rector; Amy Schindler, Swem Library; Warrenetta Mann, Counseling Center; Margie Cook, Safe Zone; Ron Price, Human Resources; Dorothy Reyes, Arts and Sciences; Melody Porter, WM Women's Mentoring Program; Kim Green, WM Women's Mentoring Program; Elizabeth Miller, WM Women's Mentoring Program; and Wouter Deconinck, Physics. Congratulations!



Swem Exhibit

The Inevitable Present: Integration at William & Mary

Prepared by Amy Schindler



“But, we are not facing history and tradition now. We are facing the inevitable present; not necessarily a crisis but a fact. Future historians will certainly have an interest in what we do with it. To the future we are on trial.”

So wrote Charles P. McCurdy in his editorial published in the October 1950 issue of the *Alumni Gazette* about how William & Mary might handle the anticipated admission applications from African Americans students. Integration at William & Mary was not achieved simply with the acceptance of the first students of color; instead it has been a decades-long process. The exhibit ‘The Inevitable Present’: Integration at William & Mary traces the admission of some of the first African American students at William & Mary, including some whose names will be familiar, like Hulon Willis, as well as those most people have not heard of, like Miriam Carter.

Miriam Carter applied & was denied admission to William & Mary in spring 1955 because her chosen course of study, Education, was offered by Virginia State College. Mrs. Carter would be on sabbatical from her teaching position in Philadelphia for the 1955-1956 school year, and wished to spend this time taking classes near her family. After her initial application was denied, she exchanged letters with William & Mary administrators and also officials in



Richmond attempting to gain admission to first the Institute of Early American History and Culture, the Virginia Fisheries Lab (the present-day Virginia Institute of Marine Science), and then again to Education in August 1955 when she had returned to her family’s home in Gloucester. Eventually, Mrs. Carter was finally accepted to study law during the 1955-1956 academic year, making her the first African American woman admitted to William & Mary during the decades-long process of desegregation.

Mrs. Carter’s grandson James is a William and Mary law school graduate and in 1988, Dianne Theresa Carter, her granddaughter, was awarded the Algernon Sydney Sullivan medal at her graduation. Mrs. Carter passed away in 1990. In February, James and his father Fred Carter visited Swem Library to view the exhibit and share a photo of their mother that was copied and is now part of the exhibit.

The exhibit can be viewed whenever Swem is open through August 13, 2013. More information about the exhibit is available at <https://swem.wm.edu/exhibits/inevitable-present-integration-william-mary> and a profile of Miriam Carter published in the *Daily Press* and *Virginia Gazette* for Women’s History Month is available at <http://www.vagazette.com/news/dp-tsq-mid-cp-carter->

Interfaith Service Opportunity

On **April 6th** from 8am to 5pm, in recognition of the importance of transforming interfaith understanding into collective action for common good, **I-faith** is organizing a service project with [Pathways](#), an organization

grown from multi-belief engagement to meet health, education and job needs in Petersburg, Virginia, the city with the highest child poverty rate in the state (41.4%). The event is a part of **President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Challenge**, a White House

initiative to encourage college campuses to bring together people from diverse beliefs through service. William & Mary is one of over 250 colleges and universities across the country participating in this initiative. To sign up, please contact Abdullah Noor (aanoor@email.wm.edu).

ISLAMIC AWARENESS WEEK

The **Muslim Students Association** invites all members of the Tribe to join us in a week full of events centered around various aspects of Islam. Click on the event page attached to learn more about each event! We hope to see you and your friends there!

Monday, April 1- IAW kickoff
-Main floor of Sadler
Come stop by our table to learn more about our events, get any questions you may have answered and get your Hijab Challenge Participant pin to wear along with your hijab!

Tuesday, April 2- Hijab Challenge
Ends with group discussion in Tazewell Basement at 7pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/444272545651907/>

Wednesday, April 3- Discussion Panel on Islamic Cross Cultural Perspectives
Washington 201 at 7pm to 9pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/115879905268590/>

Thursday, April 4- Guest Speaker Imam Mohamed Majid
Washington 201 at 7pm to 9pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/167647996722686/>

Friday, April 5- Jummah Prayer
Join us for a khutbah (equivalent to a sermon) followed by Jummah Prayer in the Meditation room of the Campus Center at 12:45!

Saturday, April 6- Interfaith Service project
8-5pm in Petersburg, VA.

Contact aanor@email.wm.edu for more information on how to sign up!

Sunday, April 7- Fast-a-Thon
Day of fasting ends with a feast at 7pm in Tidewaters A & B.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/110474609138125/>

****Please RSVP to each individual event below!**

Lemon Project Corner

The Third Annual Lemon Project Spring Symposium was held on March 15-16. Over 100 guests engaged in dialogue sparked by presentations and panel discussions. Please see a full story of the event at <http://www.wm.edu/news/stories/2013/lemon-project-honors-bob-engs-at-third-annual-symposium123.php>.

The Second Annual Donning of the Kente Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 10 at 6:00 pm in Commonwealth Auditorium.

2nd Annual LGBTQIA Pride Festival



On April 6th, we sincerely invite allies and members of the LGBTQIA community on W&M campus and all across Virginia to join us for a day full of fun, entertainment, education and celebration! Through Pride, we hope to increase LGBTQIA visibility on campus, and make W&M a safe space for all sexuality and gender expressions. If you went to last year's WM Pride Festival, you know it'll be a blast.

-Lambda Alliance

April 6, 2013
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Crim Dell Meadow



Africana Studies Upcoming Events

The Mellon Faculty Lecture by Prof. Neil Norman, William & Mary Anthropology and Africana Studies

"Somewhere Over Dangbe's Rainbow: the Diaspora of a West African Serpent Deity, 1670-2012"

Friday, April 5, 2013, 11:00-12:30 p.m./ York Room, Sadler Center

"W&M Hip Hop Collection Launch"

Friday, April 19, 2013, 6-10pm, Swem Library

Read and Relax Area. For more information visit: <https://events.wm.edu/event/view/music/19224>

The Africana & Reves Center Panel Series presents

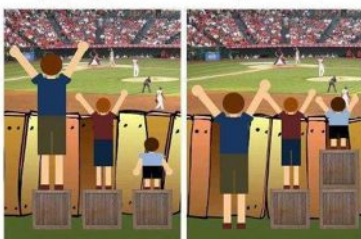
"Freedom Riders and the Freedom Summer of '64"

Dr. Barry Clemson, author of *Denmark Rising* and Ms. Toni Tyler, Hampton Roads Activist

Monday, April 22, 2013, 3:30pm, Tyler 102

Thought for the Day

Equality is not always Justice



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From the Center for Student Diversity

Prepared by Vernon Hurte

This semester, the College hosted two dynamic conferences geared towards developing the next generation of leaders committed to fostering diversity and inclusion throughout society. In February, I-Faith, in partnership with the Religious Studies Department, the Center for Student Diversity, the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, and the Reves Center, sponsored a day-long conference focused around the theme, “The Importance of Multi-faith Understanding and the Dangers of Religious Ignorance.” This event was hosted as a part of the United Nations’ World Interfaith Harmony Week, and was also a part of the College’s efforts as a participating institution in President Obama’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. President W. Taylor Reveley, III brought greetings to the over 100 participants, and keynote speakers included William & Mary professor, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, Dr. Shireen Hunter, professor at Georgetown University, and Dr. Lawrence Arthur Forman, Rabbi Emeritus at Ohef Sholom Temple in Norfolk, VA and founder of the Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding at Old Dominion University.

In March, the College hosted “What You Do Matters Collegiate: A Leadership Summit on Propaganda, Hate Speech, and Civic Engagement.” The first of its kind to be held on a college campus, the summit was planned by a group of student leaders, led by Chelsea Bracci and Hannah Kahn, in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). Keynote speakers included Carl Wilkens, the sole American aid worker remaining in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide, and Margit Meissner, a Holocaust survivor and volunteer at USHMM. William & Mary faculty including Tamara Sonn, the William R. Kenan, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Humanities, and Paula Pickering, associate professor of government, also addressed attendees. Margie Cook, Assistant Director in the Center for Student Diversity, led a workshop on becoming an ally, and Vernon Hurte, Assistant to the Vice President and Director of the Center for Student Diversity, moderated a discussion with campus leaders on utilizing campus resources for leadership development. This panel included Kim Green, co-coordinator of the Safe Zone Program, Melanie Levine, Student Assembly Vice

HWA Scholarship

The Hulon Willis Association (HWA), which is the African-American affinity group for the W&M Alumni Association, is now accepting applications for the 2013 HWA Scholarship.

Hulon Willis is named in honor of the first black student admitted to William & Mary in June 1951. He completed his graduate degree from the School of Education. To honor his legacy and memory, the scholarship was established to recognize students who have made contributions to the multicultural community at William & Mary. The organization has been awarding scholarships to W&M students since the 1993-1994 academic year.

DEADLINE: Scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 9, 2013 and sent to the William & Mary Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2100, Williamsburg, VA 23187 or drop them off at the W&M Alumni House, which is located across near Zable Stadium.

For more information, please access: <http://www.wm.edu/admission/financialaid/documents/>