WELCOME BACK!
This email is the first of an important weekly newsletter from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research called DID YOU KNOW THAT? [DYKT?]. You will receive it every Monday morning throughout the academic year. As our continuing students know, the DYKT? is a valuable source for timely information of interest to Arts & Sciences graduate students, such as application information for grants and awards, news & events, and academic deadlines and changes. Please help us keep this as informative and reliable as possible by giving us your input. Visit our DYKT website for information and for previous and archived issues.

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- **Grad A&S Fall Classes Begin** this Wednesday, August 30th 2017

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$2,000.00
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Friday, July 13  Deadline for submission of required DRAFT dissertation for August 2018 degree conferral. See Physical Standards for Theses & Dissertations for templates

Friday, July 13  Deadline for the submission of the signed License and Embargo Form to the OGSR for August 2018 degree conferral. See License and Embargo

Friday, July 20  Defense must take place on, or before, this date for August 2018 degree conferral.

Friday, July 27  Deadline for submission of FINAL thesis/dissertation for August 2018 degree conferral.

The College confers degrees in August, January, and May of each year. The commencement ceremony is in May. Degree recipients of the previous August and January are recognized at, and invited to attend, the following May ceremony. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research has thirty (30) days from the actual date of degree conferral to submit final paperwork to the College Registrar for degree certification. Diplomas are issued approximately fifteen (15) days after degree certification.

W&M EVENTS

- **Connecting Communities Workshop Series** - This 3-workshop series is aimed at connecting faculty, staff, and graduate students across the four professional schools at William & Mary. Participants will discuss and learn of the experiences of different self-identifying groups, and brainstorm ways of supporting and enhancing diversity both at VIMS and on the W&M Campus. By integrating individuals from multiple graduate programs, we hope to foster a stronger and deeper sense of community throughout our institution. Lunch will be provided at all three events. **Workshop 1:** Faculty and Staff Tuesday, **April 10**, 2018 12-2:00 pm Brinkley Commons MPR, Mason School of Business, **Workshop 2:** Graduate Students Friday, **April 20**, 2018 12-2:00 pm Watermen's Hall Classroom A/B, VIMS 1375 Greate Rd, Gloucester Point, VA 23062, **Workshop 3:** Faculty, Staff, and Students Wednesday, **April 25**, 2018 12-2:00 pm Watermen’s Hall Classroom A/B, VIMS. Register here for one or more. Please see the Connecting Communities Workshop event flyer for more information

- **Spring Classes End** - April 27, 2018. More
• **Anne Elizabeth Norrick**, Physics will present her Dissertation Defense, titled: *A Measurement of Nuclear Effects in Deep Inelastic Scattering in Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions* on **May 1, 2018** from 12:30pm - 3:30pm in **Small Hall**, Room 122.  [More](#)

• **Grad students are invited** to the upcoming **Teaching & Learning Symposium** hosted by the Associate Provost for eLearning on **May 2** at Swem Library. This campus-wide event will highlight sessions, discussions, and presentations about unique or effective teaching techniques, concepts, and approaches. Participate in a poster session, roundtable discussion, spotlight session, or a hands-on exploration. Breakfast and lunch will be served. [Sign up to attend and/or share your experiences](#)

• **Spring Commencement Ceremony & Degree Conferral (All Levels)** **May 12, 2018** - May 13, 2018.  [More](#)

• **Message from University Registrar:** **Need an Official Transcript** ---- The [online transcript ordering system](#) will accept orders via the Web at any time, 24/7. You can order up to 10 copies in one online session using any major credit card. When the order is placed, you will receive real-time updates by email and can request to receive instant mobile text alerts. You can also track your order on the Transcript Ordering Web site. Please click [here](#) to visit the National Student Clearinghouse for further information and ordering. Transcript requests may still be submitted to our office but please be advised, payment is required before we can proceed - A check or money order must accompany the transcript request if sent to our office for processing.

• **Need an Enrollment Verification** ---- Order Online Now! Using your WMuserid and password, current students and alumni may obtain free enrollment verifications online, twenty-four (24) hours per day through the [National Student Clearinghouse](#).

• **Summer Courses:** New summer offerings: INTR 204: **Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** Summer session I (M-H), 12:20 - 2:10 with Dr. Dorothy Ibes. Summer session II, (M-H), 12:20 - 2:10 with Dr. Matt Gerike. This course will provide an introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Emphasis will be on the hands-on application of GIS to create maps, organize and visualize spatial data, and query spatial data to answer environmental and social questions. Students will examine spatial data with an emphasis on data structures, acquisition, processing, management, and analysis. A spatial database will be queried to solve spatial problems, analyze related attributes, and produce computerized cartographic output. The coursework includes readings and hands-on computer lab exercises and a final project. [Registration now open](#)!

• **Celebrating Diversity 50th Anniversary of African Americans in Residence** William & Mary will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the first African American students in residence — Lynn Briley, Janet Brown and Karen Ely (class of 1971) — with a year-long series of special events, guest speakers and performances, beginning with Convocation weekend in August, 2017, and continuing through Commencement in May, 2018.

• **The Coordinating Committee on Prevention of Sexual Assault & Harassment Newsletter** was created by the [Task Force](#) in order to support our institutional efforts to address the incidence of sexual assault & harassment. The Committee works to support the Title IX Coordinator/Office in advancing our efforts to address the issues of sexual assault & harassment. [Newsletter](#) and [More information](#)

• **“Write-Ins” hosted by Graduate Writing Resources Center.** Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. & Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Trying to make progress on an article, dissertation, or other big project but need a boost? Come to a Write-In hosted by the GWRC for some quiet camaraderie, and a structured time to focus on your writing. Held in Swem’s Graduate Student Commons, these writing retreats provide time and space for graduate students to set writing goals and work without
interruption in a supportive environment. A GWRC consultant will facilitate the session and be available for consultations. Snacks are provided; bring your own drink. You're welcome to come once, or come every week! Please register for the sessions you plan to attend here.

- **Student Portfolios: Highlight your accomplishments on the OGSR website.** The Graduate Studies website houses portfolios of current A&S students. We'd like to highlight your achievements and the high quality of your work! Please use this form to send us your major accomplishments, or email them to asgradportfolio@wm.edu. For examples or more information, visit the submissions page.

- **Graduate Writing Resources Center.** Want some help on a writing assignment, research proposal, thesis, or ANY type of graduate-level writing? The Graduate Writing Resources Center (GWRC), is part of the Writing Resources Center located on the 1st Floor of Swem Library. Grad students can make appointments to work with specially-trained peer graduate consultants. Writers at all levels and stages are encouraged to take advantage of this FREE service! Visit the WRC webpage to make an appointment. Be sure to select a “Graduate Consultation.”

- The **Cohen Career Center** offers valuable resources for graduate students as well as undergraduate students on job search information, writing a resume/CV, interviewing for jobs, and more. Check out the Cohen Career Center

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The **Department of Energy’s Office of Science** is now accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program (2018 Solicitation 1). Applications are due 5:00pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, **May 15, 2018**. The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation/thesis research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories. Details about the program and online application can be found at https://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr/.

- **Data Science Fellowship. Program:** The Data Incubator is an intensive 8 week fellowship that prepares masters students, PhDs, and postdocs in STEM and social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. The program is free for Fellows and supported by sponsorships from hundreds of employers across multiple industries. In response to the overwhelming interest in our earlier sessions, we will be holding another fellowship. **Who Should Apply:** Anyone who has already obtained a masters or PhD degree or who is within one year of graduating with a masters or PhD is welcome to apply. Applications from international students are welcome. Everyone else is encouraged to [sign-up for a future session](#). Dates: All sections will be from 2018-06-18 to 2018-08-10. **Application Link - Data Science in 30 minutes:** Learn how to build a data-science project in our upcoming **free Data Science in 30-minutes webcast**. Signup soon as space is limited.

- The **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** sponsors awards for postdoctoral and senior researchers at participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. These awards include generous stipends ranging from $45,000 - $80,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience. Limited graduate level awards are also available. These awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals. **Four annual review cycles:** May: Opens March 1; Closes May 1; August: Opens June 1; Closes August 1; November: Opens September 1; Closes November 1. February: Opens December 1; Closes February 1. For questions contact rap@nas.edu or 202-334-2760.