



WILLIAM & MARY WASHINGTON CENTER

Fall 2019

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



I'm Riley Busbee, a junior at the College majoring in Government. Although originally from Roswell, Georgia, my family ties to William & Mary have always made it an important part of my life.

This semester I'm ecstatic to be interning at the U.S. Department of State in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources. I've had incredible opportunities to meet some of the top people shaping foreign policy in the US and abroad. Interning at the State Department has made me realize how much I love working on foreign policy and that my dream job would be working at the State Department after graduation.

Outside of my internship I've loved the opportunity to live in the middle of DC. I've been able to see old friends, seen every museum I've ever wanted, and being in DC means that there is always something fun to do.

From watching the sunset over the city from my apartment building to finding a true passion for working at the State Department, my time in DC has already been better than I could have imagined!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

In this, my first message as Interim Director of the Washington Center, I must begin by expressing my deepest appreciation for the entire Washington Center team. Their tremendous effort during a time of transition is a testament to their dedication to William & Mary. I'm grateful to Erin, Rhys, and Molly, who are the Washington Center Program Managers that make our Study in DC opportunities a reality. Another important thank you goes to Vice Provost Ann Marie Stock, whose vision and leadership enables the Center to thrive. We are eager to take advantage of the possibilities with the newly formed *Cultural Heritage Cluster*, building strong bridges with new partners in a unified division.



The past five months in which I've been in this role have gone by quickly and I am excited to recount some of our summer highlights, including: our 10th DC Summer Institutes; our 2nd Hybrid DC Summer Session, featuring four courses and alumni networking opportunities; an especially well attended faculty and staff trip; and a Study in DC alumni reunion. Additional highlights include our Listening campaign, which you can read more about below, and the participation of President Katherine Rowe at our recent Advisory Board meeting.

Finally, as we look to the fall, the Washington Center team is excited to continue our efforts to integrate and collaborate with our many colleagues in Williamsburg and to align a Center strategic plan with the university's plan as it takes shape. If you have ideas for ways we can work together, please let us know! We are always here for you!

-Roxane Adler Hickey

WELCOME ELISABETH!

The Washington Center team is excited to welcome **Elisabeth Merrifield '18** as our first ever Event and Office Coordinator. In this role, Elisabeth will coordinate all events in the Washington Center and be the primary point of contact for many of our partners on-campus and in the DC-area. If you're interested in holding an event in the Washington Center, you can email Elisabeth at emerrifield@wm.edu.

TEACH WITH THE WASHINGTON CENTER

In response to feedback from our summer Listening Campaign, the Washington Center team will be opening applications for all Study in DC opportunities to any faculty members who would like to teach. The Washington Center team welcomes applications from all W&M schools and departments.

Applications will open later this Fall.

For more details about all four Study in DC opportunities, visit www.wm.edu/dc/faculty.

To apply to teach in the Washington Center, visit www.wm.edu/dc/apply and choose "FACULTY: Faculty RFP".



RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4:
4th Annual DC
Mug Night
Benefit

*Raising money for the
Study in DC
Scholarship Fund*

January 3-11:
DC Winter
Seminars

*Featuring professors
Drew Stelljes, Amy
Oakes, Alison Scott, &
Sarah Menefee*

December 4:
DC Semester
Farewell
Luncheon

For more information, contact us at wmdccenter@wm.edu

WASHINGTON CENTER LISTENING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all members of the W&M community, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends, who participated in our summer Listening Campaign. We are excited to share some of the outcomes with you!

With a goal of having 100 conversations in 50 days, the Washington Center team embarked on a Listening Campaign this summer to assess the ways that we can better integrate with the larger university, build new partnerships, and strengthen our current relationships.

Throughout the summer, we spoke with over 50 departments from academic units to student affairs to administrative units.

We came away with five priorities to focus on for the 2019-2020 academic year and beyond. We hope to continue hearing from all of our colleagues on campus and implementing new practices to better serve the W&M community.

To read the full report of our priorities, please visit www.wm.edu/dc/listening.

STUDY IN DC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 2017, the Study in DC Scholarship Fund is dedicated to funding students' DC experience. With generous contributions from the members of our Advisory Board, the Washington Center gave out a record \$48,000 in scholarship money to students participating in Study in DC opportunities in 2018-2019.

In the 2019-2020 academic year, we plan to award \$50,000 in scholarship funds to students in our Study in DC opportunities.

Looking to 2020-2021, we are thrilled to award scholarships to our first Patrice & Jim Comey fellows, whose experience will be funded by our inaugural endowment from W&M alumni Patrice Comey '82 and Jim Comey '82.

As student interest in participating in Study in DC opportunities continues to grow, we hope to be able to grow the Study in DC Scholarship Fund to match student need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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