

WASHINGTON CENTER

# **JUNE 2023**



2023 D.C. Summer Institutes, first day of classes

#### State of the Center

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER** 

The Washington Center team ended the 2022-2023 school year on a high note! We were fortunate to have a wonderful, talented group of students for the spring 2023 semester who were joined by some of W&M's most dedicated faculty members. We then welcomed 48 students to the D.C. Summer Institutes, where they will use Washington, D.C. as the backdrop for their studies.

This summer, we are excited for all of the upcoming <u>W&M events in D.C.</u>, including baseball games, networking receptions, embassy visits, and PRIDE celebrations. Our team also looks forward to recharging and traveling this summer from Washington State to Canada and Maine to Australia.

### **Stories & Features**



2023 D.C. Semester Program, site visit

# **A MESSAGE TO** THE NEW DEAN

#### Dr. Suzanne Raitt

Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Given the Center's close relationship with Arts & Sciences, we'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the new Dean - Dr. Suzanne Raitt! Suzanne is a D.C.-local and taught in the W&M D.C. Semester Program in the Fall of 2015. We look forward to working together even more in the future.

Congratulations, Suzanne! We're so happy for you and for the entire William & Mary community!

Sincerely, Your fans at the Washington Center

## **Faculty Spotlight**

"Teaching Global Infectious Diseases in the **D.C.** Semester Program allowed for a hands-on and immersive experience for my students, including inperson discussions with key stakeholders from the World Health Organization and USAID and exploration of various science exhibits across the city.



For me, it was a rare and very much cherished opportunity to teach relevant scientific topics to a remarkable group of Government and Public Policy students who may one day be involved in decision making around health policy and who are now well-equipped to make informed decisions."

# **Continuing Studies Update**

This spring, the Washington Center was tasked by the Provost's Office to develop, launch, and analyze a survey to assess the W&M community's interest in **potential new continuing** studies opportunities. <u>A forthcoming report</u> will share back results and recommendations on possibilities for the University to consider. Working in collaboration with individuals across campus, the culminating report will offer potential areas for growth to expand the leadership course offering that started in 2021. A huge thanks to all who offered feedback and support in this ongoing project, especially **Dane Pascoe and Adam Barger**.



RECAP



On April 1st, the Washington Center hosted its second annual Saturday in the Cityan opportunity for students to come up to D.C. for a day and experience everything Study in D.C. has to offer. <u>53 students explored D.C.</u> neighborhoods and cultural sites, participated in professional development, visited student housing, and met dozens of local alumni.



We hope our visitors from the 'Burg left D.C. with a strong sense of belonging at the Washington Center with new plans to incorporate their "Campus in the City" into their W&M experience!

Program Updates



The first year of the W&M Global Scholars Program is coming to a close! This year, we have welcomed 14 inaugural scholars who have spent the year studying in Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., Brussels, and Paris and were fortunate to hear from speakers from NATO, the WHO, and the State Department, among many others. These talented students are spending the summer interning across the globe in organizations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., and the USINDOPACOM in Honolulu.

The Washington Center and the Global Research Institute are thrilled with the success of this first cohort and look forward to watching this program thrive in the future!

The DCSP spring '23 cohort continued a <u>decades-long tradition</u> of W&M students representing our university as a community of enthusiastic learners, brilliant leaders, and hardworking contributors in countless offices across the nation's capital. Led by two distinguished faculty members, Dr. Christine Nemacheck and Dr. Dana Lashley, our DCSP scholars enjoyed two courses covering the U.S. legislative processes, policy, epidemiology, and public health. Expert guest speakers and site visits included U.S. District Court judge Leonie Brinkema, USAID, **Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières, the** World Health Organization (WHO), and more.



Our DCSP scholars worked hard this spring, engaging in full-time internships while managing a demanding 12-credit academic schedule. We are proud of everything our students accomplished this spring and look forward to their continued growth and success as young professionals and aspiring leaders.



# **D.C. Summer** Institutes

Class has wrapped for the summer '23 cohort of the D.C. Summer Institutes! 48 students joined us in Washington, D.C., to hear from professors, experts, and industry leaders. Students spent two weeks sharpening their professional skills and learning about areas relating to politics, leadership, and digital citizenship.

In the event that you are still searching for a Summer Intern, we are willing to help you by aiding in the design of a position or by matching you with a W&M student who is ready to work.

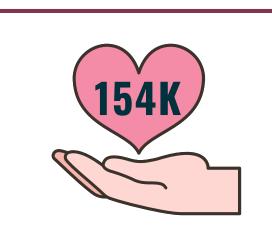




This year's iteration of the Modern Leadership course brought in a group of 14 lifelong learners, representing a wide range of industries, identities, and professional backgrounds. The series continued with a topical focus on Wise Leadership, participants heard from experts like Dr. Gianrico Farugia, CEO of the Mayo Clinic, Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98, and more.

At the end of the series, participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive; one participant claimed that the course was the "highlight of their week,". We extend special thanks to Michael Powell, '85, D.P.S. '02, who has been with us since the very start of the program, for continuing to share his knowledge and experience with others.

### **Stewardship & Engagement**



In the 2022-2023 year, the Washington Center awarded 45 scholarships for a total of **\$153,900 in aid**.

We couldn't have done it without your support. Thank you!



On #OTOD our goal was \$26,250...

Because of you, our generous donors, we raised



We would like to thank the incredible generosity of our Advisory Board members, who contributed greatly to the success of our OTOD campaign this year. Members donated their time, energy, and funds to help us surpass our ambitious goal.

## THE BOARD

WELCOME TO

Under Meredith Delaware's board leadership, and with Kayla Sharpe '17 as the Board Development Committee Chair, 6 new members are joining the board for a three-year term starting on July 1, 2023.

Jason Torchinsky '98 Daniel Ricchetti '13 Keaun Barrett '19, M. Ed '23 Travis Johnson '99 Dominic Burkett '16 Megan Marlin

New Members

These new members represent growth and great potential for the future of the Center and W&M in D.C.



#### **BECOME A GLOBAL SCHOLARS** PROGRAM MENTOR TODAY!



If you have experience in international affairs or global policy and want to mentor a GSP student, contact Associate Director Erin Battle at eebattle@wm.edu.

#### Upcoming Events



# ARCHIVE OF AMERICAN LGBTQ POLITICAL AND LEGAL HISTORY

#### <u>Register Now</u>

This year's D.C. Staff & Faculty Trip will be Thursday, July 13! **Questions? Contact Erin Battle** at eebattle@wm.edu.

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