Hello there! My name is Mariana Eraná Salmon and I am a senior majoring in Global Studies and minoring in French & Cultures. Since my freshman year I planned to study in Community Engagement Institute. I come from Mexico and after living in four different countries, training to 23 others and studying abroad three times, I knew I wanted to be part of an international community, getting to know other people's cultures.

As a part of the W & M license plate, I am excited to learn, work, and serve in Washington, D.C. My interest in learning about people and in turning support to accomplish their own goals have sparked my interest for education, particularly regarding student and career development. I am excited about all the possibilities this senior year has in store for me and the W&M community.

We are excited that we were still able to run the D.C. Summer Institute in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to our amazing faculty, staff, and alumni, students were able to have rewarding, transformative experiences.

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William & Mary's future has always been illuminated by its past. In exploring that past, too often our focus has been on the more noble elements of our history, ignoring or under-emphasizing the significant and very ugly chains that also bind our history. These last few months are a fresh and powerful reminder that human history has never been an inexorable climb forward progress, disease, injustice, and violence exist with liberty, tolerance, and opportunity. If we don't truly recognize that history and ongoing struggle for progress, and the numerous failures to achieve it, we will fail to gain the better understanding of our history necessary for a more inclusive and prosperous future.

The Washington, D.C. community is in the national capital where students live, learn, and work amidst the most important debates of our age. We are preparing them to be leaders our world so badly needs, and that mission is more vital now in 2020 than ever before. We hope you will join us in this important work by visiting the Center and participating in its programs, and by contributing to support scholarships so more students can come to D.C. to take their place as our shared future unfolds.


THE 2020 D.C. SUMMER INSTITUTES AT A GLANCE

- 35 students participating in internships
- 15 alumni mentors
- $30,000 awarded in scholarship funds

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2019-2020 Annual Report
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Strategic Plan
We look forward to sharing our first-ever Washington Center Strategic Plan with everyone in the W&M community. Stay tuned for your email for updates!