

Many Voices. One Tribe!

Diversity Initiatives

2009 – 2010 Year in Review

New Tenure Eligible Faculty of Color

Nancy Leong
Law



Artisia Green
Theatre



Jamel Donner
Education



Shanta' Hinton



The Grand Challenge!

Diversity emerges as a grand challenge within the Strategic Plan. As a part of the plan, President Taylor Revely appointed Dr. W. Fanchon (Chon) Glover to oversee diversity and community initiatives, serving as the institution's Chief Diversity Officer.

EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

The Office of Multicultural Affairs has changed to the Center for Student Diversity, under the leadership of Dr. Vernon Hurte and Ms. Margie Cooke. This change has expanded the focus to include religion and sexual orientation. As a part of this effort, a new meditation space was added to the Campus Center for students, faculty, and staff to use daily and specifically during Ramadan and other high religious observances. Dining Services also provided alternative meal options for students who are fasting during Ramadan. For more information please go to www.wm.edu/studentdiversity.

CURRICULUM ADDITIONS

The Asian Studies Initiative brings together and extends offerings throughout Arts & Sciences to provide a more comprehensive, overarching approach to the study of Asia generally.

Africana Studies (merge of Black and African Studies) is an interdisciplinary major that explores the scholarship on the history and cultural traditions, and the political and economic circumstances that together define over 1.2 billion people of African descent. A highlight of the program is a summer study abroad trip to South Africa.

The Lemon Initiative. William & Mary will explore its own past involvement with slavery and the complexities of race relations from the end of the Civil War to date.

The exploration will take place through a long-term research project aimed at understanding the history of African-Americans at the College and in the greater Williamsburg community. The project is named for a slave called Lemon whom the College owned in the early 18th century.

The School of Education approves statement on diversity.

<http://education.wm.edu/about/diversity/>

2009 – 2010 New Organizations

Equality WM

Newly formed Staff Assembly

Establishment of the Multicultural Law Student Association

School of Education LGBTQ support group

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Retirements

Thomasine Lewis,
49 years



Sylvia Colston,
39 years



Pedro Jones,
31 years



Honorable Birdie Hairston Jamison, '79, inducted into WM Circle of ODK



Diversity Networking Social Sponsored by Career Center



Come see the changes at WM! 1971 graduates Karen Ely and Lynn Briley (pictured below) came for a visit in August to learn more about our new initiatives. If you would like to visit, please don't hesitate to be in touch.



Getting Involved—WM needs your voice at the table!

There are numerous opportunities for you to get involved at the College. For example, each of our schools have advisory and/or development boards that could benefit from your leadership and experience. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Chon Glover at wfglov@wm.edu.

Stay connected to what's happening with Diversity Initiatives by visiting our website at www.wm.edu/diversity