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October 20: Welcoming Prospective Students

With fall in the air, it is a sure sign that the School of Education Open House is coming up! The Higher Education program is set to welcome prospective individuals interested in our graduate programs to campus on Friday, October 20th from 3–6PM. We hope you'll encourage others to attend and register [here](#).

Refer Students to Our Programs

We are pleased to launch the "Refer-a-Student" button! Do you know someone who would make an excellent addition to one of our programs? Use the **Refer-a-Student button at the end of the newsletter** to share the individual's name and email address. We will contact the prospective student with information about our programs.

Curious about our programs' criteria? Click [here](#) to learn more about our degree offerings and current admissions requirements. We look forward to receiving your referrals!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



An Engaging Higher Ed Salon

Professor Pamela Eddy and Professor Emeritus of History Jim Axtell entertained questions from the audience during the fall Higher Ed Salon, which took place in September. The topic of discussion was "The Modern Research University: Past, Present, Future."

Special thanks to the [School of Education](#) and William & Mary [Libraries](#) for sponsoring this talk on historical and current perspectives and future trends of higher education in America.



A Successful Higher Ed On Tap

On Wednesday September 27, program faculty, students, and alumni gathered at Paul's Deli in New Town to discuss "Reacting to Outside Actions: DACA, Free Speech, and Natural Disaster." Be sure to check out the material we discussed [here](#). We hope you'll join our next scheduled Higher Ed on Tap!



Students Partner in Cleaning Beaches at Chippokes State Park

On Friday September 29, Higher Education students "traveled across ferries and fields" to partner with the local park rangers and to give back to the Greater Williamsburg community. Learn [more](#) about students' reflections from this event, hosted by the [Higher Education Student Association](#).



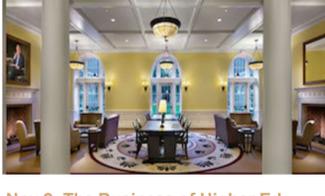
Miss Our Info Sessions On Ireland For Summer 2018?

If you missed our fall information sessions on EDUC 500: Global Studies in Ireland, feel free to contact Professor Pamela Eddy at pamela.eddy@wm.edu. Learn [more](#) about this opportunity and [read](#) about the 2014 trip to Ireland.



Oct 27: Friday Lunch Series with the Higher Education Student Association

Are you in the Williamsburg area? All are welcomed to the next Lunch Series event to be held on Friday, October 27 from 12–1PM in the Colony Room of the Sadler Center. Lunch will be provided, and the group will be joined by guest Sallie Marchello, William & Mary's University Registrar.



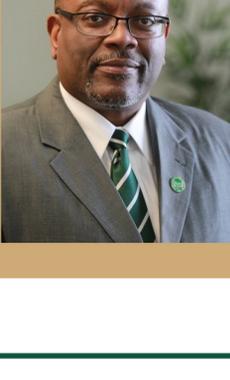
Nov 2: The Business of Higher Ed

On Friday November 2 from 5–7PM at [Brickhouse Tavern](#), there will be a joint gathering with graduate students from the Mason School of Business and the School of Education. We will discuss how business majors are working on university and college campuses, how employers are driving changes in curriculum, and how performance based funding is influencing college decisions. RSVP [here!](#)

ALUMNI *in the* SPOTLIGHT

"Valley is in Motion"

On June 15 of this year, Jerryl Briggs (Ed.D. '14) was named Acting President of Mississippi Valley State University. Since joining the staff in 2014, Briggs has been instrumental in improving the university's retention rate by 10% for Fall 2014 and 12% for Fall 2015 (find out [more](#) about this story). In his previous roles at MVSU, Briggs served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Find more on Briggs's accomplishments [here](#).



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Ph.D. Student Begins New Role

Please join us in congratulating Ashleigh Brock (Ph.D. student) on her new position as the Assistant to the President at the [University of Richmond](#)! You may recall that Ashleigh served as an Assistant Director in our own Cohen Career Center from 2010–2013 before returning to her alma mater UR for a position in Career Services.



Ph.D. Candidate Awarded Fellowship for Dissertation Research

During the [2017 Annual Symposium for Pilgrimage Studies](#), Ben Boone (M.Ed. '09; Ph.D. candidate), Associate Director for the Center for the Liberal Arts at William & Mary, was awarded the [George Greenia Research Fellowship](#). Ben shared, "This Fellowship will partially fund my dissertation research in Santiago de Compostela, Spain this summer. I plan to spend over a month on the ground listening to the experiences of faculty members who have completed the Camino de Santiago with students as part of a study abroad program." Join us in congratulating Ben as we wish him luck on his research endeavors!

Visiting Student, Fudan University

We are glad to have the honor of hosting a visiting student, Lifang Li, who met Professor Jim Barber during his study abroad trip to China in May 2016. Lifang Li is a third-year Ph.D. candidate at the Research Institute for Higher Education of Fudan University, located in Shanghai, China. Both her master's and doctoral studies are in Educational Economy and Management, which is a sub-area of Educational Administration. Her main research focuses on public management, higher education governance, and globalization in higher education. Lifang is currently conducting research on the governance of the Board of Trustees in colleges and universities. Lifang is very excited about this opportunity: "I met Dr. Barber when he came to China. And now I have the opportunity to know W&M more. With Dr. Barber's generous help, I get to study at the William & Mary School of Education during 2017–2018 academic year." Join us in welcoming Lifang!



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Cole Invited by Princeton to Discuss Research Initiatives

This month, Dr. Eddie R. Cole, Assistant Professor of Higher Education, will be at Princeton as a recipient of a research grant awarded to him by PU. As part of his multi-week visit, Professor Cole will give an invited talk at Princeton on October 25 based on his research about college presidents and civil rights in the 1960s. The grant is [one of four](#) fellowships and grants Professor Cole received for the 2017–18 academic year to support his book project.



Eddy Selected for Prestigious Lecture

Congratulations to Dr. Pamela Eddy, Professor of Higher Education, who was selected to give the [CAHEP](#) (Council for the Advancement of Higher Education Programs) Barbara Townsend Lecture at the 2017 [ASHE](#) (Association for the Study of Higher Education) Conference!

Also, be sure to check out Professor Eddy's latest [New Directions for Community Colleges](#) edited volume, released in September. The topic is "Constructions of Gender," and the volume includes an article authored by Adjunct Professor Ashleigh Schuller Lee (Ph.D. '15).

Barber Appointed to Leading Editorial Board

Dr. Jim Barber, Associate Professor of Higher Education, was selected to serve a three-year term on the Editorial Board for the [Journal of College Student Development](#). JCSD is the flagship journal for ACPA—College Student Educators International—and is a leading publication outlet in the field of Student Affairs.

A continued congrats to Professor Barber who also recently spoke at the 2017 Annual Symposium for Pilgrimage Studies on "Transformative Travel and Study Abroad."



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