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Welcome to the Higher Ed Program

The Higher Education program hosted a virtual welcome event for new students in September welcoming the largest number of students in its history! A total of 20 new graduate students pursuing a master's degree are beginning the program and many hold graduate assistantships in offices across campus filling critical roles of support in this altered year of college openings.

We also welcomed 15 new doctoral students — nine in our on-campus Ph.D. program and six in our Executive Ed.D. program. Students across our programs are engaging with coursework and research in a range of creative ways. The program established an online Higher Education Student Association virtual learning community to keep what is special about William & Mary alive — connecting with others, working together to address challenges facing higher education, and building innovative approaches to supporting students, faculty and leaders. The future looks bright as evident by the scope of talent of our students!



Introducing our New Dean

William & Mary welcomed Dr. Robert C. Knoeppel this summer as the new dean of the School of Education. Learn more about about his experience, his approach for the first few months of his deanship and his vision for the future of the School of Education. [More.](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

EXPLORE HIGHER ED AT W&M

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

OCT. 15, 12:15 p.m.
Discussion with Dean Rob Knoeppel

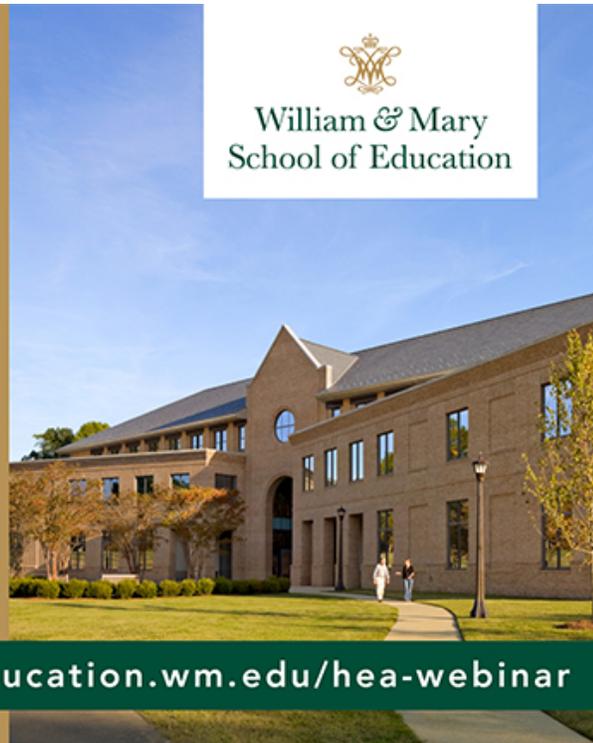
OCT. 20, noon
Student Panel

OCT. 27, noon
Faculty Panel

NOV. 10, noon
Alumni Panel



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education.wm.edu/hea-webinar

Spread the word! We're hosting a series of webinars this fall for prospective students to meet our faculty, students and alumni. Share this information with people you know who may be interested in pursuing a graduate degree at William & Mary. [Learn more.](#)

Welcome to the Higher Education Student Association Virtual Learning Community!

This is a space for students in the Higher Education Program to meet, share resources, stay connected and support one another. To join this online community, simply search for the course titled **Higher Education Student Association** in Blackboard. Use the Discussion Board to introduce yourself, share research interests and meet other Higher Education students. Don't forget to subscribe to the discussion board strands to be notified of the latest posts from your colleagues.

Please reach out to the community facilitators (T.J. Horan, Corrine Townley, and Jingjing Liu) with any questions or suggestions for the use of this online community.

We hope you enjoy the virtual learning community and use this space to connect with your peers!



Class of 2020 Resume Book

In May, a [Student Resume Book](#) was created with the help of the [Cohen Career Center](#) for the graduating Higher Education master's degree students. Many of these students are still searching for permanent jobs given the hiring freezes in place across the country. Please keep these graduates in mind as openings occur at your institutions. [Take a peek](#) at all of the work this group has accomplished and experience gained while completing their degrees. Remember to send along any job postings for us to share on our student listserv!



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FACULTY RESEARCH BROWN BAG TALKS



OCTOBER 14, 2020

Technology Integration: Implications for Privacy & Trust

Stephanie Blackmon, Class of 1963
Associate Professor of Higher Education

Save the Date

ALUMNI *in the* SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Johnson-Toala

Amanda Johnson-Toala, Ph.D. '18 has started a new position as the Director of the Gerald H. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education in the College of Education, Health and Human Services (EHHS) at **Kent State University**, Kent, Ohio. Dr. Johnson-Toala works collaboratively with EHHS faculty, staff, students and the Kent State community to support and facilitate international and intercultural initiatives. Congratulations to Dr. Johnson-Toala on her new leadership position!

Richard Hodges

Richard Hodges, Ed.D. '16 recently had a blog published on *Virginia's Community College* website entitled "**Richard Hodges: The community college system Dana Hamel helped create democratized higher education in Virginia.**" In the blog, Dr. Hodges reviews conversations with Dana Hamel and highlights Hamel's efforts and contributions to the creation of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). Dr. Hodges is currently the Director of Libraries for **Florida Southwestern State Collage** in Fort Myers, Florida. Congratulations to Dr. Hodges on this accomplishment!



E. Ashleigh Schuller Lee

E. Ashleigh Schuller Lee '02, JD '06, Ph.D. '15 has been promoted to Commander in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (Reserves). As an adjunct professor, Dr. Lee has taught Academic Life and Higher Education Law at William & Mary's School of Education. Congratulations to Dr. Lee on her promotion!

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Barber's New Leadership

Dr. Jim Barber, Associate Professor of Education, has been appointed to a three-year term as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs. In this role, Dr. Barber leads and manages all aspects of academic programs in the School of Education, from recruitment to graduation. Congratulations to Dr. Barber on his new leadership!

Dr. Eddy's New Publication



Dr. Pamela Eddy, Professor of Higher Education, and her co-author, Dr. Betty Kirby, have published a book titled "**Leading for Tomorrow: A Primer for Succeeding in Higher Education Leadership**," Rutgers University Press. Using an engaging case study approach, *Leading for Tomorrow* provides readers with real-world examples that will help them reflect on their own leadership and communication styles. It also shows newly minted administrators how they can follow best practices while still developing a leadership approach that is authentic and uniquely their own. Dr. Eddy commented, "The impetus for this book started on a bus ride during a global studies trip to Ireland in 2012 where Betty and I discussed how so many of our colleagues were surprised when they became administrators. Our goal was to write an accessible book to help people just starting out in leadership positions, and along the way we were able to identify exemplary practices that can serve leaders throughout the university." Congratulations to Dr. Eddy on her new publication!

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