



Welcome to the Higher Ed Program

Welcome!

The higher education program faculty are happy to welcome new students to our master's and doctoral programs and to welcome Dr. Erica Wiborg as a Visiting Professor. We are excited for the opportunity for our on-campus programs to have in-person classes and for the many opportunities (face-to-face and virtual) in which we can engage with students and alumni. This summer our inboxes were full of notices of alumni obtaining new positions—send along your good news to share too!

As higher education continues to weather challenges due to the pandemic, racial inequities, and the changing landscape of higher education, we feel grateful to know that our students and alumni are prepared to offer leadership and innovative insights to address these issues. The program faculty are busy working on program reviews to bolster learning for students and recently updated our program mission statement (see below). We are aligning our programs to meet this mission and to prepare student scholars for future work. We look forward to collaborating with everyone to fulfill our mission and to advance change by members of our Tribe!

Higher Education Program Mission: *We prepare intellectually curious, socially just higher education leaders and scholars committed to anti-racism and other equitable practices to improve post-secondary teaching and learning environments.*

Jim, Stephanie, Erica, Pam

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Introducing our New Faculty

We are pleased to introduce a new Visiting Professor, Dr. Erica Wiborg, to the Higher Education Program. Dr. Wiborg is a critical, qualitative scholar passionate about deconstructing systemic racism by examining the sociohistorical influences of racism and hegemonic whiteness in higher education. Prior to accepting a faculty role at William & Mary, Dr. Wiborg served as an adjunct professor at Florida State University in the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies where she taught Diversity in Higher Education. [Learn More.](#)

School of Education Picnic Day

On August 31, the seventh annual School of Education (SOE) picnic took place in the school courtyard. Students, faculty, and staff got together, celebrated the new school year with tasty food, and connected with the school community.



Photo 1 (left to right): Jim Barber and Dean Rob Knoeppel

Photo 2 (left to right): Marissa Miller Ph.D. '25, Pamela Eddy, and Daqian Yu Ph.D. '25

Photo 3 (left to right): Taylor Locks Ph.D. '22, Terry Fassanella Ph.D. '22, and Elizabeth Auguste Ph.D. '18

Photo 4 (left to right): Joe Wheeless Ph.D. '23, Terry Fassanella Ph.D. '22, Sharice Adkins Ph.D. '23, Sammy Easby Ph.D. '22, Robert Thompson Ph.D. '22, and Taylor Locks Ph.D. '22



Doctoral Orientation and Advising

On September 8, the Higher Education Program held a doctoral orientation and advising meeting to welcome a new group of doctoral students. Dr. Pamela Eddy hosted the meeting. She reviewed the key elements of the program and discussed general advising needs. Dr. Erica Wiborg talked about strategies for improving writing in APA style. The meeting provided a chance for new doctoral students to learn about academic expectations and resources, prepare them for their new role, and connect with faculty members and peers.

HESA

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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To kick off the school year, HESA welcomed our new cohort of master's and doctoral students to the School of Education with our first ever HESA Scavenger Hunt! Teams raced around campus to complete various challenges and trivia questions, and ended at Precarious Beer Hall for happy hour.

This upcoming month, we are excited to start our in-person HESA Coffee Hours. All students are invited to get to know their classmates, get tips on plugging into campus, and connect to William & Mary happenings. We also have many other great events to look forward to, including a September wellness program with Dr. Kelly Crace, an alumni panel, and a wealth of other social events. Please check out the [HESA Calendar](#) for more information. Students who want to join the HESA GroupMe should email hesa@email.wm.edu.

Higher Education Travel Funds

Each year, the Higher Education Program has funding available for students to attend conferences and seek professional development. Students can access the **funding form** on the HESA Blackboard site. Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2022.

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Job Openings

Below is a list of current job openings. We greatly appreciate the support from our alumni!

- [**Associate Director of Financial Aid & Compliance**](#), Christopher Newport University
- [**Assistant Director, Business Development & Recruitment**](#), Dartmouth College
- [**Associate Director of Graduate Admissions, CHHS Office of Student Affairs**](#), George Mason University
- [**Associate Director of Development, Heart and Vascular Institute**](#), Johns Hopkins University
- [**Fitness and Recreation Programming Coordinator**](#), Kenyon College
- [**Assistant Director of Student Affairs**](#), Pennsylvania State University
- [**Assistant Principal of the Capstone Scholars Program**](#), University of South Carolina – Columbia
- [**Assistant Director of Experiential Learning**](#), University of Virginia
- [**Assistant/Associate Director of Development, University Priorities**](#), University of Virginia
- [**Senior Executive Assistant for Scheduling, Office of the President**](#), Wake Forest University
- [**Associate Director of Employer Relations**](#), Williams College

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations Dr. Ashleigh M. Brock

Ashleigh M. Brock Ph.D. '21 successfully defended her dissertation, "Liberal Arts Colleges and COVID-19: A Quantitative Study of How The Pandemic is Shaping Student Perceptions, Belonging, and Retention." Her dissertation committee members included Dr. Jim Barber, Chair; Dr. Pamela Eddy, Professor of Higher Education; and Dr. Matthew Wawrzynski, Associate Professor of Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (Michigan State University). Congratulations to Ashleigh on this accomplishment!



Congratulations Dr. Johann F. Ducharme

Johann F. Ducharme Ph.D. '21 successfully defended his dissertation, "The Process and Power of Owning Intellectual Limitations: A Grounded Theory of Intellectual Humility in Undergraduate Education." His dissertation committee members included Dr. Jim Barber, Chair; Dr. Judi Harris, Professor and Pavey Family Chair in Educational Technology; and Dr. Ronald Sims, Floyd Dewey Gottwald, Sr. Professor of Business Administration. Congratulations to Johann on this accomplishment!



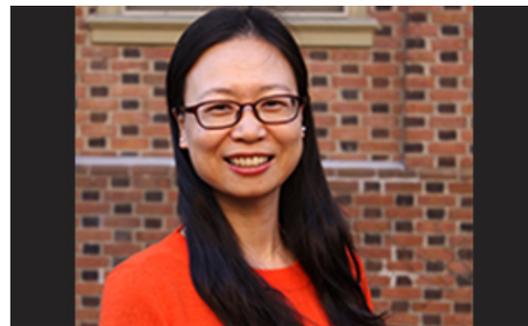
Congratulations Dr. Jennifer Hoyt

Jennifer Hoyt Ed.D. '21 successfully defended her dissertation, "William & Mary's Institutional Branding and Its Influence on The Self-Efficacy of First-Generation Sophomores as They Select Majors and Career Paths: A Case Study." Her dissertation committee members included Dr. Pamela Eddy, Chair; Dr. Leslie Grant, Dorman Family Term Distinguished Associate Professor; and Dr. Steve Staples, Adjunct Executive Professor. Congratulations to Jennifer on this accomplishment!



Congratulations Dr. April Palmer

April Palmer Ed.D. '21 successfully defended her dissertation, "Bullying in Student Affairs: Our Little Secret." Her dissertation committee members included Dr. Pamela Eddy, Chair; Dr. Ginger Ambler, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Dr. Jeff Papa, Adjunct Assistant Professor. Congratulations to April on this accomplishment!



New Publication

Jingjing Liu, Ph.D. '22, has published an article titled "**Book Review: On my own: The challenge and promise of building equitable STEM transfer pathways, by Wang, X**" in Community College Review. Congratulations to Jingjing on this new publication!

Council for Higher Education Accreditation Fellow



Rachel Smith B.A. '10, Ph.D. '24, has been selected as the first fellow with the **Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)** . The CHEA Fellows Program provides senior-level graduate students with experiences in higher education accreditation, policy development, recognition processes for accrediting organizations, nonprofit board oversight and operations, communications, business finance and government affairs. **The Fellows Program** is available only to graduate students enrolled in colleges and universities that are current CHEA members. Congratulations to Rachel on this accomplishment!



Pamela Eddy, Professor of Higher Education, has been named an Associate Editor for **Innovative Higher Education**. In this role, Dr. Eddy manages the peer review of manuscripts and provides leadership to support the journal editor. Additionally, Dr. Eddy and her co-authors have published a paper titled “ **Professional development during a crisis and beyond: Lessons learned during COVID**” in New Directions for Community Colleges. The article reviews a **virtual professional development program for STEM faculty** conducted in 2020 in which, due to COVID, faculty participants had to adjust their teaching practices. Congratulations to Dr. Eddy on her new position and publication!

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