



Katherine Barko-Alva receives Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award

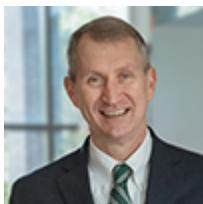
Given annually to a faculty member whose impact is felt in both classroom and community, the Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award recognizes Barko-Alva's inspiring teaching and tireless commitment to a vision of inclusive education for all. Read the [full news story](#) and the [Charter Day program citation](#).



Virginia L. McLaughlin receives Thomas Jefferson Award

Given each year to a member of the William & Mary community for significant service, the Thomas Jefferson Award recognizes the remarkable depth and breadth of McLaughlin's 38-year career at W&M. Read the [full news story](#) and the [Charter Day program citation](#).

FROM THE DEAN



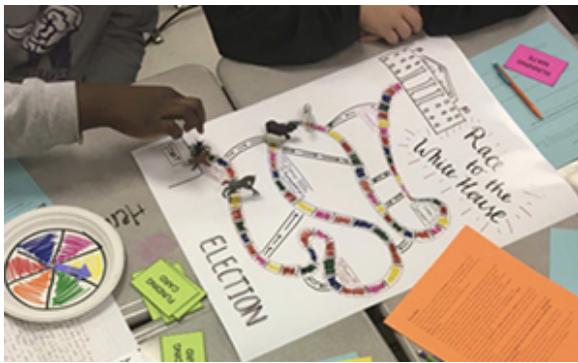
As we advance through the spring semester, **our work is continuing apace** with students moving full steam toward commencement and our many research and service projects thriving. Yet even as we persevere in our work, we must recognize the long-term exhaustion and loss that we feel as the pandemic begins its second year.

These losses are both personal and professional. I think of the life events for our children and families that have been postponed, cancelled, or held virtually. I think of the daily rituals of being in school and the opportunities for interaction and the joy that comes from that. I think of the missed time with students and the lost opportunity, especially for those who are marginalized.

First and foremost, **we must attend to the emotional needs of ourselves, our communities and the people we serve.** We must find balance between maintaining forward momentum while caring for each other and celebrating milestones. We must find the courage to look forward with joy and hope and take risks that will help us grow.

— Dean Rob Knoeppel

NEWS & NOTES



Game-based learning brings play into the high-school classroom

Lindy Johnson, associate professor of English education, has been examining the role of games and play in the classroom for several years. A former English teacher in Boston Public Schools, she now trains new teachers at William & Mary and conducts research around the essential question, *how can we make learning more engaging and authentic for both students and teachers?* [More.](#)



Combating Zoom fatigue in the online classroom

Have you sat through Zoom or other videoconferencing sessions and felt fatigued afterwards? Zoom Fatigue is Real. A Zoom environment can cause cognitive overload because you are constantly multitasking. April Lawrence, associate director of eLearning, provides instructional strategies for combating Zoom fatigue. [More.](#)



Colonial Williamsburg joins W&M to research, relocate, interpret 18th-century Bray School for enslaved and free Black children

A small white building that sits tucked away on the William & Mary campus once held an 18th-century school dedicated to the religious education of enslaved and free Black children, researchers have determined. [More.](#)



New research project examines internationalization at William & Mary

Faculty from the School of Education Higher Education Program have launched a research project to help advance understanding of the engagement of William & Mary faculty in internationalization efforts both on campus and abroad. [More.](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Flanagan Counselor Education Clinic answers the increased need for mental health services during the pandemic

With its new name comes new changes for the Flanagan Counselor Education Clinic. Thanks to a \$2 million gift in 2020 from Professor Emeritus S. Stuart Flanagan, William & Mary's expanded counseling training clinic is making its services more accessible than ever. [More.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 11-12: Center for Gifted Education [National Curriculum Network Conference](#)

Mar. 18: [Faculty Research Brown Bag Talk](#) featuring Dean Rob Knoeppel

Mar. 26: Day for Admitted Students



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Welcome New Faculty

This spring, the School of Education welcomed a new faculty member, **Ting Huang**, who joins us as an assistant professor in the Curriculum & Instruction program. Her research focuses on informal learning, digital literacies, diversity in education, and video learning.

[Learn more about Ting Huang.](#)

RESOURCES

Studio for Teaching & Learning Innovation: [W&M Instructional Resilience](#)

Support from W&M Libraries: [Remote Resources & Services](#)

Cohen Career Center: [Virtual Resources](#)

W&M Alumni Association: [Virtual Engagement Opportunities](#)



New neighbors, new partnership

Construction is nearing completion in Midtown Row, a new residential, retail and entertainment district just down the street at the corner of Richmond Road and Monticello Ave. We've launched a partnership with Current Midtown Apartments to offer our graduate students a unique living-learning community experience. [Learn more.](#)

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