Greetings!

Here’s wishing everyone a good midterm season!

If you are looking for a break from studying, there is a lot happening on campus and in the area this week.

As well, this e-news notes plenty of opportunities to learn about study abroad, internships, and careers. If you are back from study abroad, check out the conference to learn how to make that experience payoff for you now.

In the Spotlight this week is senior Kendle Meese, who represents the department on the dean's advisory board.

Also, check out the dates for Trans* Advocacy Training and for our upcoming Women's Studies conference.

Special note: upcoming deadlines for applications for Triota honor society and for department honors program.

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Oct. 20: Alicia Garza on the 21st Century Civil Rights Movement

A social activist committed to challenging society to recognize and celebrate the contributions of all individuals, specifically black people and queer communities, Alicia Garza is the co-creator of the viral twitter hash tag and movement, #BlackLivesMatter, a national organizing project which has evolved into the banner under which this generation's civil rights movement marches. Tuesday, October 20, 4:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.

Oct. 23: Renaissance in the Belly of a Killer Whale

*Killer Whale* uniquely tells the story of three young women's love affair with Harlem from youth to adulthood through a montage of spoken word poetry, theatre, dance, and song. It explores the conflicts in coming to terms with a gentrified Harlem. This special performance is sponsored by the Women's Studies Graduate Student Association. This event is free and open to the public. Friday, October 23, 7:00 p.m., Hoff Theatre, Stamp Student Union.

Oct. 23: Black Girl: Linguistic Play

Camille A. Brown aims to tell a story--linking her personal experiences and history--from a black woman's perspective in *Black Girl: Linguistic Play*. Using Black social dances, rhythmic play, and mesmerizing movement, this new work "reveals the complexity of carving out a self-defined identity as a black female in urban American culture" ([http://www.camilleabrown.org](http://www.camilleabrown.org)).

The performance is on Friday, October 23rd at 8:00pm. Students can often receive discounts or free tickets the Monday before the performance. Learn more and reserve your ticket here.

This Saturday symposium, hosted by the Women's Studies Graduate Student Association, will feature presentations on cutting edge feminist scholarship from undergraduate and graduate students at UMD and across the mid-Atlantic region. The keynote for this second biennial symposium will be Dr. Nancy Raquel Mirabal, Associate Professor of American Studies at UMD. The conference is free and open to the public but registration is requested. For more information, including a full conference schedule, see the conference website.

**Weekend Plans**

**Oct. 17: Maya Deren**

American artist Maya Deren created an expressive silent cinematic language that helped launch the American independent film movement. The National Gallery of Art is screening a collection of Deren's work in the East Building starting at 12:30pm on Saturday, October 17. Learn more [here](#).

**Oct. 18: Agnès Varda's The Gleaners and I**

The National Gallery of Art is showcasing the works of Agnès Varda, the first woman to receive the Palme d'honneur—an honor for established directors whose body of work has had significant universal impact. Varda's *The Gleaners and I*, a film in which Varda examines gleaning in art, literature, and history while traveling in search of real gleaners, will be screened on Sunday, October 18 at 4:00pm in the East Building. Learn more [here](#).

**Spotlight**

Meet Kendle Messe, ARHU Dean's Advisory Board Member
Kendle Meese is a senior Women's Studies major who serves on the ARHU Dean's Advisory Board. In this role she acts as a liaison between the Women's Studies Department and the College of Arts and Humanities by expressing the Department's concerns and working with the other Board members to make ARHU a more exciting and cohesive place.

Kendle is a Community Assistant for Prince Frederick Hall and is in the community service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

Her favorite class this semester is Dr. Schuler's WMST488 senior seminar class, "Gendering Postmodern Performance."

After graduating in the spring, Kendle plans to apply to grad school for a Master's in Social Work.

Fun fact: Kendle is fluent in American Sign Language!

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**Join Triota: Women's Studies Honor Society**

**Apply by Oct. 22**

**What's Triota?** Triota works to promote student research and activism in socio-political issues that effect all minority groups and aims to recognize and promote the academic achievements of its members.

**Who's Eligible:** Any student who has completed at least one Women's Studies or LGBT Studies course. Students must have at least a 3.0 Women's Studies/LBGT GPA and a 2.7 cumulative GPA.

**How to Apply:** Fill out the application here.

**Deadline:** October 22, 2015

**Questions?** Email triotaumd@gmail.com
Honors Program Applications

Deadline: Nov. 1

The Department of Women's Studies Honors Program provides an opportunity for students within the university to pursue an academic interest in some aspect of women’s, gender, and/or sexuality studies in greater depth than that allowed by formal classes. While the Honors Program puts emphasis on the development of habits of self-reliance, individual initiative, and critical analysis, students also have the experience of working one-on-one with a faculty mentor. The thesis project may result in a sustained piece of writing or a substantial creative or activist project.

Students are accepted into the honors program each semester. Ideally students should apply in the second semester of their sophomore year. Transfer students are welcome to apply.

Applications are accepted from students of any major who have completed three WMST and/or LGBT courses at the time of application and have a 3.25 overall GPA and a 3.25 GPA in the WMST/LGBT courses taken.

The Honors program consists of 12 credits, ideally taken across four semesters. Transfer students or students who are planning study abroad should speak to the Director of Undergraduate Studies about the possibility of completing the Honors program in three semesters. The four courses are: an upper-level course of choice taken with an Honors Option; the WMST or LGBT senior seminar taken with an Honors Option; and 6 credits of WMST Honors Thesis.

Students wishing to begin the Honors Program in Spring 2016 should apply by November 1, 2015. Students wishing to begin the Honors Program in Fall 2016 should apply by March 1, 2016.

To apply, submit

- a transcript (unofficial is acceptable),
- a list of all LGBT and/or WMST courses completed,
- a list of any LGBT or WMST courses in which you are currently enrolled,
- the names and email addresses of two faculty who can evaluate your abilities and readiness to take on an independent project, at least one of whom has been your instructor in an LGBT or WMST course,
- a sample writing or creative project that you have completed for a course
- a brief (maximum 250 words) statement of why you are interested in the Honors Program;
- and, indicate when you expect to graduate.

Applications should be submitted to Professor Elsa Barkley Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies. They may be submitted electronically to barkleyb@umd.edu or in hard copy to Professor Barkley Brown's mailbox in the Department of Women's Studies, 2101 Woods Hall.

If you have questions about the Honors Program, your application, the program's structure, possible Honors projects you might do, or other, you are encouraged to speak with Professor
Barkley Brown and with other members of the LGBT/WMST faculty. For Fall 2015 Professor Barkley Brown's office hours are 12:00-2:00 Tues and by appointment in 2101 Woods Hall or email barkleyb@umd.edu.

As part of Rise Above "-isms" Week, the LGBT Equity Center will offer its first Trans* Advocacy Training of the semester on Tuesday, October 20 from 9:30-12:30pm.

This three-hour training covers the fundamentals of transgender and gender variant issues, including gender theory and gender variance, cisgender privilege, and ways allies and advocates for trans* communities on campus can take action. Join in a dynamic conversation with faculty, staff, students, and community members and begin to rise above the biases that exclude LGBTQ+ individuals from full and equitable participation in our communities. Register here today!

Volunteers Needed
Participate in Staged Reading of a Play during "Interventions," Oct. 24

Jocelyn Coates, current Women's Studies PhD student, as well as a Class of 2014 graduate from our program, would like to hear from anyone interested in participating in a staged reading of a play as part of the 2015 Graduate Student Association conference, Interventions: Women's Studies in Action. Since it is a staged reading, no memorization required. Just be available on October 24.

The play was written by a PhD student in English at Virginia Tech, and centers the writing of Virginia Woolf and Sylvia Plath in a feminist exploration of food, bodies, eating disorders, and the self/personhood. The author has asked for participation from four people.

If you're at all interested in the intersections of Theatre/Performance Studies, English, and WMST, this could be a great interdisciplinary engagement! Additionally, if you know someone (a friend, someone in a different department, etc.) that may be interested, please feel free to pass this info on to them as well!
Back from Study Abroad?
Greater DC Area Lessons from Abroad Conference
Oct. 24

Education Abroad is excited to announce the upcoming Greater DC Area Lessons From Abroad Conference on Saturday, October 24th at The George Washington University. The conference is designed to help returning study abroad students use their international experience for professional development. Lessons From Abroad offers an opportunity to learn how to talk about your newly acquired global skills on your resume or in a job interview, discover how you can work or study abroad again after graduation, and network with professionals in internationally-focused jobs. Registration is $15.00 per ticket, and the first 50 UMD students to register and attend will be reimbursed by Education Abroad. Please register online.

For additional information about this event:
contact Conrad Zeutenhorst at czeut@umd.edu
**Persian@Maryland**

**Persian Picnic**  
**Oct. 20**

WMST/LGBT students are invited to a Persian Picnic for those interested in learning more about the Persian Flagship Program and Persian@Maryland in general. It is an informal event so you are welcome to stop by at any point between 3:00-5:00 p.m., and stay for as long as you'd like. For questions about the event or to learn more about Persian@Maryland, please contact Hilary Robertson Collado, Coordinator, Persian Flagship Program -- [persian@umd.edu](mailto:persian@umd.edu).  
**Tuesday, October 20, 3:00-5:00 p.m., St. Mary's Hall**

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**Study Abroad**

**UMD Short-Term Study Abroad Program - Spring Break 2016: Disaster Recovery in Japan**

Who can Apply: All UMD students (undergraduate-level or graduate-level; all years, all majors)

**Application Deadline:** October 23, 2015  
To apply, e-mail EA Short-Term Programs Coordinator Majelissa Sá Carvalho at [msacarva@umd.edu](mailto:msacarva@umd.edu)  
For more information, visit: [www.ter.ps/sbjapan](http://www.ter.ps/sbjapan)  

**Details:**

In March 2016-five years after Japan's March 11, 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster and 21 years after the March 20, 1995 Tokyo subway sarin gas attacks-University of Maryland students will travel to Japan to better understand the field of disaster risk reduction management (DRRM) and disaster recovery. This short-term study abroad program considers the relationship between disasters, political reform, and social reform, and provides students with the cross-cultural tools and knowledge to make sense of why and how major disasters-natural and man-made-affect societies long after the initial damage is done.
Students will participate in 2 weeks of pre-departure online and in-person coursework in the U.S.; 1 week of study and travel in Japan; and 2 weeks of U.S.-based online and in-person coursework, culminating in a public symposium in which students will present to the UMD community about what they have learned and make proposals to local organizations on disaster preparedness and recovery.

If you are interested in international or domestic careers related to disaster risk management and recovery, risk communication, social entrepreneurship, economic development, community resilience, or U.S.-Japan cooperation, this program will give you valuable experience in an international setting, learning first-hand how to address real world issues and develop potential solutions.

-Questions? Contact the Program Director: Meredith Collier-Murayama (maecollo@umd.edu).

To learn more about last year's program:
Watch this video by 2015 Spring Break in Japan alumna Tong Wu for The Diamondback
Read this article by START Communications Intern Samara Tu

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**First Women's Hackathon @ UMD**
**November 7-8**

Technica is an all-women hackathon being held at the University of Maryland on November 7th. For 24 hours, hackers will create awesome tech projects alongside other students, sponsors, and mentors. Learn more and sign up [here](#).

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**Career Corner**
**ARHU Career Events & Opportunities via Kate Juhl**

**Upcoming Events**
A full listing of career events can always be found at [www.Careers.umd.edu](http://www.Careers.umd.edu). ARHU students can schedule appointments with the University Career Center @ ARHU through [Careers4Terps](http://www.Careers.umd.edu). Walk-in hours are also held on Mondays from 1:30-3:30 pm and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am in 1118 Francis Scott Key Hall.
Language Career & Internship Fair 2015 http://go.umd.edu/LanguageFair
Don't miss the 7th Annual Language Career & Internship Fair! The University Career Center & The President's Promise partners with the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (www.languages.umd.edu) and the Graduate Studies in Interpreting and Translation (www.gsit.umd.edu) program to produce this annual event, which connects students and alumni with 40+ employers interested in candidates with language skills and/or cross-cultural career interests. Pre-register for the fair here. While pre-registration is not required, it is encouraged because it allows you to get noticed by your top 10 employers, view currently-available jobs and internships, and gives employers access to your resume before even meeting you! Want to know who is coming to the fair? Review the list of employers.
Wednesday, October 21, 11AM-3PM | Colony Ballroom | Adele H. Stamp Student Union

- Want help preparing for the Language Career & Internship Fair? See information on the Language Fair Prep Workshop to be held on Tuesday, October 20.

Career Shuttle: Washington Wizards (Monumental Sports) http://go.umd.edu/cswizards
Love sports? Interested in working in sports marketing or management? Don't miss this chance to learn more about the various career fields involved with marketing and supporting a professional sports team. During our visit we will hear from a panel of speakers who work for Monumental Sports to learn more about their career fields as well as internship opportunities that exist. Learn more about Monumental Sports here. We will depart campus by bus at 2:15 pm. You may either return by bus to campus after the panel (arriving by 6:30 pm) or purchase a ticket at a discounted rate and stay to cheer on the Washington Wizards as they face the Milwaukee Bucks. Special discounted tickets are $23/person and include a free t-shirt (as well as the opportunity to watch pre-game warm-ups). If you are interested in staying for the game, buy tickets at www.msesales.com/wiz/umd using promo code: UMD. Be sure to buy your tickets with a friend to ensure you sit together. If you choose to stay for the game, you will need to find your own transportation back to campus. Please reach out to kjuhl@umd.edu with questions about this event. Join us! November 17, 2:15-6:30PM | University Career Center | 3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing

Teach for America: Employer Networking Sessions http://go.umd.edu/T4A
Teach For America will host an information session at UMD College Park covering the details of the organization and the application process. Click here to RSVP. Note: Minimum attire for ALL sessions with employers present is business casual unless otherwise specified.
Tuesday, October 20, 4-5PM | University Career Center | 3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing

Academic Programs International (API): Employer Networking Sessions
The mission of API is to transform lives by providing enriching academic and cross-cultural experiences that foster increased self-knowledge, cultural sensitivity and understanding of the global nature of our contemporary world. Come to an INFO SESSION to hear about opportunities to intern, teach, volunteer or study abroad through Academic Programs International (API): Wednesday, October 21, 3-4pm, in the Career Center's Multipurpose Room.

How to Find an Internship
Not sure where to start with your internship search? Or, do you feel like you are at a standstill and unsure about the next steps in your search? To help you with your internship search, we will discuss: 1) Specific resources available to research internship opportunities in non-profit, government and corporate sectors; 2) Quick tips on making a positive first impression on resumes and during interviews; 3) Strategies to
connect with UMD alumni working within your intended career field. Please click [here](#) to register for this event. **Wednesday, October 21, 4-5pm** University Career Center

**Career4Terps Opportunities**

*Thousands of internships as well as part-time and full-time jobs (including the few listed below) can be found by logging into Career4Terps at [www.Careers.umd.edu](http://www.Careers.umd.edu). Need help accessing your account? Stop by the University Career Center (3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing) anytime Monday-Friday from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm (no appointment needed) for help with Career4Terps.*

**Expected Health: Maternal and Child Health Internship -- Position #106097 on Career4Terps**

Position: Internship -- Summer, Spring or Fall
Location: Washington, D.C.
Description:
Our work in Expecting Health focuses on improving the health delivery system for women, children, and families across multiple points in life. We use the lens of screening and testing throughout the preconception, prenatal, and childhood periods to increase knowledge and promote the dissemination of evidence-based materials and resources. A cornerstone of this area is Baby's First Test ([www.BabysFirstTest.org](http://www.BabysFirstTest.org)), the nation's center for newborn screening for parents and health providers.

This program integrates grassroots education, national policy, and broad public awareness to highlight one of the most successful public health programs in the nation. This internship is valuable for those interested in health education, genetic counseling, health policy, advocacy and outreach, research, business development, and new and traditional media relations.

Genetic Alliance Interns come from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds, but all interns share a common passion for strengthening health systems and taking the health advocacy community to a new level.

Visit [geneticalliance.org/internships](http://geneticalliance.org/internships) for more information.

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**Quote of the Week**

"What you want is to be free and to free as many other people as you can."  
~ Alice Walker