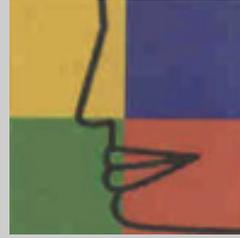


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## *Greetings!*

*On Monday, November 2, Triota held its fall induction ceremony. The new members of the honor society are in our Spotlight for this issue.*

*Below you will also find a call for creative writing from LGBTQIA students, announcements of scholarships, and, as always, the Career Corner.*

*Don't forget the upcoming DC LGBTQA Student Conference at American University and make sure to register in order to get the free shuttle bus from UMD to the conference.*

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## *A Public Conversation on Indian Politics and Religion*

### **November 9**

On **Monday, November 9**, from 3:30-5:30 pm, in Ann Arundel 012,

Dr. Aswini Tambe, associate professor of Women's Studies, will have a public conversation about Indian politics and religion with filmmaker, Rakesh Sharma, who made a pathbreaking film about religion, fundamentalism and gender called *Final Solution*.



Filmmaker Rakesh Sharma

Parts of the film will be screened. The film is set in Gujarat, India, during the period Feb/March 2002-July 2003 and documents the changing face of right-wing politics in India. Dr.

Tambe says, "Many young people today are unaware of the nature and scale of anti-Muslim violence that shook up Gujarat and catapulted Narendra Modi (current prime minister of India, then chief minister of Gujarati) into the limelight. Revisiting this episode is unfortunately timely, given recent alarming incidents of Hindu extremist violence against Muslims. The silence on these

matters by prime minister Modi has been vigorously protested by writers, artists, scholars, and even business leaders." Sharma's film, *Final Solution*, has been honored with prizes from the National Film Awards, India; the Berlinale; the Berlin International film festival, Hong Kong International Film Festival, and many others. Please join Dr. Tambe and filmmaker Rakesh Sharma for this important discussion.



Professor Tambe

## *Mark Your Calendars!*

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

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](#).



### **November 9: Allison Orr discusses "Trash Dance"**

Allison Orr shares her experience using dance to showcase sanitation workers' daily routines--a project captured in the award-winning documentary "Trash Dance," directed by Andrew Garrison. Orr will



show clips from the film and discuss making art rooted in experiences and communities that are often unnoticed and undervalued. Orr's "Trash Project" was named the #1 Arts Event of 2009 by the Austin American Statesman, the #1 Dance Event by The Austin Chronicle, and was awarded the Most Outstanding Dance Concert of 2009 by the Austin Critics Table.

Sponsored by College Park Scholars, this event is free and open to all. **Monday, November 9, 6:00 pm, 1100 Cambridge Community Center**



### **November 9: *The Homestretch***

Beyond the Classroom Living Learning Program presents *The Homestretch*, a documentary that chronicles the lives of three homeless teens who are struggling to stay in school, graduate, and create a new life. While told via their personal perspectives, their stories connect with larger issues of poverty, race, juvenile justice, immigration, foster care, and LGBTQ. For more information, see the [Beyond the Classroom Facebook page](#). **Monday, November 9, 7:00-9:00 pm, South Campus Commons Building 1, Room 1102.**

### **November 10: VOICES OF SOCIAL CHANGE: Faces of Homelessness**

Lazy. Dirty. Crazy. Those are some stereotypes about those who are homeless in our society. The lack of interaction between groups of our society, combined with impersonal or inaccurate descriptions of homelessness, contributes to a distancing of those who have housing from those who do not. As a result, homelessness is perceived as an abstract social problem.

The Faces of Homelessness program seeks to bring awareness to individual stories of people experiencing homelessness in order to combat common misperceptions and stereotypes in the homes of ending the epidemic of homelessness.



**November 10, 5:00 pm, Stamp The Prince George's Room.**

For more information, go to the University of Maryland's [VOICES OF SOCIAL CHANGE](#) website.



### **November 13: Women and the Word: The Revival Movie**

On Friday, November 13 2015, Reel Affirmations, along with Human Rights Campaign and AIDS Healthcare Foundation, presents a screening of *Women and the Word: The Revival Movie*.

The film chronicles the creation of an international salon-styled tour led and supported by women. It tells the story of how Jade Foster recruited a group of five dynamic poets and musicians to become stewards of a

movement that builds community among queer women of color, upholds literary arts excellence, and occupies living rooms across the country. *Women and the Word* follows their journey and their conversations.

The event will have only one D.C. screening at 7:00pm at the Human Rights Campaign, **1640 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036**.

Check out the trailer [here](#). Purchase your ticket(s) [here](#), as well as discover more information on the event.

For more information, contact **Kimberley Bush** at [kimberley@thedccenter.org](mailto:kimberley@thedccenter.org) or at **202-682-2245**.

## *Weekend Plans*

### **National Portrait Gallery Exhibition: "One Life: Dolores Huerta"**



The story of the modern agricultural workers' movement in the United States is deeply intertwined with that of Dolores Huerta, a Latina leader who worked tirelessly on behalf of farm workers. Huerta's work for the union encompassed the farm field, the picket line, the legislature and the bargaining table. She co-founded, with Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers (UFW) and served as the union's lobbyist and contract negotiator. The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery highlights her significant role in this movement of the 1960s and 1970s through the exhibition "One Life: Dolores Huerta," on view until May 15, 2016. **National Portrait Gallery, Eighth and**

**F Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.** Open daily 11:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Admission: Free.

### **Driskell Center open this Saturday**

On campus, the David C. Driskell Center has its last Saturday hours of the semester. The current exhibition, showing through November 20, presents 69 works--of a diverse range of media--gifted to the center as part of the Sandra and Lloyd Baccus Collection. Works are from a number of prominent African American and African Diasporic artists, including Phoebe Beasley, Maragret Burroughs, Lois Mailou Jones, and Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller. For more about the exhibition, click [here](#). The Driskell Center is located on the first floor of Cole Student Activities Building. Hours: Monday through Friday 11:00-4:00 with extended hours on Wednesday until 6 pm. On Saturday, November 7, the Center will be open from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.



*Spotlight:*

**Triota (Women's Studies) Honor Society Induction**

Congratulations to Triota's newest members: Daniel McLaughlin, Carly Wilbur, Charlotte Sheffield, Saskia Matthews, Brittany Hamson, Areesha Khan, Aubrey Sneesby, and Ciera Richardson! A big thanks to all who came out to this semester's induction ceremony!



**Six of the new Triota members with Triota officers.**

*Beyond the Classroom Living-Learning Program*

**Taking Applications Now**



# Beyond the Classroom

## Living-Learning Program



The mission of Beyond the Classroom is to engage talented and diverse undergraduate students from across the University of Maryland and focus on civic engagement and leadership, preparing them to be active and responsible citizens and leaders in a complex, multi-cultural, and global context.

Program requirements include:

- A three-credit course (UNIV325) in the first semester in the program, to hone skills necessary for an internship experience.
- A one-credit course (UNIV 326) to accompany an approved internship/service learning experience during the second semester in the program.
- A third seminar capstone project, consisting of interdisciplinary research or a social change campaign, or a combination of these.
- Participation (in all semesters of the program) in a range of civic engagement and civic learning opportunities, per the BTC Civic Engagement Requirement guidelines.

**Learn more about the program and apply [here](#). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; for priority consideration, apply by November 13, 2015.**

## Register for *Intricate Identities*

### **DC LGBTQA Student Conference**

**Intricate Identities will be held at American University on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Free shuttle bus to the conference for University of Maryland folks. [Register](#) today!**

Come to this FREE Washington, DC area LGBTQ+ college student conference that includes lunch and a reception at the end. It's an awesome opportunity to meet with over 150 students in the LGBTQ+ and allied communities across the DC metropolitan area.



**FEATURING** a racial justice LGBTQ+ plenary session panel with amazing trans and queer advocates of color.

Workshops and panels addressing:

- campus activism strategies
- Black community engagement
- going to graduate school
- intersectional storytelling
- networking and collaborating with other campuses
- self-care and the personal as political
- queerness of India
- coming out, storytelling, and art
- queer critique of marriage equality

- asexual and aromantic identities

Please indicate "University of Maryland" for your affiliation so that you will receive the details about the free shuttle bus. There are also public transportation options, so fear not if you wish to travel on your own schedule at your leisure.

[Register](#) today!

## *LGBTQ Scholarships*

### **Point Foundation College Scholarships**

Apply now for the 2016 Point Foundation Scholarship. Point is the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students of merit. Since 2001, Point Foundation has awarded 326 scholarships to LGBTQ students at colleges and universities across the country. Application deadline: January 19, 2016.

Eligibility: will be enrolled in either a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program in the fall of 2016 and are "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community. Note: high school seniors who will begin college in the fall of 2016 are eligible. Applicants are evaluated on academic accomplishment, financial need, leadership within school and community, and goals for the future. Point Scholars agree to maintain a high level of academic performance and complete an annual community service project.



### **Rainbow Scholarship for Study Abroad**

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) Rainbow Scholarship is awarded to a student who is a self-identified member of the LGBTQI community and who is planning to study abroad in the 2016-2017 application cycle (summer 2016, fall 2016, spring 2017). The scholarship application opens Monday, November 16, 2015, and the deadline to apply is Monday, January 18, 2016.

In order to apply for a FEA scholarship, students need to select a study abroad program. Please visit the [Education Abroad Office](#) to learn more about study abroad opportunities at the University of Maryland. For specific questions about the FEA Rainbow Scholarship, contact Conrad Zeutenhorst, Advisor in the Education Abroad Office: 301-405-0596 / [czeut@umd.edu](mailto:czeut@umd.edu).

## *Call for Writings from LGBTQIA Community*

## ***Nimrod International Journal***

*Nimrod International Journal of Poetry & Prose* has historically celebrated and championed writing by people from marginalized positions, whether those be nation, ethnicity, or age.

For their Spring/Summer 2016 issue, "Mirrors and Prisms: Writers of Marginalized Orientations and Gender Identities," the journal is seeking poems, short stories, and creative nonfiction pieces from writers who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, or asexual, or anywhere under the umbrella term MOGAI (marginalized orientations, gender identities, and intersex). Work may be about any subject and, while work about sexual identity, coming out, etc. is welcome, work submitted for this issue is not limited to these subjects.

The journal hopes to receive a large variety of material, including work from LGBTQIA writers of color, writers of varying socio-economic status, physically different writers, and neuroatypical writers.

The Specifics:

- Stories and creative nonfiction may be up to 7,500 words; poetry may be up to 8 pages.
- All work must be previously unsubmitted.
- Work may be about any subject. We seek to celebrate the the writers themselves and their work, rather than to limit submissions to works that specifically address issues of sexual orientation.
- You may submit poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction, but each should be sent as a separate submission.
- Fiction should be typed, double-spaced with 1" margins on all sides, one side of plain white paper only. Poetry should be typed, one side of plain white paper only.
- For those submitting by mail. Please mark both your cover letter and the outer envelope with "Spring 2016 Theme." Send a SASE for response. Postal submissions are free.
- For those submitting online: You may submit work online at: [nimrodjournal.submittable.com/submit](http://nimrodjournal.submittable.com/submit). A \$3 fee is charged for online submissions to cover the administrative costs associated with those submissions.
- If the online submission fee or the postage to send work by mail will pose a substantial economic burden, writers may seek a waiver of the fee. To seek a waiver, please email [nimrod@tulsa.edu](mailto:nimrod@tulsa.edu) with your request and reasons for seeking a waiver.
- Postmark deadline: December 5, 2016.
- Publication date: April 2016.

*Nimrod* is a nonprofit literary magazine published in print by The University of Tulsa, with issues appearing twice a year. All contributors to the magazine receive two copies of the issues in which their work appears.

Send postal manuscripts to:

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The University of Tulsa  
800 S. Tucker Dr.  
Tulsa, OK 74104

Submit online at:

[Nimrodjournal.submittable.com/submit](http://Nimrodjournal.submittable.com/submit)

Questions? Email [nimrod@tulsa.edu](mailto:nimrod@tulsa.edu), call (918) 631-3080, or visit online at [www.utulsa.edu/nimrod](http://www.utulsa.edu/nimrod).

## *Study Abroad in Germany Scholarship*

### **DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad in Germany Deadline: January 31, 2016**

Are you a SOPHOMORE or JUNIOR thinking about studying abroad in Germany in fall 2016 or spring 2017 or for the 2016-17 academic year?

The goal of the DAAD Scholarship is to support study abroad in Germany and at German universities. The scholarship provides a stipend of € 650 (approximately \$897) per month for one to two semesters (four to ten months) to help you meet the costs of studying in Germany. Preference will be given to students whose study abroad programs are based at and organized by a German university. Scholarships are available either for students taking part in an organized study abroad program or for those planning an individual, student-designed study abroad semester or year.

Who can apply: U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and non-US citizens who have studied in the U.S. for more than one year - Sophomores, Juniors - GPA of 3.5 or higher recommended.

Program Requirements: The DAAD selection committee is looking for students who:

1. Are currently sophomore and junior year students and will be in their third and fourth year during their stay in Germany.
2. Are seeking DAAD support for a 4-10 month period in Germany during the German academic year.
3. Possess outstanding academic records and personal integrity, as evinced by both their grades and letters of recommendation.
4. Submit the DAAD language evaluation form with their application, although German language competency is not mandatory.
5. Demonstrate an interest in contemporary German and European affairs and who explain the significance of their project in Germany to their future studies, research or professional goals.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016

To access the online application, or for more information about the DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship, please visit the DAAD website at <https://www.daad.org/undergrad>. The University of Maryland's National Scholarships Office - [scholarships@umd.edu](mailto:scholarships@umd.edu) - provides advice and support to students wishing to develop a DAAD Scholarship application.



## 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 ([www.Careers.umd.edu](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.

#### Career Shuttle:

##### **Tour an Artist's Studio/ Learn More about Careers in the Art World**

Please meet the van no later than 9 am behind Taliaferro Hall. We will return to campus by 1 pm at the latest (you may want to bring a snack for the ride home). Space is very limited on this trip.

You MUST RSVP (log into Careers4Terps first).

About the artist Francie Hester: "My work is a series of studies and reflections on how pattern emerges from random events, how random events form memory, and how the passage of time shapes a life. The work evokes the unknown or unknowable, and draws on the ordering principles of mathematics and science to contemplate how order and sequence are created from disconnected events."

*November 13, 9AM-1PM | transport provided | meet behind Taliaferro Hall*

#### **Peace Corps Diversity Storytelling Event: Employer Networking Sessions**

Come listen to the stories of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers as they share their experiences living, working and serving abroad in diverse settings. You'll hear first-hand experiences of what it is like to serve in the Peace Corps, live in a developing country, experience diversity in a new cultural context, and change lives. If you have any interest in Peace Corps, living abroad, or launching an international career, sign up for this event! Join us on November 12 from 6-7:30 pm in the Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom.

- Food and beverages will be provided!
- Minimum attire for ALL sessions with employers present is business casual unless otherwise specified.
- Please click here to RSVP
- **For additional information about this event** contact Caroline Lee at [clee91@umd.edu](mailto:clee91@umd.edu)

#### **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? Join us at the Career Center (3100 Hornbake Library) at November 16, 2015 from 4-5pm.

- [Please click here to RSVP for this program.](#)

- **For additional information about this event**

contact Erica Ely at [eely@umd.edu](mailto:eely@umd.edu)

### **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 Careers4Terps 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 Careers4Terps.

### **Health Research, Health Policy and Health Communications - Position #128464 on [Careers4Terps](#)**

*Position:* Internship (Fall/ Spring Semester, Winter Term, Summer)

*Location:* Washington, D.C.

*Duration:* 16 hours per week, for at least 3 months

Gain hands-on experience in several possible areas, including government relations/public policy development, communications/media relations, and/or non-profit fundraising/development while making a significant difference. We work closely with media to get our message out to the public, connect with policy makers to change public policy, work with independent researchers to bring unbiased information to the public about timely issues that matter to adults and children, and more.

#### *Duties:*

Gather information, write articles, attend briefings on Capitol Hill, perform outreach to college campuses, among other things.

If you're interested, please send a resume and cover letter describing the dates and time commitment (hrs/week) you are available to [info@center4research.org](mailto:info@center4research.org).

### **Women's Economic Empowerment Internship - Position #128281 on [Careers4Terps](#)**

*Position:* Fall/ Spring Internship

*Location:* Baltimore, Maryland

*Desired Persons:* Seniors, All Majors

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. We ensure new arrivals have food, shelter, and clothing, and work with refugees to help them gain self-sufficiency.

The Women's Economic Empowerment intern will provide case management services to single mothers and working families who require subsidized childcare so they are able to attend English class and go to work. The procurement of safe and affordable childcare at facilities in refugee communities will fill a serious void of childcare options.

#### *Qualifications:*

- \* Experience in Social Work appreciated
- \* Able to work independently and under pressure in a fast-paced environment.
- \* Experience working with women in education or childcare and/or working with immigrant populations is highly desirable.
- \* Experience working with refugee and/or immigrant populations highly desirable.
- \* Fluency in English. Bilingual or multilingual in Swahili, Burmese, Arabic, Tigrinya preferred.

\* Possess reliable transportation, valid US driver's license, and active insurance policy.

**EMILY'S List -- Position #126176 on [Careers4Terps](#)**

*Position:* Spring 2016 Internships

*Location:* Washington, D.C.

EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, has raised over \$400 million to support pro-choice Democratic women candidates - making it one of the most successful political organizations ever. We recruit and train candidates, support strong campaigns, research women's issues, and turn out women voters. We've trained over 9,000 women to run and helped elect over 100 women to the House, 19 to the Senate, 11 governors, and over 700 to state and local office. Since its founding in 1985, almost one-third of the of the candidates EMILY's List has helped elect to Congress have been women of color - including every single Latina, African American, and Asian American Democratic congresswoman currently serving.

**SCOPE OF INTERN WORK:**

- Working with the communications department to create and maintain press lists;
- Sustaining communication with the Friends of EMILY monthly donors and tracking donor requests;
- Working closely with departments on event logistics and planning;
- Participating in weekly digital team content brainstorming;
- Helping design branded email marketing graphics to raise money for EMILY's List and our endorsed candidates;
- Organizing and maintaining candidate information files;
- Assist with check processing procedures in order to meet FEC compliance requirements;
- Preparing candidate and opponent background research memos;
- Researching voting rules, regulations and timelines in key states.

**Women's Employability Program Intern -- Position #128066 on [Careers4Terps](#)**

*Position:* Internship -- Spring Part-Time

*Location:* Silver Spring, Maryland

*Duration:* Minimum 3 month commitment starting as early as January

*Hours per Week:* 24-35

**BACKGROUND:** Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is a leading nonsectarian, non-governmental organization providing relief, protection and resettlement services for refugees and other persons fleeing war, persecution and violent conflict. In the United States, IRC provides assistance to refugees from around the world who have been approved by the U.S. federal government for resettlement. At the Suburban Washington Resettlement Center in Silver Spring, Maryland, our IRC Washington, DC Regional Office (IRC/DC) serves refugees, asylees and victims of human trafficking who live in southern Maryland, DC and northern Virginia.

**SCOPE OF INTERN WORK:** Asylee and refugee women often face unique challenges during resettlement in the United States. The Women's employability program seeks to welcome women of all different backgrounds by providing a support system, job training and case management. The WEP Intern (unpaid) would work on case management activities assisting beneficiaries to enroll in childcare assistance programs, orienting them to childcare in the US, and facilitating enrollment of children in childcare.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Global Women Empowered Intern will assist the GWE team with the following tasks:

- Work one-on-one with refugees and asylees to assist with applications for childcare subsidies/Head Start programming
- Develop relationships and expand network with local childcare providers and community resources
- Develop resource guide of local childcare providers
- Develop orientation materials on childcare in the US and education clients on the system and their rights
- Assist families with identifying and enrolling children in childcare
- Complete all other tasks as designated by the Casework Supervisor Program Leader.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1. Intern will learn to communicate effectively with clients across cultures.
2. Intern will learn to strategically plan events targeting client groups.
3. Intern will learn to identify potential barriers for women, resources and build partnerships with women-focused community actors.
4. Intern will learn to implement new programming in a multi-agency resettlement office.

**Health Research, Health Policy and Health Communications - Position #128464 on [Careers4Terps](#)**

National Research Center for Women & Families

*Position:* Internship (Fall or Spring Part-Time)

*Location:* Washington, D.C.

*Duration:* 16 hours/ week for at least 3 months.

*Description:* Through these internship opportunities you will learn first-hand about the Washington policy scene by gaining hands-on experience in several possible areas, including government relations/public policy development, communications/media relations, and/or non-profit fundraising/development, and, all the while, you will be making a significant difference!

For more information,

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## Quote of the Week

"Solidarity does not assume that our struggles are the same struggles, or that our pain is the same pain, or that our hope is for the same future. Solidarity involves commitment, and work, as well as the recognition that

## Stay Connected



even if we do not have the same feelings, or the same lives, or the same bodies, we do live on common ground."

**-Sara Ahmed**