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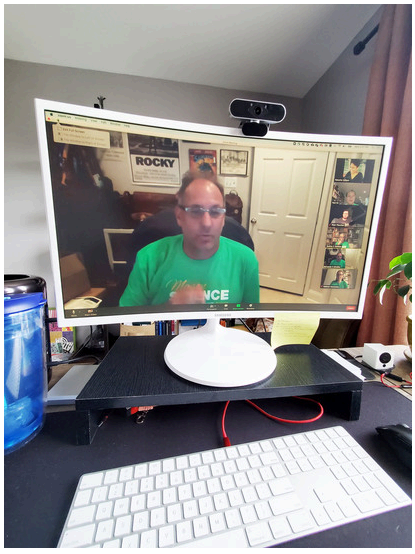
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*A message from the Dean*

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## Building meaningful connections - We've got your back

*by Dean Fernando R. Miralles-Wilhelm*

Establishing and strengthening connections across Mason's science community is more important than ever.

Yesterday's ScienceConnect event gave me and the 500-plus registrants the opportunity to meet many of our faculty, staff and students. We kicked off the fourth annual and first-time virtual event with an audience of more than 80 in the main room. Over the course of the afternoon, attendees met with more than 60 of our faculty and staff in the breakout rooms who graciously committed their time to share information about our many programs, research opportunities, and resources to support each other.

A huge thank you to the points of contact listed here who coordinated this event for their departments. Christine Amaya, Dede Chasten, Aikwan Chong, Samantha Cooke, Chris Durac, Kimberly Hamilton, Stephanie Lister, Genevieve McKenna, Peter Plavchan, Anne Reynolds, Ginny Scott, Mark Uhen, and Karen Underwood. And also I extend my sincere appreciation to the ScienceConnect administrative working group who planned and executed the event.

Get the full recap



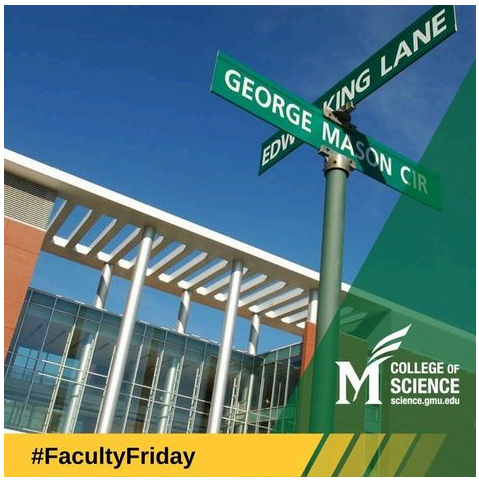

## President announces Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence Task Force

*by John Hollis*




Mason President Gregory Washington has announced his Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence (ARIE) Task Force, a major university-wide initiative with committees that include nearly 100 people representing all of Mason's schools, colleges, and units. Thank you to Kerin Hiker-Balkissoon, Kelly Knight, Jessica Rosenberg, Dan Taggart, Dann Sklarew, Tamyra Washington, and Gerald Weatherspoon for representing the College of Science on the various committees.

Read the story




## Faculty Friday - Thank you to our department chairs

Last week's #FacultyFriday recognized all #MasonScience department chairs, James Kinter (Atmospheric Oceanic and Earth Sciences); Geraldine Grant (Biology); William Hahn (Biomedical Sciences); Gerald Weatherspoon (Chemistry); Jason Kinser (Computational and Data Sciences); Alonso Aguirre (Environmental Science and Policy); Mary Ellen O'Toole (Forensic Science); Dieter Pfoser (Geography and Geoinformation Science); David Walnut (Mathematical Sciences); Saleet Jafri (Neuroscience); Paul So (Physics and Astronomy); Iosif Vaisman (School of Systems Biology). Thank you for your leadership and flexibility during these unprecedented

times @georgemasonu. Your leadership helped transition students back to campus safely and set them up for success. Here's to a great and safe semester.

## Incoming neuroscience student among first recipients of the I-Achieve scholarship

*By Anna Stolley Persky*




In recognition of her academic excellence, neuroscience student Elene Lipartiani is among the first to receive the I-Achieve Scholarship for students who graduated from Mason's Early Identification Program (EIP) and will be attending Mason as University Scholars in the Honors College. Her goal is finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Read her story






## Science and policy collide during the Pandemic

*by Diana Kwon, The Scientist Magazine*

Environmental Science and Policy Professor, Karen Akerlof tells The Scientist Magazine that the desire for quick policy decisions regarding COVID-19 runs up against the longer scientific timeframes needed for tried and tested scientific conclusions to inform that policy.

Full Article




**CMAI: Modeling and Simulation of Viral Propagation in the Built Environment**
Friday, September 4, 2020 | 10 to 11 a.m.

**Molecular probes and proteomics: discovery of new biomarkers and new therapeutic targets in the era of personalized medicine**
Tuesday, September 15 | 11 a.m.

**Inside Science (Our Universe): Stellar Astronomy The Fall Colors of Stars**
Tuesday, September 15 | 8 p.m.

**Women Building Bio**
Wednesday, September 16 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hear the panel with Mason President Washington and Dean Miralles-Wilhelm or attend the entire event at no charge by using the registration promo code **WBB2020**

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