Focus on your health!

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our lives in many ways. As a Mason community, we've come together to support each other through these challenging times. One way we can help is by participating in the university's well-being initiative: Mason Chooses Kindness.

The Mason Chooses Kindness campaign, which launched on World Kindness Day, is a year-long effort to promote kindness and well-being throughout the Mason community. The campaign encourages faculty, staff, and students to perform acts of kindness and to recognize the kindness of others. It's a reminder that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our lives and the lives of others.

As part of the Mason Chooses Kindness initiative, the Mason Science Community is engaged in several activities. For example, in the Hands-On Workshop: Deep Learning in MATLAB, hosted by Mason's Office of Educational Technology (OET), students and faculty learned about a new technology that is transforming the way we live and work. The workshop was facilitated by Katie Russell and Jessica Twydell, who demonstrated how MATLAB can be used to analyze and visualize data, making it easier to understand complex patterns and relationships.

Another event taking place is the Mason Science Community's Mason Science Series: PEREC Protecting the Potomac, which focuses on anadromous fish migration. Participants will hear from Kim de Mutsert, an assistant professor of environmental science and policy at George Mason University, who will discuss her research on river herring. The research focuses on how human activities impact fish migration and what can be done to protect these important species.

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If you need to fill out a COVID-19 survey, you can do so here. Keep up to date on this initiative by visiting Mason's Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OARS) website. The survey was created to assess the impacts of COVID-19 on Mason students, faculty, and staff and to help inform future decision-making.

The annual Science Cafe held at the Mason Army ROTC building is another highlight of the Mason Science Community. The event is open to the public and features a variety of scientific topics presented in an engaging and interactive format. This month's Science Cafe is scheduled for November 19, with more details to be announced soon.

Stay Connected

To learn more about the Mason Science Community and its events, visit the College of Science website or connect with us on social media. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events. If you'd like to receive our newsletter, sign up for our email list.

In the News

Karen Akerlof, a professor of sociology at George Mason University, has been recognized for her research on the impact of social media on political opinion formation. Her work has been published in several academic journals and has been cited by leading scholars in the field. Akerlof's research examines how social media platforms allow for the spread of misinformation and how this can affect political beliefs and voting behavior.

In the News

Seshaiyer, a professor of civil, environmental, and sustainability engineering at George Mason University, has been awarded the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Career Connections Faculty Award. This prestigious award recognizes scientists and engineers who have made significant contributions to their fields and who are committed to mentoring the next generation of scientific leaders.

In the News

Antil, an assistant professor of mathematics at George Mason University, has received the university's Career Connections Faculty Award. The award recognizes faculty members who have achieved excellence in research and teaching and who have made significant contributions to their fields.

In the News

In a review paper recently published in the journal Science, Mason AOES associate professor Padhu C. and his team of researchers explored the role of social media in shaping public opinion on climate change. The study found that social media platforms can be powerful tools for spreading accurate information and promoting scientific literacy, but they can also be prone to misinformation and echo chambers.

In the News

The last issue of 2020 will be published Thursday, December 17, and the first newsletter of 2021 will be published on January 7. The College of Science newsletter will not be published the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please join us next week for the next installment of the newsletter.