Announcements

Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence (ARIE) Task Force Funding Announcement

The Office of Research Innovation and Economic Impact (ORIEI) in collaboration with the Anti-Racism and Inclusive Excellence (ARIE) Task Force is excited to announce the first annual ARIE Seed Funding Initiative. The ARIE Seed Funding initiative emerged as one of the recommendations from the ARIE Research Working Group and funded by the ARIE Task Force.

This funding will support research, scholarship and creative activities addressing the myriad issues on the theme of anti-racism and inclusive excellence. Projects may be either highly scholarly or highly practical/applicable. The full Call for Proposal can found on the Research Development website under “Funding Opportunities.”

- Proposal Due Date: June 30, 2022
- Funding Decisions: August 15, 2022
- Funding Limit: Two tiers: Up to $25,000 and Up to $50,000
- Duration: 12-18 Months

ORIEI will be holding an Informational Q&A on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12 - 1:30 pm ET. The link to the Zoom meeting is https://gmu.zoom.us/j/92242188578. Please feel free to send any questions you have in advance to resdev@gmu.edu.

C-RASC Biannual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 1pm - 3pm ET via Zoom
Registration

Are you interested in creating life-changing social and economic opportunities to support global communities through locally led resilience and sustainability initiatives? You’re invited to join a virtual Biannual Membership Meeting hosted by the Center for Resilient and Sustainable Communities (C-RASC) on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from 1pm – 3pm EST!

C-RASC is one of Mason’s transdisciplinary research centers. We focus on partnering with communities to develop solutions to resilience challenges. We want to engage scholars, students, practitioners, and everyone in between. We work with partners in a variety of sectors
(e.g., public, private, nonprofit) conducting research that addresses such global and hyper-local issues as flood hazard resiliency, broadband, health systems, decarbonization and road maps, cyber protection, climate financial risk, and more. Our team is composed of faculty, students, scholars, and practitioners from fields such as engineering (all types!) and computing, geospatial information systems, public health, cybersecurity, logistics, conflict analysis and resolution, foreign policy, public policy, sociology, and public administration, to name a few.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Contact crasc@gmu.edu with any questions. To learn more about C-RASC, visit: https://c-rasc.gmu.edu.

"A Living Vision for the Amazon" Recording

Did you miss last week’s event “A Living Vision for the Amazon”? View the recording to hear from Carlos Nobre (University of São Paulo), Beka Munduruku (Brazilian Indigenous Leader), Luciana Villa Nova Silva (Natura, Inc.), and Jeffrey Sachs (Columbia University) and learn about science-based strategies for strengthening Amazonia’s resilience in the midst of accelerating environmental crises.
25Live Guide – Feature Your Sustainability Events

The Office of University Events, the Institute for a Sustainable Earth, and the Office of Sustainability collaborated to develop this 25Live Guide to increase the visibility of and engagement with your sustainability-focused events at Mason. 25Live is Mason’s institution-wide event and academic scheduling system which dovetails with unit calendars such as Today@Mason. Please use this 25Live Guide to ensure your sustainability-focused events, whether they are in-person or virtual, are featured on Today @ Mason and through ISE and the Office of Sustainability.

ISE Faculty Profiles

The ISE faculty directory is a tool for you to find others with complementing expertise and for external and internal audiences to find you! If you haven’t yet submitted your research profile information for the directory, please complete your profile here.

Upcoming Mason Events

From Great Ideas to Global Impact: A Talk with Andrew Byrnes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 2pm - 3:15pm ET
Registration

Join Mason’s Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy (C-IP2) and Business for a Better World Center (B4BW) for a discussion on translating ideas into impact with Andrew Byrnes. Technology executive, attorney, and investor Andrew Byrnes will discuss the path from developing innovative ideas to achieving broad impact, including key legal issues and business imperatives.

Leveraging experiences from his decades-long career in the private and public sectors working alongside innovators and entrepreneurs, Byrnes will offer insights on leadership, building highfunctioning teams, engaging policymakers, and other critical stakeholders, and navigating
Social Justice and Oral History: Research at Mason  
Friday, May 6, 2022, 12pm - 1pm ET  
Registration

Join the Center for Humanities Research for a conversation on how humanities research can support social justice and on research opportunities at Mason. Are you a humanities or social sciences student or faculty member? Do you want to do research with marginalized communities? Join OSCAR Research Assistant Soph Zelizer and CHSS Professor Sharon Doetsch-Kidder, who will speak about their work on the DC Intersectional Activist Oral History project. Learn how the principles of antiracism, equity, and inclusion can be applied to research and how you can get involved with research at Mason.

ACE! Symposium: Charting a Course Toward Social Justice in Corrections  
Friday, May 6, 2022, 1pm ET  
Registration

Join the Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!) on April 29 and May 6 at 1PM EDT for a symposium on “Charting a Course Toward Social Justice in Corrections.” Drs. Faye Taxman and Danielle Rudes of ACE! will host the symposium and confirmed speakers include George Mason University President Dr. Gregory Washington, Glenn Tapia of the Colorado Judicial Branch and the Alliance for Criminal Justice Innovation, Dr. Erin Orrick from Sam Houston State University, and many other guests from academia, corrections leadership, research, and social media, as well as people with lived experience.
**In the News**

- **Road salt gets rid of ice, snow... and ecosystems?** New student research addresses community-based solutions, College of Science News, April 28, 2022.

- **Mason PhD student is changing how the world views HIV/AIDS**, The George News, April 28, 2022.


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**Student Opportunities**

**Spring Resiliency Academy**
The Spring 2022 Resilience Academy is a free opportunity for students to learn about resiliency efforts at the local, state, and federal levels. Students can register as a "Special Guest" with the codes below for no cost. Attendees have the option of registering for all sessions at once or they can select individual sessions from the series.

**Event Details:**

**May 12th** - Session 3: Ecosystem Services: Green Infrastructure Utilized

Register for Session 3

Students can use code: **RA2022S3SG** to get free registration for Session 3 - Ecosystem Services: Green Infrastructure Utilized

**June 9th** - Session 4: Infrastructure & Buildings: Transportation Progress Report

Register for Session 4

Students can use code: **RA2022SGS4** to get free registration for Session 4 - Infrastructure & Buildings: Transportation Progress Report

Register for all sessions here. Students can use code: **RA2022S5SG** to get free registration for all sessions.

Cost: $25/session or $75 for all sessions; **Students and Resilient Virginia Members are free**

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The Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE) aims to connect members of the Mason community with others across the Mason community–and with other communities, policy-makers, businesses and organizations–so that, together, we can more effectively address the world's pressing sustainability and resilience challenges.

The ISE Newsletter provides up-to-date information on conferences, funding opportunities, and research pertaining to environmental science and sustainability. The biweekly newsletter aims to facilitate information sharing among researchers, practitioners, and relevant local, national, and international organizations.
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