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Display: 3/24-3/25, 9:00 am-5:00 pm on the Drillfield (Rain Location is in Squires)*

**MARCH 25-26 Workplace Massage**

*March 25, 11:00 am-3:00 pm @ 2400 North End Center
March 26, 1:00-5:00 pm @ Vet Med VMIA 220*
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### Calendar of Events

**ALL MONTH LONG**

**Fierce Women: Marilyn Minter, Chakaia Booker, Guerrilla Girls, Rozeal and Jenny Holzer Exhibit**

9:00 am–5:00 pm through April 25, 2020

*All galleries, Moss Arts Center*

This suite of one-person exhibitions by some of the most acclaimed artists of our era presents exemplary works of art that are formidable, impactful, and “fierce” in both their dramatic visual power and the potency of ideas presented. Spanning the latter part of the 20th century up to the present time, the exhibition features sculpture, painting, works on paper, digital prints, and video, all of which give voice to a range of critical issues in our world today.

**MONDAY MARCH 2**

**Facing a Shadow: The Myth of White Superiority and Other Inferiority**

2:00 pm, *Fralin Life Sciences Institute Auditorium*

In this talk, Dr. Marlene Watson, Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling and Family Therapy at Drexel University, will address the prevailing myth of white superiority and other inferiority and the ways in which it structures perception, both consciously and unconsciously. Because of our democratic ideals of justice, fairness, and equality, she says, the myth of white superiority and other inferiority lives mostly in our unconscious minds, forming a shadow. A shadow’s nature is to hide; thus denial is entrenched in race relations. Not being part of our conscious self-image, a shadow can appear abruptly as a racial microagression or worse, becoming a barrier to race relations. A shadow must be faced and this myth must be consciously named, accepted, and challenged to cultivate a deeper self-knowledge and authenticity in race relations. Sponsored by Family Therapy Center of Virginia and Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series, along with numerous supporting offices and organizations. Contact Jody Russon at jrusson@vt.edu.

**An Evening with Victoria Hanna**

8:00 pm, *Squires Recital Hall*

Vocal artist Victoria Hanna, who Public Radio International calls “the freshest, edgiest, weirdest artist on the Israeli airwaves today,” will perform her music, which draws from the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah. Audience members will experience a musical performance based on a tradition usually reserved exclusively for men. Hanna will explain the cultural and religious significance of this music and her role in performing for women and men. She has created her own sound by blending Middle Eastern music and rhythms with rap, hip hop, and the inspiration of Hebrew and religious texts. Sponsored by The Malcolm and Diane Rosenberg Program in Judaic Studies in the Department of Religion and Culture; Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series; School of Performing Arts; Center for the Humanities. Contact Brian Britt at bbritt@vt.edu.
TUESDAY MARCH 3

African-American Suffragists
10:30 am, Warm Hearth Village Center
Carolyn Rude will introduce us to some of the heroic African-American women who battled for respect and the power of the ballot box within the suffragist movement. The long-ignored secret of the fight for women’s suffrage was that white suffragists made a strategic decision that the amendment would fail in Southern states – and thereby fail national ratification – if black women were included in their ranks. Learn their names and hear their stories. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Virginia Tech Lifelong Learning Institute. Contact Beth Obenshain at eaobenshain@gmail.com.

A Screening of “Sally’s Rape” & Discussion with Chimi Boyd-Keyes
5:30-7:00 pm, Black Cultural Center, Squires
We will screen segments of “Sally’s Rape,” a performance piece by Robbie McCauley. Along with Chimi Boyd-Keyes, expert on intersectional, anti-oppression work in sexual assault and domestic violence education, we will explore sexual violence in the Black community, the legacy of slavery, and the contemporary lives of Black women. Sponsored by Women’s Center; Africana Studies; Moss Arts Center; MLK Committee. Contact Katie Mey at katie2@vt.edu.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Trailblazing: Women Pioneers in the Drone Industry
3:00-4:30 pm, The Drone Park, 2143 Oak Lane
(Rain date is March 5th)
For this “round robin” event, participants will rotate between the classroom and the drone park. While in the classroom, guest speakers will talk about their experiences using drones within their industries. In the drone park, participants will have the opportunity to fly a drone! Please RSVP here. Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership (MAAP) and Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS). Contact Sarah Macey at maceys@vt.edu.

Film Screening of “Lady Bird”
6:30 pm, Haymarket Theatre, Squires
“Lady Bird,” a comedy-drama about a young girl's last year in high school and her coming-of-age as she heads off to college. “Lady Bird” exposes stories written and directed by women as well as generates discussion about gender, sexuality, and adolescence. Sponsored by Virginia Tech Union. Contact Katie Mey at katie2@vt.edu.

THURSDAY MARCH 5

Collaborative Conversations: Empowering a Culture of Respect
Three sessions, Riverside II in Roanoke, R3012
9:00-11:30 am, Conversations and training for current or future faculty members, breakfast provided.
2:00-4:30 pm, Conversations and training for students and trainees, snacks provided.
6:00-8:00 pm, RGSA Panel and Reception, dinner provided.
This is a day of collaborative conversations to increase awareness of complex topics related to gender, diversity, inclusion, and equity in research and science, specifically around “lab culture.” This is a brave space for members of our community to share stories of bias and misconduct, with input and advice from our expert panel. Support services will be available for faculty, staff and students throughout the day. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up here. Sponsored by Hokie Wellness; Women’s Center; Roanoke Graduate Student Organization. Contact Katie Mey at katie2@vt.edu.
From the Page to the Stage: Making History Sing – A Conversation with Playwright Catherine Bush
5:30 pm, Multipurpose Room, Newman Library
Catherine Bush is the playwright-in-residence at Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA. A professional playwright who has lived and worked in both New York and Appalachia, Bush will share reflections on her creative process. Her approach to playwriting incorporates significant research, drawing on primary and secondary sources to elucidate a time, a place, and its people. One of Bush’s recent works is a musical about the ratification of the 19th Amendment called “Winter Wheat.” The show premiered at Barter Theatre in 2016 and will be revived there this coming Summer 2020 to commemorate the centenary of the ratification of the amendment that gave women the right to vote. Sponsored by School of Performing Arts and Women and Minority Artists and Scholars and Lecture Series. Contact Amanda Nelson at amandajnelson@vt.edu.

Let Girls Learn—No Matter the Time of the Month!
7:00 pm, Squires Room 300
Katie Kleinburg, Peace Corps volunteer and English teacher in Mozambique, will discuss menstrual health, barriers to feminine hygiene products, and issues of shame related to menstruation. Participants will have the opportunity to make RUMPS (i.e., reusable menstrual pads). The program will highlight the importance of menstrual health in girls’ educations, as well as give insights into the experience of being a Peace Corps volunteer. Sponsored by Center for International Research, Education, and Development. Contact Anne Patterson at peacecorps@vt.edu.

FRIDAY MARCH 6

#WomenAlsoKnow Speaker Series ~ What What We Do Does on YouTube: Searching and Twerking at the Intersection of Music, Sexual Violence and Patriarchy featuring Kyra D.Gaunt
4:00 pm, Lavery Hall, Room 340
This speaker series brings women scholars involved in the inception and leadership of the #WomenAlsoKnowHistory digital platform to campus to discuss their work and the role of women academics in the United States media. Co-directed by Amanda C. Demmer and Jessica Taylor, this event will contribute to ongoing social media movement, public and civic engagement and underrepresented groups’ contributions to knowledge dialogues in the history department and CLAHS. Inspired by the efforts to push the expertise of women to the fore through the #WomenAlsoKnowStuff and #WomenAlsoKnowHistory platforms, we will engage VT faculty and students in a discussion about who interprets history for the public and how social media democratizes the conversation--or does not. Sponsored by Department of History; Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series; Center for Humanities; Women’s and Gender Studies Program. Contact Jessica Taylor at jessicataylor@vt.edu.

Reform, Women and Fashion: Changes in Women’s Daywear from 1840 to 1920
9:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday-Friday through April 5, 2020, Wallace Hall Gallery
This exhibit is part of a collaborative project that recognizes and celebrates the socio-political impact of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. The exhibit features dress items that illustrate changes in fashion that point towards women’s liberation. Objects like a 1920s swimsuit, field hockey bloomers, and a Chanel-style sportswear ensemble are included. The exhibit also includes practical, less-restrictive styles and several daywear ensembles from the mid-to-late 1800s. Evening wear ensembles from 1900 to 1920 are also featured. Sponsored by Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management. Contact Dina Smith- Glaviana at dinacs@vt.edu.

SATURDAY MARCH 14

Women’s Suffrage 100th Anniversary Celebration
2:00 pm, The Lyric Theatre in Downtown Blacksburg
A 100th Anniversary Champagne Celebration! Join us, bring friends, and celebrate at this free event. We welcome everyone interested in learning about and celebrating this historic victory for women. The event will kick-off with brief comments and celebration of the League’s founding in February 1920 and the 19th Amendment’s ratification on August 18, 1920. Afterwards, we will show the Golden-Globe winning film, “Iron Jawed Angels,” about the imprisonment of women suffragists. Their courage and determination marked a turning point in public support for women’s right to vote. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County. Contact Beth Obenshain at eaobenshain@gmail.com.
MONDAY MARCH 16

Geometry, Gerrymandering, and Civil Rights
3:30 pm, 310 Kelly Hall
Much of the work on this project is to answer the question “What is fair?” The tools cut across disciplines, combining aspects of geometry, discrete math, statistics, computer science, and political science. We reach beyond the hard sciences to quantify an answer to this philosophical question. The goal of this project is to identify extreme gerrymanders and equip individuals to advocate for fair redistricting. Sponsored by Department of Mathematics. Contact Gretchen Matthews at gmatthews@vt.edu.

TUESDAY MARCH 17

AdvanceVT/Women’s Center Leadership Lunch
12:00-1:30 pm, Latham Ballroom, The Inn at Virginia Tech
The purpose of the leadership lunch series is to provide women faculty with the opportunity to learn from and interact with current academic leaders, as well as to meet and network with other women from across the campus. We will co-host a special edition of the leadership lunch series with the VT Women’s Alliance and Caucus, specifically the Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Subcommittee on the topic of faculty mentoring. Registration required. To register, visit the AdvanceVT website. Sponsored by AdvanceVT; Women’s Center; and the VT Women’s Alliance and Caucus. Contact Anna LoMascolo at alomasco@vt.edu or Sarah Ovink at sovink@vt.edu.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

VT Women Connect Exhibition Tour of ‘Fierce Women’
3:30-4:45 pm, Moss Arts Center
VT Women Connect promotes, develops and supports Virginia Tech’s professional women by providing a forum to forge relationships, develop supportive networks, and share ideas and information. In celebration of Women’s Month, Meggin Hicklin, Exhibitions Program Manager at Moss Arts Center, will take us on a tour of Fierce Women, a suite of exhibitions by Chakaia Booker, Guerrilla Girls, Jenny Holzer and Rozeal. Click here to RSVP. Sponsored by VT Women Connect. Contact Anna LoMascolo at alomasco@vt.edu or Donna Cassell Ratcliffe at cassell@vt.edu.

THURSDAY MARCH 19

WGD Discussion Series featuring Sofia Costa:
“Comparison Between Mother and Child’s Diet Diversity and Nutritional Status”
12:30-1:30 pm, Multipurpose Room, Newman Library
The Women and Gender in International Development (WGD) Discussion Series is organized by the Center for International Research, Education, and Development (CIRED) and is an InclusiveVT initiative of Outreach and International Affairs (OIA). The series offers an opportunity for scholars and development practitioners to share their research and knowledge surroundings gender and international development with the Virginia Tech community and beyond. Our featured speaker is Sofia Costa, a nutritionist with more than 7 years of experience working in Mozambique, Director of the Nutrition Course of Lúrio University, and teacher and researcher on the Faculty of Health Sciences. Sponsored by Center for International Research, Education, and Development and Outreach and International Affairs. Contact Maria Elisa Christie at mechristie@vt.edu.

The Violent, Beautiful Process of Trailblazing featuring Tiffany Hosey
2:00 pm, 100 Hancock
Tiffany Hosey, founder and CEO of BuildDATAnalytics will be speaking on the patent-pending software she invented. Sponsored by CAUS Dean’s Office. Contact Kathryn Clarke
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Albright at kclarke@vt.edu.

Art, Community, Ecology and Health featuring Lanxing Fu
4:00 pm, Blacksburg Public Library, 200 Miller Street
This talk is one of a series by nationally recognized artists and thought leaders on the power and practice of art and culture as essential elements of healthy communities. Lanxing Fu, co-director of Superhero Clubhouse (SHC), will share her holistic approach to building climate justice through creative practice using the tools of theater. In this interactive session, participants will sample Superhero Clubhouse's practice through a brief version of their Eco-Performance Lab, originally created to model cross-disciplinary collaboration, and explore core tools of Eco-Theater, including Impossible Questions, Imposed Limitations, and Tangible Hope. Sponsored by School of Performing Arts. Contact Bob Leonard at bob.leonard@vt.edu.

#VTDITC vol 20: Hip Hop & Gender Part IV
7:00-9:00 pm, Multipurpose Room, Newman Library
This series is designed to discuss and extrapolate on the binary and non-binary gender identities, lyrical assertions, and history that gender has played in the art of hip hop. Sponsored by University Libraries. Contact La’ Portia Perkins at laportp@vt.edu.

Speculative Poetry: Reclaiming Power with Magic featuring Kai Davis: a performance and workshop
7:00 pm, Torgersen 2150
Kai Davis (she/her) is a Black Queer writer, performer and teaching artist whose work explores Blackness, Queerness, womanhood and the many ways these identities converge. Her work examines how power operates globally, nationally, interpersonally, and internally. Sponsored by United Feminist Movement. Contact Linsi Goodin at ljg13@vt.edu.

FRIDAY MARCH 20

The Corset: Unlaced
4:00-6:00 pm, The Cube, Moss Arts Center
Valerie Steele will speak on the cultural history of the corset and its changing meaning through time. Steele will address issues surrounding the corset’s recent reappearance in fashion in reference to feminism and clarify the misconceptions of the corset, which is often perceived as a symbol of women’s oppression. Sponsored by Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection and Office for Inclusion and Diversity. Contact Dina Smith-Glaviana at dinacs@vt.edu.

SATURDAY MARCH 21

Ladies HIIT to be Fit!
3:15 pm, Blacksburg Boxing and Fitness, 115 South Hill Drive
This program will show women the fundamentals and techniques of BOXING to get an awesome, empowering workout, all while learning basic self-defense skills, relieving stress, and bonding with other women. FREE! Sponsored by Blacksburg Boxing and Fitness. Contact Kevin Bowen at blacksburgboxingandfitness@gmail.com.

MONDAY MARCH 23—FRIDAY MARCH 27

Clothesline Project Workshops & Display
Workshops: 3/23-3/27 @ 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Women’s Center; Display: 3/24-3/25 @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Drillfield (Rain Location is in Squires)
The Clothesline Project, an effort to raise awareness of gender-based violence, is a visual testimony to the shattering effect of violence and the impact it has on society. Survivors of violence – and friends and families of victims – create shirts emblazoned with direct messages and strong illustrations. The shirts demonstrate the pain and suffering of the survivors, aid in their healing process, and celebrate their strength and courage to overcome the past. The shirts are hung side-by-side on a clothesline, as though the survivors were standing there themselves, shoulder-to-shoulder, bearing witness to the violence committed on a daily basis. The shirts are color coded: white for those who have died of violence; yellow or beige for survivors who have been battered or assaulted; red, pink, or orange for those raped or sexually assaulted; blue or green for survivors of incest or child sexual abuse; purple or lavender for those attacked because of their sexual orientation; and black for survivors handicapped by violence. The project encourages survivors to come forward to break the silence by creating shirts to share their stories. All materials are supplied free of charge. Please consider dropping by the Women's Center to create your own shirt in a quiet, comfortable environment. Sponsored by Montgomery County NOW; United Feminist Movement; Women’s Center; Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley. Contact Susan Anderson at anderson@vt.edu.
MONDAY MARCH 23

A Journey to Hope: Women’s Experiences of Addiction and Recovery
6:00-9:00 pm, location TBA
Substance Use Disorder, SUD, affects women differently than men, biologically, socially and mentally. The route to recovery also differs. This panel discussion will share lived experiences and research to illustrate these differences and offer a deeper understanding of SUD. The panel will also explore additional barriers that women of color and LGBTQ+ women may face, destigmatizing SUD for those who may want to go into recovery.
Sponsored by Virginia Tech Recovery Community.
Contact Monica Stanley at moni14@vt.edu.

Lizzo Self Love Ride
7:00 pm and 8:00 pm, McComas Hall
There will be two opportunities to join Recreational Sports for this special Women’s Month and Body Matters Week event! We are taking our spin bikes out of Spin City and putting them in our larger studio for an all Lizzo music themed spin class and a good time! Sponsored by Rec Sports. Contact Kelly McPherson at kmcphers@vt.edu.

TUESDAY MARCH 24

Women’s Health Workshop, presented by Anthem Employee Solutions
4:00-6:00 pm, VT Carilion School of Medicine, 2 Riverside Circle Room 202 (Commons)
The Women’s Health Guide: a discussion of the leading causes of illness in women and how to prevent or manage major health conditions. Five Buckets Principle: Is it possible to meet the competing demands of a job, family, friends, school and work? The answer is yes! In this fun, interactive seminar, you’ll learn the Five Bucket Principle of work-life balance to get the tools to prioritize what is and should be important to you. Learn how to think about the big picture without ignoring the little things that matter. We will show you how to find the time to take care of it all – including time for yourself and for fun – by identifying priorities, making choices and managing expectations. Please RSVP here. Sponsored by #VTCUnfinished and Office for Diversity and Inclusion. Contact Karyna Nevarez at karynad@vt.edu.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

Women in Hospitality: Demystifying the Corporate World—Real Talk from Hotel Executives
4:00-6:00 pm, 223 Engel Hall
Join Castell@College for an interactive panel discussion with hospitality executives who will share career tracks, life choices, lessons learned and proven formulas for success. Sponsored by Howard Feiertag Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management and Pamplin College of Business. Contact Nancy McGehee at nmcsgehee@vt.edu.

Workplace Massage Therapy
March 25 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm, 2400 North End Center. Register here for this date.
March 26 @ 1:00-5:00 pm, VMIA 220. Register here for this date.
Cost: $1 per minute for a 10-20 minute massage
Reduce stress and tense muscles, increase circulation, increase body awareness and reduce anxiety with a workplace massage! Tod Whitehurst, LMT, from Massage Therapy Associates of the New River Valley will be offering workplace massages to VT faculty and staff. This event promotes health and well-being through the beneficial rewards of therapeutic massage. Sponsored by Massage Therapy Associates of the New River Valley and Vet Med. Contact Tod Whitehurst at staff@nrvmassage.com.
THURSDAY MARCH 26

Take Back the Night Rally and March
7:00 pm, Henderson Lawn Stage (College Avenue)
(Rain Location is in GLC Auditorium)
The 31st annual rally and march raises awareness
of gender-based violence, shares local resources,
and gives individuals tools to help create positive
change. Enjoy pre-rally music at 6:30 pm; the rally
begins at 7 pm. People of all genders and ages are
encouraged to participate, either as individuals or
as part of a group. The rally and march will go
through Virginia Tech and downtown Blacksburg.
Organizations are invited to bring a group banner
and all are encouraged to bring signs. Candles will
be provided. Raise your voice to help lessen
violence in our community. Together we'll Take
Back the Night! Sponsored by United Feminist
Movement. Contact Susan Anderson at
anderson@vt.edu.

An Evening with Staceyann Chin
7:00-9:00 pm, New Classroom Building 360
Staceyann Chin, author of Crossfire: A Litany for
Survival and The Other Side of Paradise, will recite
selections of her poetry and share experiences of
growing up as a Chinese, Black, Jamaican
immigrant, queer woman and single mother.
Sponsored by the Asian Cultural Engagement
Center along with numerous supporting offices and
organizations. Contact Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu.

FRIDAY MARCH 27

A Workshop with Staceyann Chin
10:00 am–12:00 pm, Brush Mountain Rooms A&B,
Squires
Sponsored by the Asian Cultural Engagement
Center along with numerous supporting offices and
organizations. Contact Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu.

Choices & Challenges, Technology & Disability:
Counter Narratives
10:00 am–5:00 pm, Inn at Virginia Tech
Free and open to the public.
10:00 am, Mental Health & Higher Ed Panel
12:45 pm, Autism Technologies and Autistic
Experience Panel
2:00 pm, Crip Poetics by Travis Chi Wing Lau
2:45 pm, High Tech Fixes & Disability Panel
4:00 pm, Cyborg Promenade by Sammus the
Rapper
This day of events includes poetry and music, and
will invite conversations about the relationship
between disability, technology, education, and
infrastructure. We will have ASL interpreters and
CART for access. Sponsored by Science,
Technology, and Society; Advancing the Human
Condition; CLAHS Diversity Committee; and
National Science Foundation. Contact Ashley Shew
at shew@vt.edu.

Women in Transportation 2020: Connections
Through Transportation
7:30 am-4:45 pm, Transportation Boardroom and
Conference Center, L’Enfant Plaza, 420 10th
Street SW, Washington D.C.
Connections Through Transportation is a free
career development event with transportation
professionals across the industry. The conference
is held at the National Transportation Safety
Board’s (NTSB) headquarters in Washington, DC.
During the morning session, attendees will network
with leaders in government, industry, and higher
education, as well as learn about exciting career
opportunities in the field. In the afternoon, speakers
from the NTSB, Eastern Federal Lands Highway
Division, and the Transportation Research Board
will discuss current issues, trends, and ways to
drive your career forward. This event is open to all
students, alumni and professionals who are
enthusiastic about transportation and professional
advancement. Whether you consider yourself an
engineer, research scientist, urban planner,
accessibility and/or sustainability advocate, or a
policy wonk—all are welcome. Register here.
Sponsored by VTTIVT Chapter of Women in
Transportation Seminar International/National
Transportation Safety Board. Contact Pam Stiff at
wts@vtti.vt.edu.

‘Skirt Barn’ Advocacy & Entertainment Event
5:00-7:00 pm, Hillcrest Hall
This event organized by students for students will
celebrate Hillcrest Hall, nicknamed “the skirt barn”
in the 1940s when it was the first residence hall for
women students. We will showcase local VT and
community resources, feature live music, enjoy
good food and great people, and build community
for all at Virginia Tech. Sponsored by Hillcrest Hall
Council and Women’s Center. Contact Lane Early
at lanearly@vt.edu.
SATURDAY MARCH 28

L.A. Theater Works “SEVEN”
7:30 pm, Moss Arts Center
Presented in L.A. Theatre Works’ signature radio-theatre style, SEVEN is a riveting documentary play by seven female writers. The play is based on personal interviews with seven remarkable women who faced life-threatening obstacles to bring change in their home countries of Pakistan, Nigeria, Ireland, Afghanistan, Guatemala, Russia, and Cambodia.

MONDAY MARCH 30

#WomenAlsoKnowHistory: Gender, Social Media, and Expertise featuring Nicole Hemmer and Karin Wulf
4:00 pm, 126 McBryde Hall
This speaker series will bring women scholars involved in the inception and leadership of the #WomenAlsoKnowHistory digital platform to campus to discuss their work and the role of women academics in the United States media. Codirected by Amanda C. Demmer and Jessica Taylor, this event will contribute to ongoing social media movement, public and civic engagement and underrepresented groups’ contributions to knowledge dialogues in the history department and CLAHS. Inspired by the efforts to push the expertise of women to the fore through the #WomenAlsoKnowStuff and #WomenAlsoKnowHistory platforms, we will engage VT faculty and students in a discussion about who interprets history for the public and how social media democratizes the conversation—or does not. Sponsored by College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; Virginia Center for Civil War Studies; Department of History. Contact Jessica Taylor at jessicataylor@vt.edu.

TUESDAY MARCH 31

Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop for Students
4:00-6:00 pm, Smith Career Center, Room B
Mark Equal Pay Day with Start Smart! March 31st is how far into 2020 that women must work to earn what men earned in 2019. This workshop is designed to help students negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. Participants will gain confidence in their negotiation style through facilitated discussion and learn about the wage gap, including its long-term consequences. Please register here. Sponsored by the Women’s Center at Virginia Tech, in collaboration with Career and Professional Development and the Office for Inclusion and Diversity. Contact Anna LoMascolo at alomasco@vt.edu.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL 2020

THURSDAY APRIL 23

The League of Women Voters Annual Dinner:
Forecasting the 2020 Election featuring Rachel Bitecofer
5:45 pm social hour, 6:30 pm dinner, Warm Hearth Village
Guests interested in today’s political issues are welcome. A rising star in the national political dialogue, Professor Rachel Bitecofer, assistant director of the Watson Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University, will speak at the Annual League of Women Voters Dinner. She has received national coverage for her innovative election forecasting model that analyzes the nation’s increasingly divisive politics. Sponsored by League of Women Voters. Contact Beth Obenshain at eaobenshain@gmail.com.

FRIDAY APRIL 24

End Sexual Violence Campus-wide Forum
11:00 am-2:00 pm, Owens Hall Banquet Room
The End Sexual Violence Program Committee, appointed by President Sands, will host a half-day forum with updates from the president and the committee, including climate survey data on the prevalence of sexual violence at VT, themes and concerns identified in ongoing listening sessions, current educational efforts addressing sexual violence, and recommendations for next steps. The forum will also solicit input from participants through small-group conversations. Sponsored by the End Sexual Violence Program Committee. Contact Christine Dennis Smith at cdennis@vt.edu.