### In the News

- Mason is No. 1 among public institutions for research performance in entrepreneurship
- Mason named a Bicycle Friendly University
- Energy expert shares system resilience framework from her recently published book in a podcast
- Mason researcher receives funding for climate risk profile studies for Africa
- Dean's Blog: Knowledge for Impact

### Upcoming Events

**Campus Roundtable: Indigenous Transnational Identities in Northern Virginia:**
Please join us for an in person campus roundtable on Tribal Identities, Past and Present. The event will feature four presentations and what promises to be a dynamic discussion. *Hosted by the George Mason University Center for Humanities Research.*

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (ET) | Click [here](#) to register.**

From traveling to a destination to exploring it upon arrival, mobility is at the heart of travel—and it’s continuously evolving. On November 15, join U.S. Travel Association for an advocacy event designed to gather travel industry executives, business leaders and trailblazers as well as public policy elites. Together, we will identify the factors essential to spur travel’s growth and innovation, share a vision for where we will lead and discuss the policies required to usher in the future of travel. *Hosted by the U.S. Travel Association.*

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 | Click [here](#) to register.**
On November 15, the Bezos Earth Fund, Climate Action Tracker (a project of Climate Analytics and NewClimate Institute), ClimateWorks Foundation, the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions and World Resources Institute will host a high-level webinar for the launch of the State of Climate Action 2023. Published under Systems Change Lab, this report provides a comprehensive, sector-by-sector roadmap to rapidly cut GHG emissions, scale up carbon removal, and increase climate finance. 

Hosted by the World Resources Institute. 

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM (ET) | Click here to register.

IIR Colloquium: Immigrants, Athletes, and Civic Engagement: The Institute for Immigration Research (IIR) welcomes you to join us for our final Colloquium of the Fall 2023 semester. Dr. Jim Witte, Director of the IIR, and Dr. Marissa Kiss, postdoctoral research fellow at the IIR, will present their research on "Immigrants, Athletes, and Civic Engagement." This colloquium builds on the IIR's efforts to determine the degree to which the visibility and positive influence of foreign-born athletes can promote a spirit of inclusion and equity to all of the Newest Americans. Sport participation or frequent, sustained, and positive exposure via “para-social contact” may help reduce anti-immigrant feelings and prejudice toward immigrant and minority groups in the United States. 

Hosted by the George Mason University College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (ET) | Click here to register.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution's annual Vernon M. and Minnie I. Lynch Lecture is the Carter School's premier event, which features ground-breaking approaches to analyzing conflict and promoting peace. Delivered by public officials, scholars, and practitioners, this lecture series recognizes the generosity of the Carter School's earliest supporters, Edwin and Helen Lynch. 

Hosted by the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 | Click here to register.

Faculty Affairs and Research Development Services invite you to our final Faculty Matters workshop for the semester – Navigating Politics in Academia. The workshop is
Funding Opportunities

Heather's Highlights: Each week we will highlight current funding opportunities, alternating between the six ISE Research Themes.

Research Theme 4: Clean Energy, Decarbonization, and Climate Action

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is announcing a funding opportunity for the US DOT Climate and Transportation Research Initiative.

The US DOT Climate and Transportation Research Initiative’s goal is to advance the research and technology needed to tackle the Nation’s climate and transportation challenges. US DOT seeks proposals focused on advancing research and technologies that support the Nation’s goals to decarbonize the transportation sector by 2050, strengthen resilience of the Nation’s transportation infrastructure, and address adverse environmental impacts created by the transportation system.

Application Due Date: November 27, 2023
Anticipated Funding Amount: $2,500,000

Research Theme 5: Enhancing Equality, Equity, and Access to Basic Goods and Services

The Health Resources and Services Administration has announced their Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project (SHSPP).

The purpose of the SHSPP is to provide training and technical assistance (TA) to support grant recipients in improving their service delivery, meeting outcome measures, and building program ability to work with community partners to improve health and social service systems to reduce maternal and infant health disparities.

Application Due Date: December 29, 2023
Funding Amount: up to $3,500,000

Research Theme 6: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions to Support Thriving Economies
The National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a call for proposals under their Security and Preparedness (SAP) program.

The Security and Preparedness (SAP) program supports research and research infrastructure on issues broadly related to global and national security, including international conflict dispute resolution, domestic political instability and civil war, and the security implications of climate change.

Application Due Date: January 15, 2024
Funding Amount: Not Specified

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**Student Opportunities**

**Global Sustainability Scholars Fellows Program**

The GSS Fellows program offers a 10-week paid immersive training and mentoring with a global sustainability organization. Fellows will gain professional work experience, receive professional mentorship and professional development training, and build an international professional network in sustainability science. We will accept 5 -10 fellows per year to join the GSS community, provide advanced professional development training, and build professional connections that foster opportunities for employment and/or graduate school opportunities.

[Click here to learn more.]

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**Center for Democracy and Civil Society Research Symposium**

The annual Democracy and Governance Student Research Symposium will take place on March 20th, 2024 at Georgetown University. Hosted by the Center for Democracy and Civil Society, the symposium is an opportunity for graduate students from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) universities who are focused on democracy and governance to present their independent research and projects, gain practical experience, and connect with established and young professionals in the field.

[Click here to learn more.]

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**Next System Fellows**

We are now accepting application for admission to the Spring 2024 cohort of Next System Fellows. Maybe you hope for a life in which you can make a real difference in
The world. You seek a career in public service, research and education, social enterprise, activism, or advocacy. You need to build your practical experience and career networks. The Next System Fellows are a part of Mason's prestigious Arlington Fellows program. As a Fellow you will:

• Intern with a partner organization, union, or research group, or with Mason’s own Democratizing NOVA project.
• Set yourself up for a career in social and public service, organizing, research, technology, cooperative development, social entrepreneurship, teaching, and more.
• Learn about and engage directly with real world next system projects such as worker cooperatives and solidarity economy initiatives, community owned enterprises and services, campaigns for abolition and political democracy, transition and resilient communities, democratic and sustainable technologies, non-violent conflict resolution and restorative justice projects, and more.

Click here to learn more.

Impact Fellows Program

The Impact Fellows Program gives you the opportunity to expand your networks and build the skills needed to thrive as a well-rounded leader in today's complex world. Through a comprehensive two-year program, you will learn about the UN Global Goals as a framework for the biggest challenges facing society and learn about how business can thrive while creating economic, social, and environmental value. The connections you make during this program will enable you to expand your interests, kickstart your career, and realize your full potential. Participating in the program will open doors throughout your time at Mason and beyond.

Click here to learn more.

The Energy and Climate Policy Fellows

The Energy and Climate Policy (ECP) Fellows program is for selected students interested in the nexus between energy/climate change and local community engagement. This program incorporates law, policy, equity, and modeling to take academic research beyond the classroom and into the community. This is a 15-credit academic program based at the Mason Square campus and incorporates an internship experience into the semester.

Click here to learn more.

José E. Serrano Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions (EPP/MSI)
The EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholarship provides funds for two years of undergraduate study to rising junior undergraduate students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields that directly support NOAA’s mission. Participants conduct research at a NOAA facility during two paid summer internships. Since 2001, 219 students have completed the program and over 75% go on to graduate school.

Click here to learn more.

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 organization.

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