

# **ACADEMIC STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER**



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# 70 YEARS OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Congratulations to the
Department of African Studies
for celebrating 70 years at
Howard University! Learn more
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#### New ASA Team Member!

#### MS. KEA JONES

Assistant Director of Student Affairs for Academic Advising, Admissions, & Records



I am a DMV native. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University, where I played four years of Division I Women's Basketball. I later started a career as a Division I Women's Basketball Coach.

Prior to joining Howard University, I served for several years in different roles that supported the academic environment of students by assisting them throughout various stages of their academic degree completion. I also worked with various universities assisting with the design and development of their online courses.

In that capacity, I launched four online degree programs at the undergraduate and master's level. I am excited to continue my passion in academic student affairs in the COAS Office of the Dean, the Flagship of Howard university.

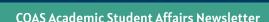
In my role, as Assistant Director of Student Affairs for Academic Advising, Admissions, & Records, I am eager to contribute efforts with long-term planning, strategic alignment, and management oversight of the COAS Office of Academic Student Affairs. I am committed to engaging both students and faculty in COAS to further advance excellence within the college.



- I COACH A 6TH GRADE BOYS AAU TEAM
- I LOVE TO TRAVEL/I AM A CONCERT GOER
- I LOVE HELPING PEOPLE



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#### COAS Student Spotlight: Study Abroad

#### MEET KATHERINE SAINT-PREUX

**COAS Flagship Ambassador** 



Katherine Saint-Preux is a Sophomore Political Science major with a minor in Philosophy. This summer Katherine participated in the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Summer Academy in Bologna Italy where she had the opportunity to spend four weeks of her summer exploring international affairs in the heart of Europe. Katherine currently serves as the COAS Flagship Ambassador Liaison for the SAIS Summer Program in Bologna Italy. Learn more about Katherine's experience studying abroad in Italy below!

"Living for a month in a different country was a privilege that I aspire to recreate through my academic and personal goals. For the entirety of the month I had the opportunity to immerse myself in the culture of each city I explored and appreciate the Italian teaching style. The two courses I took encouraged me to revisit topics on a deeper level. For example, the first course "The (Geo)Politics of Organized Crime" provided me the platform to research, recontextualize, and spread awareness about the political and economic issue in my parent's home country, Haiti. I can proudly say that the experience has had a positive impact on my life and has inspired me to redefine my own perception of success."



#### COAS Student Spotlight: Internship

#### MEET AMAJAH HALL

**COAS Flagship Ambassador** 



Amajah Hall is a Senior Criminology major, Sociology minor from Pittsburgh, PA. This past spring semester in her junior year, she was awarded the opportunity to partake in a legislative internship through the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP) founded by Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis. For the duration of the 88th regular session—January 10 through May 31, 2023—Amajah worked with Texas State Representative Christian Manuel; a freshman, democratic member of the 22nd House District. Beginning as a Legislative Aide, Rep. Manuel and his Chief of Staff Victoria Flores saw potential for more and promoted Amajah to his Policy Analyst.

During her time in Austin, TX, she met with various house representatives, senators, staff members, and lobbyists in order to push Rep. Manuel's legislative agenda forward. As of September I, 2023, a total of six bills authored by Rep. Manuel will be enacted into Texas law; all of which Amajah assisted in pushing the bills through the House and Senate. In her free time, she socialized with her peers in TLIP and embarked on short escapades with the friends she gained through working in the State Capitol.

By the end of the 88th regular session, Amajah gained skills in legal writing analysis, compromise, and paying keen attention to detail in language and speech and she was given the opportunity to continue as his Policy Analyst to this day.



#### Alumni Spotlight:Fulbright Scholarship Recipient

#### MEET NAGEA KIRKLEY

**COAS Alumni** 



NAGEA KIRKLEY (B.A. '23) HAS
BEEN AWARDED A FULBRIGHT
ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT
SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 20232024 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Nagea Kirkley graduated from Howard University in 2023, as a double major in international affairs and community development, with a minor in French. Her plan is to continue her education at the graduate level with the aim of becoming a community leader and director of an international non-governmental organization (NGO).

With a dedicated focus on global development, education, and housing, Ms. Kirkley has actively contributed to advancing the objectives of safe and affordable housing through her involvement with The Department of Urban Housing and Development. Additionally, she has played a role in bringing products to developing markets as a scholar in the Goldman Sachs Market Madness program and has championed sustainable and eco-friendly urban development and education with the South African Institute for International Affairs. She has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. She will be spending her time in Côte d'Ivoire.

#### Greek Life Spotlight: Delta Sigma Theta

#### MEET ALPHA CHAPTER

**Howard University** 



Alpha Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., has made tremendous strides on the campus of Howard University. The current chapter GPA is 3.63, and the ladies of Incandescent 49 continually demonstrate the pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, and service on and off campus! This semester Alpha Chapter hosted 20 campus programs, with the latest being the Jabberwock Scholarship Competition where the chapter and participants raised over \$40,000 dollars in donations. To name a few of our other achievements, we were the 2022-2023 Organization of the Year, 2023 Ist Runner Up Exemplary International Awareness and Involvement program for the DST Eastern Region Chapter Awards, 2022 Step Show Ist Place Winners, and have chapter representation on the National Nominating Committee, Chapter President Soror Ryane Jones, and these are just to name a few of our accomplishments.

The chapter has also led various community service initiatives, most notably, the chapter closed Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a walka-thon entitled "A Walk In Her Shoes". We had over 200 ladies walking in solidarity with victims of domestic violence. Additionally, the chapter raised \$1,300 for House of Ruth DC, a local domestic violence shelter. Amongst all of these things, the ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., keep sisterhood and public service at the forefront of all their endeavors, striving to uphold and continue the legacy of this historic chapter and illustrious organization.



Leadership is prevalent in this chapter and that is evident by the various on-campus leadership positions Sorors hold. Soror Nia Naylor serves as the president of the 63rd Howard University Student Association (HUSA), and alongside her, Soror Myana Johnson serves as the HUSA Co-Chief Policy Advisor. Off-campus, Sorors are making great strides in their professional and "post-grad" endeavors in law, medicine, technology, and international affairs.



#### COAS FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

#### MEET DR. ELIZABETH CLARK-LEWIS

#### The Department of History



Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, PhD, currently holds the position of Professor of History at Howard University and has been directing the Public History Program since 1990. She previously served as the Director of Graduate Studies and has actively contributed to the field, holding roles on the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians and as the National Director of the Association of Black Women Historians. Additionally, she is a founding member of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Association.

After years of being dormant, meetings were held to restart a successful program for low-income public housing residents in Alexandria, VA. From March of 2022 until May of 2023, Dr. Clark-Lewis worked with community members to help reestablish a program of educational courses to be taught in their public housing site. The first of the reestablished classes (in conjunction with Northern Virginia Community College) began on June 13, 2023.

"For many years, Dorothy Evans Turner was an organizer for low-income public housing residents in Alexandria, VA. As a Professor at NOVA we worked together to establish a series of community-based educational courses. All the courses were taught at locations in public housing communities.

The program was successful because it assisted people in public housing communities. Residents become real change agents and for about five years the program thrived. The classes helped residents secure jobs while still living in public housing communities. (One former student is now a Vice President at Men's Wearhouse – a U.S. men's apparel store.) The program had many other successes. Unfortunately, the building housing the program was demolished (to make way for the Metro) and the program was never reestablished at another location.

In April of 2022, tenants began to push for the restoration of this successful program. For over one year these public housing activists (and I) advocated for the re-establishment of community-based courses with college credit from Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). Finally, the first class started on June 13, 2023. The class has become a great opportunity for the leadership of Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) to feature programs it is creating for public housing residents."

#### COAS DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Celebrating 70 Years at Howard University!!



Congratulations to the Department of African Studies for celebrating 70 years at Howard University! The Department of African Studies is one of the oldest departments of African Studies in the nation. The department gave out their first degree in 1957.

On October 18th, 2023 the department celebrated the 70th anniversary by hosting a symposium titled "Honoring our Legacy, and Preparing the Future." This symposium included networking, a keynote address by Dr. Loy L. Azalia, and sessions surrounding student and alumni research and reflecting on the departments scholarly legacy.

Please <u>click here</u> if you would like to know more about the "Honoring our Legacy, and Preparing the Future" symposium or to view the 70th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet.

Bison Week, 2023



We kicked the Fall '23 semester off with an amazing week of activities for our new COAS Bison. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and thank you to our amazing COAS Flagship Ambassadors for creating and facilitating these fun filled events!

#### Case Western Reserve University Pre-Law Conference, 2023

COAS Flagship Ambassadors Cameron Humes and Amajah Hall travel to CWRU in Cleveland, Ohio to represent Howard University at their pre-law conference.





#### 60th Anniversary of the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

COAS Flagship Ambassadors had the opportunity to attend the 60th Anniversary of the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty at the National Museum of American Diplomacy





#### Flagship Ambassador Meetings

COAS Flagship Ambassadors brainstorming, planning, and enjoying their monthly inperson meetings during the Fall '23 semester.





#### Flagship Ambassadors Speaking at COAS Freshman Seminar

COAS Flagship Ambassadors had the opportunity to attend COAS Freshman Seminar to discuss the Flagship Ambassador Program.



#### Flagship Ambassador Meeting President Vinson

Our Flagship Ambassadors had the opportunity meet President Vinson during his COAS visit this fall.



#### Flagship Ambassadors at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

COAS Flagship Ambassadors had the opportunity to attend the Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards at John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.



#### **Homecoming 2023**

Homecoming 2023 was one for the books! The College of Arts and Sciences celebrated by having a COAS Homecoming Spirit Week, facilitated by the COAS Flagship Student Ambassadors. We ended homecoming week by welcoming our COAS Alumni back to a newly renovated Locke Hall!









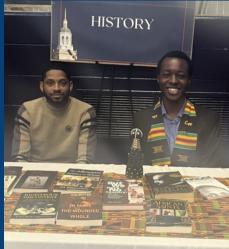




## **HU Open House: College Fair**

All COAS departments participated in the Howard University Open House College Fair. The event was designed to give prospective students an introduction to both our academic offerings and university resources.

















#### Study Abroad this Spring 2024 with your COAS Faculty!

Please scan the QR Codes below to learn more about our COAS Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs! Get 3 credit hours towards your degree! These programs are eligible for study abroad scholarships!

#### LET'S GO TO AFRICA:



AFST: Africa in the Disciplines in Kenya



SWAH: Swahili level 2 in Kenya



SWAH: National Development in Kenya (Offered in English with Dean Patterson in an intro to Swahili)



INST: International Experience with South Africa



HIST: Society, Culture, and Historical Memory in West Africa: Ghana

#### **FULL**

#### LET'S GO TO THE CARIBBEAN:





FREN & INST: Signature Experience with Associate Dean Francis in Guadeloupe



SOCI: Empires, Colonialism, Decolonization in Martinique

#### **FULL** LET'S GO TO EUROPE:



HNRS: Crime, (In)Justice, & Paris



CLAS: International Experience in Greece

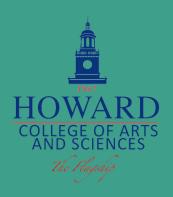
#### LET'S GO TO SOUTH AMERICA:



Honors SPAN 002 in Colombia

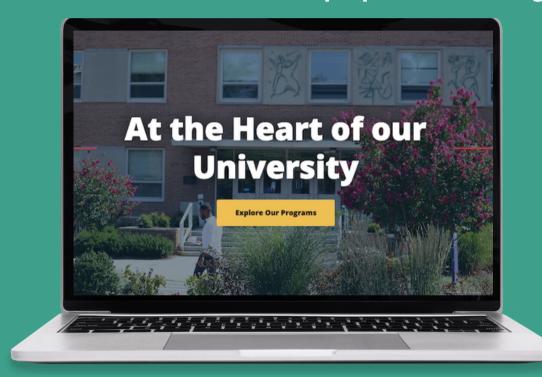
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