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D.C. Winter Seminars Site Visit, January 2023

State of the Center

The spring 2023 semester at the Washington Center is in full swing.

Before the cherry blossoms bloom, we have some exciting updates and news to share with our ever-growing Washington Center family.

Since the start of the new year, we've had the pleasure of welcoming over 100 W&M students to their campus in the city. Within the month of January alone, W&M students engaged in experiential learning across three of our **Study in D.C.** opportunities; *D.C. Winter Seminars*, *Global Scholars Program*, and *D.C. Semester Program*.

Although most students have returned to campus for the spring semester, our cohort of brilliant D.C. Semester Program students have been settling in. Through the end of the school year, you can find our students working across the city in full-time internships, learning through rigorous coursework, and representing **the Tribe** from Capitol Hill to the White House.

Teach in D.C.

Hear from our faculty

DR. CARRIE DOLAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Who is responsible for the public's health? Individuals may be taking action to protect themselves through vaccines or regular exercise. Perhaps the government should enact policies such as the COVID-19 emergency declaration that provides funding to support our healthcare systems. Or maybe it is the media that can be a source as well as an advocate for health behaviors.

This winter, 13 students and I challenged our existing assumptions around public health responsibility. **This course has been the highlight of my teaching career at W&M** because I could see the students reshaping how they viewed the world daily. I could watch their minds expand to fit the reality of accessing maternal care in Ward 8, the complexity of high-level policy dialogues at the White House, and grapple with challenges associated with clearly communicating complex and evolving science through mainstream media.

After several years of pandemic teaching, this course renewed my enthusiasm and commitment to education. I am grateful for the experience of reconnecting with my students and watching them challenge their existing assumptions about public health responsibility.

D.C. WINTER SEMINARS 2023

The 2023 D.C. Winter Seminars were a huge success! Students visited the Washington Center for ten days in January to participate in intensive experiential learning courses, gain critical professional skills, and explore D.C.

We offered six winter seminar classes across various academic disciplines, including Global Health, English, Education, Art, Business, and International Relations. Students loved spending time in the new Washington Center space and creating close relationships with speakers, professors, and each other. We can't wait to keep building on our positive winter seminar momentum and host another fantastic program in 2024!

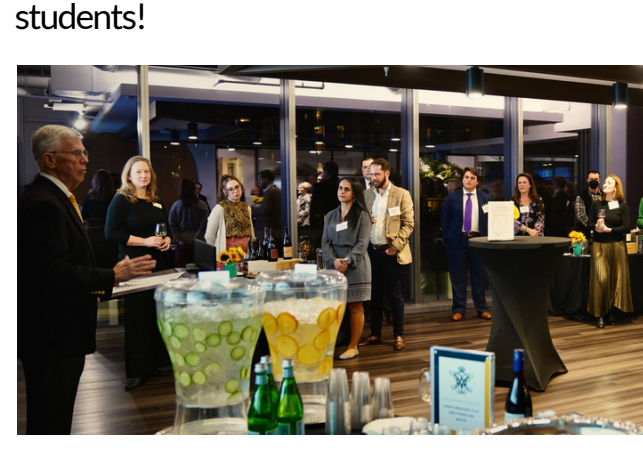
Program Highlights

- 91 Students
- 6 Courses
- \$50K Scholarships Awarded in total



We'd like to thank everyone who attended our first-ever *Cellar at the Center* fundraising event this past January. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$6,000 for Study in D.C. students**. These funds are essential to ensure that Washington Center academic programs are accessible for ALL W&M students.

For those of you who missed the event this year, you're in luck - we plan to make this an annual Washington Center tradition to continue the fun and raise money for our students!



GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The W&M Global Scholars Program (GSP) continues to be an exciting and **undoubtedly unique opportunity** for W&M students.

This January, the 2022-2023 cohort convened in Washington, D.C. for ten days of site visits, meetings with mentors, and speaker panels. This included a visit to the White House, an evening with Dr. Anthony Fauci, and policy memo reviews and briefings with over 30 W&M alums and friends. Next up, these students and faculty will travel to Brussels and Paris for Spring Break to learn more practices and policies of international organizations.



Staff Trip

SAVE THE DATE!
This year's D.C. Staff & Faculty Trip will be **Thursday, July 13!** More information will be available in May.
Questions? Contact Erin Battle at ebbattle@wm.edu.

W&M Washington Center Giving Society

Starting on July 1, the W&M Washington Center is pleased to recognize the lifetime giving of our generous W&M community through a new Giving Society.

Each donor who becomes a Friend of the Washington Center will receive a lapel pin and a welcome letter.

As Friends progress through the giving levels, they will increasingly be offered special opportunities to engage and celebrate with the W&M Washington Center.

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Stay tuned for more. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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Washington Center Naming Opportunities

The W&M Washington Center welcomes the opportunity to offer named spaces in our new home.

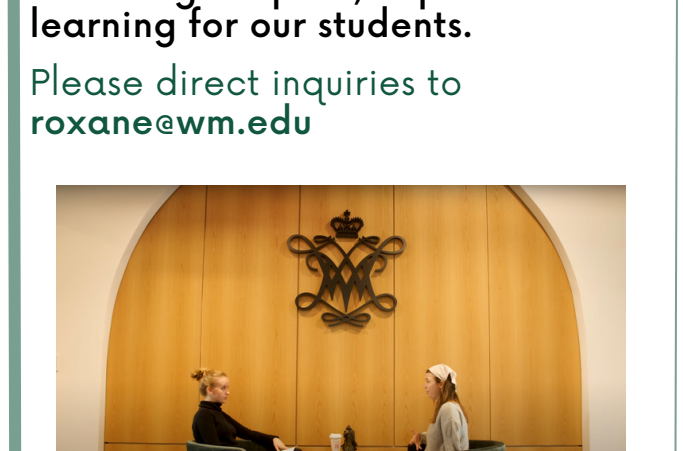
The Washington Center is visited by hundreds of students and countless alumni throughout the year as they participate in classes and events in these new spaces.

The funding from naming these spaces will propel the Washington Center's mission of providing year-round high impact, experiential learning for our students.

Please direct inquiries to roxane@wm.edu

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Save the Date
OCTOBER 21, 2023



Keep your eyes peeled!

You will be invited by email to participate in a critical survey about W&M's expanded presence in D.C. We need your input to help W&M provide alumni and professionals with additional learning and networking opportunities. Such programs may be offered in various disciplines and myriad ways.

If you wish to participate, please contact roxane@wm.edu

Looking for a Summer Intern?

Our D.C. Summer Institutes and Global Scholars Cohorts are currently searching for summer positions.
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Contact tyler@wm.edu for additional information

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