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MATTEO RICCI COLLEGE

Fall Quarter Newsletter



WELCOME, FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!

The Matteo Ricci College community welcomed the Class of 2021 into the Humanities and Humanities for Teaching programs. Eight Humanities Majors and 17 Humanities for Teaching Majors joined the college. Four students are athletes for Division 1 sports. Our class of 2021 comes from across the nation, including the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Illinois, and Missouri. Five members of the BAHT cohort will be specializing in Elementary Education and are eligible to apply for a teaching certificate with their

undergraduate degree. Other students are interested in digital design, computer science, psychology, social work, music theory, journalism, Spanish, special education, art history, English, history, and mathematics.



FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Robin Olson is in her second year at Seattle University. Currently working towards a BA in Humanities and a BS in Psychology, Robin hopes eventually to obtain her PhD and work as a Clinical Psychologist. The Foster Scholarship carries on the legacy of Rev. John F. Foster, SJ, longtime faculty member in MRC. Robin would like to thank the generous donors who are contributing to her education and future through this award.

STUDENTS ABROAD

This quarter, thirteen MRC students participated in internships, both in the U.S. and abroad. Below, students Jeff Vinson and Kasey Williams reflect on their experiences.



Jeff Vinson

"After 12 weeks in Trinidad and Tobago, I have reflected and found the three main reasons why my internship proved to be so fruitful. Following a couple of weeks abroad, I found that each day needed three main components: a persistent curiosity, welcoming genuine, kind people, and a positive attitude. A persistent curiosity is listed first because a drive to seek out the “whys” and “hows” in life experiences can make them feel much more vivid and ripe with excitement. The second attribute to my positive experience is to seek out genuine, kind, and considerate people. Vigilance is important at all times but safe mistakes are the best way to learn. Lastly, a positive attitude cannot be kept up at all times but with a healthy level of curiosity and support from friends, it is much easier to be positive and give yourself the energy to keep curious, meet new people, and explore mentally and physically. Commitment to being curious, welcoming the abundance of good-hearted kind people in Trinidad and Tobago to be a part of my experience, and keeping a positive attitude produced what ended up being an extremely worthwhile experience."



Kasey Williams

"My seven months away from Seattle has been a whirlwind! I spent my summer quarter in the unbearable heat of Austin, Texas, interning for the local wedding photographer Jenny Demarco. Upon completion, I flew to Oakland, California to join Justin Cutter for his fall tour with Compass Green, an educational nonprofit that operates out of a mobile greenhouse that runs on recycled vegetable oil. Justin and I traveled throughout Central Valley California visiting elementary, middle, and high schools, teaching students about the magic of growing sustainable, organic produce. After my two internships, I had plenty of time to meditate upon my separate experiences at the San Francisco Zen Center, where I spent a month living among Zen students and monks alike."

FALL PLENARY

Our Quarterly Plenary provides a space for MRC students, faculty, and staff to come together and discuss contemporary issues at both the societal and institutional level. On November 15th, in Champion Ballroom, we gathered to learn about racial equity from a structural transformational lens. Patricia Carrasco Lally, Director of the City of Seattle's Office for Civil Rights, joined us to



examine White Privilege, its impact on people of color and what it means to become a strategic ally for equity and justice.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The MRC Student Advisory Committee brings a student voice to important decisions made in the College. Last year, the SAC advised the dean and associate dean on matters that included the budget, curricular revisions, and the proposed merger of MRC with the College of Arts and Sciences. SAC members organized the Spring Quarter Plenary on the Future of the Humanities. This year's members are: Nakiya Baker, Jon Cantalini, Jonathan Choe, Mirella Galang, Nic Garcia, Alex Jurado, Daria Karraby, April Rhodes, Jasmine Waland, and Sophia Xiques.



ETHICS BOWL

Congratulations to MRC's Dr. Ben Howe and the Ethics Bowl team for taking first place at this year's Regional Ethics Bowl competition. The team, students Samantha Fisher, John R. Gavin, Caroline Lambert (Humanities), Gavin Pandya, Serena Oduro, Garrett Solberg, and Hana Stodder, won five out of its five matches and advanced to the national competition, which will be held in Chicago in March, 2018.

MATTEO RICCI STUDENTS ON THE RADIO

Karsten Kohout and Jonathan Choe are a part of Seattle University's Student Radio, KXSU. The radio station, formerly known as KSUB, provides Seattle University students with an outlet for creation, discussion, and rad beats. Read below to learn how Karsten and Jonathan are involved.

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[KXSU 102.1 FM](#)



Karsten Kohout

"KXSU has been amazing since I've been at Seattle U. Every Friday at 2 I run a live DJ mix of the newest releases in the bass music community, including some classics in the mix. It's a lot of fun and I look forward to it each week. Additionally I became a part of SMAB which determines the 30 songs on power rotation each week. Lastly, our awesome station manager Randy Scott got me started with a job as producer for a podcast series the Theology and Religious Studies Department is putting on, which has been great to be a part of so far."

Jonathan Choe

"I am a DJ at KXSU Student radio. Every Sunday I host a one hour talk and music show. I like to talk about what's going on in the world, in the community at SU, and even things that have been going on in my life. In between I like to play music, mostly classical music and 70's or 80's rock. Sometimes I try to fit the mood of the pieces to how I am feeling or for certain events that may be going on. At other times, if the next DJ shows up before my show ends I invite her in to talk for a couple of minutes before I sign off. Overall, I love to talk and play music on the radio and wonder who might be listening and is enjoying what they hear!"



DR. LIEB INVESTIGATES "ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY"

Dr. Emily Lieb is an investigator for a multi-site grant project being conducted out of the Bedrosian Center at the University of Southern California. Its purpose is to ask, "What can communities actually do to increase the likelihood that Americans have real access to opportunity?" The study focuses on "what works in lives of low-income families as told by data and the gracious individuals participating in our studies."

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FAREWELL

Matteo Ricci College is full of exceptional faculty and staff who go above and beyond to encourage, support, and aid students in every endeavor. This fall, we extend best wishes to several departing members of the MRC community.

BETH LAYTON

This summer, Beth Layton announced she would be leaving her role as the college's Program Coordinator and Director of Advising. A dedicated adviser, Beth assisted hundreds of students to find their educational paths. We wish her the best for her future endeavors.

FRAN HENDERSON

Fran Henderson, Administrative Coordinator and Budget Manager for MRC, will be retiring from Seattle University at the end of 2017. Fran has worked at SU for 20 years (14 years in Student Financial Services and 6 years in MRC). Fran has been the welcoming face of MRC, and behind the scenes she has worked tirelessly on behalf of students. We are grateful for her presence in our lives and we wish her much joy in her new adventures.

PROFESSOR CAROL KELLY

Matteo Ricci College bids farewell to Prof. Carol Kelly, who has taught full time in the College since 2006. Professor Kelly taught courses in the Arts and Humanities and was one of the first faculty members in MRC to develop hybrid and online courses. She led students on memorable trips to New York and France. We wish her the very best in her next ventures.

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