



## Academic Spree Day Registration is Now Open

Every spring, the Clark community celebrates student work produced under the mentorship of the University's distinguished faculty. Like last year, due to the pandemic, Academic Spree Day 2021 will be housed virtually within Moodle. Undergraduate students interested in presenting must have a faculty or staff sponsor.

To participate in Academic Spree Day on May 19, please:

- **[Register here](#) before the Monday, April 19, deadline.** Although we will make every attempt to accommodate all participants, please note that late submissions run the risk of not being included.
- **Submit your research** items electronically, no later than Saturday, May 1.
- **Make yourself available for day-of Q&A sessions** with the Clark community on Wednesday, May 19.

You may showcase your research via posters, prerecorded oral presentations, live oral presentations or panel discussions on May 19, or question-and-answer sessions. For examples of posters and presentations, please [visit Clark's Digital Commons](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Kerri Stearns](#) or [James Córdova](#), ASD faculty coordinator.

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## Meet and Greet in Red Square

This Thursday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Student Engagement Team from the Dean of Students office invites you to stop by Red Square for doughnuts, warm drinks, and a chance to share your thoughts about the future of Clark. We hope to see you there!

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## A Conversation about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Clark

Monday April 19 at 3:30 p.m. ET on Zoom; [preregistration required](#).

The Center for Gender, Race, and Area Studies, with support from the President's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fund, is proud to announce the launch of the **Difficult Dialogues on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** series. Participants will experience a dialogic structure that centers listening and understanding, followed by a panel discussion on the history of Difficult Dialogues on Clark's campus and its re-engagement in the present moment. Panelists will be Eric DeMeulenaere, associate professor of urban schooling; Michael Vidal, director of diversity and inclusive excellence; and Sobia Khokhar '22 and Sophia Stewart-Chapman '22. This event is free and open to the Clark Community.

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## The Writing Center Seeks Consultants for 2021-22

The Writing Center is hiring for graduate and undergraduate student writing consultants for the upcoming academic year. As a Writing Center consultant, you would have the opportunity to work with your fellow students (undergraduate and graduate) on every stage of their writing process, including organizing their ideas, revising their drafts, working with citations, and improving the mechanics and style of their written work. Writing consultants can work between 8 and 18 hours a week and can choose their own schedules during the Writing Center hours (Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Prospective applicants do not need to have any experience teaching writing — but if you are reflective about your own writing and writing process, we strongly encourage you to apply. Submit a cover letter, CV/résumé, 10-page writing sample, and the names of two references via the job posting on [Handshake](#). If you have any questions, please email [Jennifer Plante](#), director of the Writing Center and Writing Program.

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## International Center Events

Join the International Center for a range of programs, from hiking and coffee hours to skills workshops and free tutoring. All times below are Eastern.

- **Game Night at the Grind:** This Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m., join us for our first in-person game night at the Grind in the Higgins University Center. Bring your friends, wear your mask, and social distance with us as we play pool, shuffleboard, and cornhole.
- **Hike Coes Reservoir:** Bring your friends! Meet us at the Corner House on Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. Sign up [here](#).
- **In-Person coffee hours:** Join us Tuesday, April 20, at 10 a.m. on the lawn behind Corner House for a coffee hour. Come play games and connect with old friends — and meet new friends as well.

- **Virtual coffee hour:** On April 27, we will collaborate with the Wellness Education program for a meditation session to end the month. [Join via Zoom \(Meeting ID: 988 6892 7534\)](#).
  - **Research Skills Workshop:** In this one-hour workshop, you'll learn how to conduct research for your upcoming assignments, including how to quickly find the information you need and to write college papers in APA/MLA format. You also will discover how to save time when reading scholarly academic journals by learning how to locate only the information you need without reading the entire publication. Wednesday, April 21, at 8 a.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 9718839 4167](#) (Passcode: 004135).
  - **Free Tutoring:** The IC offers free tutoring for international students of all levels of English language proficiency. Our tutor, Khiran Rag, specializes in working with English language learners, and is on the faculty of Clark's American Language and Culture Institute. He will help you identify specific linguistic areas that need improvement and provide guidance on assignments as well as your verbal and written communication skills. [Email him](#) or send him a WeChat message (KrMtRaj) to schedule your virtual tutoring session.
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## It's National Student Employment Week

Follow @Clark\_CONNECT on Instagram to learn about all the ways on-campus employment contributes to your career-building journey, and on Friday, take our quick poll by midnight for a chance to win one of three Clark baseball hats.

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## Upcoming Virtual Career Connections Center Events

All times are Eastern.

- **Academic Internships for Undergrads:** Thursday, April 15, 1 to 1:45 p.m.  
In this info session, you'll learn how to get academic credit for an internship. Register on [Handshake](#).
  - **Job and Internship Search: 5 Key Strategies During COVID:** Friday, April 23, 1 to 1:45 p.m.  
Learn how to look for a summer job or internship, with special tips for the pandemic. Register on [Handshake](#).
  - **Just in Time, All Majors Virtual Career Fair:** Wednesday, April 28, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Explore careers and discover summer internship and job opportunities. Interact with recruiters through video, audio, or text-based chat in one-on-one meetings and/or group information sessions. Register on [Handshake](#).
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## Have Fun at First-Year Fridays

Join student orientation leaders to connect with other new students and have fun. All students are welcome to attend, but we extend a special invitation to first-year and transfer students. Find full details on [Clark Engage](#).

- April 16 at 7 p.m. – Cards Against Humanity (online)
  - April 23 at 5 p.m. – Friendship bracelet-making
  - April 30 at 5 p.m. – Mafia (online)
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## Apply to be a Wellness Ambassador

If you are passionate about health, well-being, and community, check out the opportunity to become a Wellness Ambassador at Clark. Wellness Ambassadors are trained through the nationally recognized Certified Peer Education training developed by NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education). Training will be held over 10 sessions this summer: June 23 through July 16 (no training on July 5), Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon. After becoming Certified Peer Educators, the new Wellness Ambassadors will be prepared to join the existing team to help support and educate the Clark community with health and well-being initiatives.

[Apply here](#) by April 23. A résumé and short essay will be required. Finalists will be invited to 30-minute Zoom interviews in early May. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email [wellness@clarku.edu](mailto:wellness@clarku.edu).

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## Housing Selection Timeline

The 2021–22 housing selection season is underway. Please be aware of these important upcoming dates and events.

- **April 5–25, 2021:** Housing applications are open on the Housing and Dining Self-Service Portal.
  - **May 3, 2021:** Same-room notifications and lottery numbers will be released via email.
  - **May 10–13, 2021:** The Housing Selection Lottery will take place on the Housing and Dining Self-Service Portal.
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## New Expanded Food Resources for Students

Did you know that SNAP Benefits can help you access healthy food? Here are the details:

**What:** SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. The government has temporarily expanded SNAP Benefits to help college students access and pay for fresh, healthy food. Eligible students may receive up to \$234 monthly until 30 days after the pandemic is over.

**Who:** Many students are eligible, but the expanded groups include current college students who are U.S. citizens and are eligible for work-study — even if they aren't employed — or those who have an expected family contribution of \$0.

**How:** To learn more and see if you are eligible, please visit [mass.gov/snap](https://mass.gov/snap). For on-campus support regarding your food insecurity concerns, reach out to Hayley Haywood, assistant dean for equity and student success.

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## Take What You Need: BIPOC Student Community Care

This week, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) and Multicultural and First Generation Student Support (MFGSS) are partnering to host four drop-in sessions where Clark's BIPOC student community can come and process the ongoing trauma of police brutality and systemic racism. We recognize that the ongoing trial of George Floyd's killer and the murder of Daunte Wright are just the most recent acts of racial violence against communities of color. These moments continue to underscore the importance of coming together to be with each other. All times are Eastern.

- **Black Affinity Processing Space:** Wednesday, April 14; 3 to 4 p.m. on [Zoom](#).
- **Non-Black POC Affinity Processing Space:** Wednesday, April 14; 4:30 to 6 p.m. on [Zoom](#).
- **Treats for the Soul — Stop by the McCann Resource Room for a sweet treat:** Wednesday, April 14, 1:30 to 6 p.m.
- **Unpack with Mikayla Wynter:** Friday, April 16; 11 a.m. to noon on Zoom. [Pre-registration required](#).



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