



## Common Academic Experience — Part 2

The Fall 2021 Common Academic Experience is “Coded Bias,” a documentary that explores how facial recognition algorithms reflect biases, as well as the challenges that artificial intelligence poses to privacy and civil rights. New Clarkies viewed and discussed the film during Orientation, and we now invite the entire Clark community to join the experience!

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 6 p.m., Dean of the College Betsy Huang will lead a discussion of “Coded Bias” in the Fireside Lounge on the second floor of Dana Commons. Shalini Kantayya, the film’s director, will join the conversation via Zoom.

Following the event, Dean Huang will host a dinner reception for students and faculty. Seats are limited and will be first-come, first-served — [please reserve your spot early!](#)

*“Coded Bias” is available to stream on Netflix or through Clark’s library. If you need assistance viewing the film, email [firstyearexperience@clarku.edu](mailto:firstyearexperience@clarku.edu).*

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## The Well-Being Book Club

Take a break from textbooks to read and learn with Wellness Education’s Well-Being Book Club, where we’ll dive into “How We Show Up: Reclaiming Family, Friendship, and Community” by Mia

Birdsong. This fantastic book focuses on connection and community and how to center those within our lives.

The Well-Being Book Club will meet on Mondays from 2 to 3 p.m., beginning on Sept. 13. This first introductory discussion will be followed by eight weekly meetings to talk about the book's eight chapters. There will be no meetings on Oct. 11 or Oct. 18, and the semester's final meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 22. If you are interested in joining, [email Wellness Education](#) to register by Friday, Sept. 10.

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## Affinity Spaces for Students of Color

The Multicultural and First Generation Student Support office sponsors formal affinity groups for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color) students. These empowering and supportive programs, which meet biweekly throughout the semester, often include speakers, interactive workshops, and discussions.

Three of these affinity spaces include FOCUS (for man-identifying BIPOC), Queer and Trans Students of Color (QTSOC), and Sisters in Stride (SIS). [Learn more and sign up »](#)

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## Grants for On-Campus Cultural Events

Clark University's International Center (IC) is pleased to offer grants up to \$100 for students wishing to create on-campus cultural events that promote international education and celebrate Clark's diverse community. To qualify for a grant, your event must be:

- Open to all students, including non-degree-seeking, undergraduate, and graduate students
- Cultural in nature and must be a Clark University-sanctioned event
- Free to attend and must take place in the future; we cannot award funds retroactively

Fund requests must be for no more than \$100, and requests must be made **at least two weeks before** the event.

Please note that funds are limited. To request funds, please submit [complete and submit this form](#). We will let you know within a week of receiving your request if it has been approved. A decision will be made and communicated within one week of receiving the request.

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## Get Clark Engaged!

Undergraduate student clubs at Clark, which are funded by the Clark Undergraduate Student Council, offer endless opportunities for connection, fun, advocacy, arts, culture, community, service, politics, academics, and more. Clark Engage is the online home of student clubs, events, and activities – both in person and virtual. You also will find links to different clubs' social media accounts so you can stay connected with everything going on. [Log in to Clark Engage](#) to learn more, or download the [CORQ App](#) for a complete list of clubs, organizations, and upcoming events.

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## Jazz Workshop Seeks Drummers and Brass Players

Clark's Jazz Workshop Ensemble (big band) has openings for drummers and brass players — especially lower brass and trumpets. The Ensemble rehearses every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Estabrook Hall; we are now preparing Duke Ellington's Sacred Music Suite, which we will perform with the Concert Choir in November at St. Peter's Church. Please [get in touch with Jazz Director Jerry Sabatini](#) for more information.

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## Calling All Actors: Playfest Auditions

Every other year, Clark's Theatre Arts Program presents its New Play Festival, featuring full-length plays by six student playwrights ([read about the 2019 festival](#)). The fully staged plays are performed in repertory, with three performances each. All students — including first-years and students in other majors — are welcome to audition next Monday, Sept. 13, for this year's almost 40 available roles.

[Sign up for a 5-minute audition slot »](#)

For audition sides and more information about Playfest, [email the Visual and Performing Arts Department](#).

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## Center for Counseling and Personal Growth Offers Group Sessions

The Center for Counseling and Personal Growth is located at 114 Woodland Street.

- **My Not-So-Perfect Relationships — Understanding Self and Others:** A co-ed group and safe environment where you can give and receive support and encouragement from others facing similar issues. Contact [Shawn McGuirk](#) if you are interested in joining this group, which will meet at the CPG every week for six weeks, Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m., beginning Sept. 16.
- **Mindfulness and Meditation For Students:** Come recharge and join other students at the CPG office for a guided meditation break. Come for one session — or for all of them. It is entirely up to you! Contact [Shawn McGuirk](#) if you are interested. Sessions will be every Wednesday, from 1 to 2 p.m., starting Sept. 15.
- **Student Support Network (SSN) Program:** This six-week program provides education about mental health issues, and how to support others who may be struggling with their own emotional and mental health. If you think you might be interested in participating in this informative and exciting program, please email [Shawn McGuirk](#). Sessions will be held on Wednesday, from 2 to 3 p.m., starting Sept. 15. [Learn more about the SSN program »](#)

[Read more about these and other CPG groups »](#)

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## Career Connections Center Holds Events on Tech Fields

The Career Connections Center is sponsoring two weeks of events to help you learn more about the internet, software, and technology fields.

- **Career Exploration Weeks: Internet, Software, and Technology**  
Sept. 14–24  
[Register now](#) to access the schedule and Zoom links

This two-week series will provide a deeper understanding of this growing field, and will let you explore how your career aspirations may fit within this space. Events will include:

- [ClarkTechApply.com](#) job board demo with alumnus Evan Hoffman '21
- Meetings with Clark alumni in tech roles
- Career conversations with Jenn Ottinger from BlackRock
- LandIT: Tips and Tricks on Landing an Internship in Tech, with [TIE](#)
- Rockstar Games New England session on how to build your game design portfolio



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