

The Graduate School Newsletter

Fall 2019

Welcome from the Dean of the Graduate School



To all of our new and returning graduate students, welcome to the 2019-2020 academic year! I hope you enjoy this issue of the Graduate School Newsletter. In this issue, you will find stories about notable alums and a number of updates on new opportunities/events geared toward YOU, our graduate students.

As always, you and your success are top priority here at The Graduate School, which begins with the communication that we disseminate weekly via social media and email, in addition to the newsletter's comprehensive collection of events (planned through December). If you have not yet done so, be sure to follow the Graduate School on social media (links below).

In closing, I hope that your summer was rejuvenating, if not downright restful, and that your fall semester is off to a great start. Please do not hesitate to let our staff or me know how we can improve your time here at Hood. Thank you for choosing Hood College—your talent and creativity enriches our community!

Best wishes,

April M. Boulton, Ph.D.

Dean of the Graduate School

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your good news!



It's that time again—time to brag! We are always looking for stories about the wonderful accomplishments of our students—both current and alumni. To facilitate the collection of such good news, we have a [handy online form](#) for you to use, as often as you like. Whether you just presented at a conference or received an academic award or work promotion, we want to know about it! [So what are you waiting for?](#)

GSA Corner



Welcome, Grad Students! It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the fall semester and to this amazing community. I hope we can create extraordinarily memories and experiences this semester. As we settle into the new academic year, I want to introduce myself as the new GSA President. It is an honor and a privilege to be in this exciting role. This position gives me the opportunity to stay in a constant communication with you to learn more about your needs, interests, and the different ways to make the student life less stressful and more enjoyable. The GSA's goal is to enrich the graduate student experience, so YOUR voice matters to us.

The Graduate Student Association is here to support, sustain and encourage you in this journey. We also hope to connect you with your peers through different events which will enrich your time at Hood. These events include networking, career events, social gatherings with other clubs, and many more. None of this work is possible without you, so join us! You can always email us at GSA@hood.edu whether you have any suggestions of how we can help you improve your life at Hood, or to share any concerns you may have. I am a student too, and I am committed to listening to you to communicate

your message to our administration. I will be around before evening graduate classes with coffee and snacks! Please come to say hello and share with me this time designed especially for you! To learn more, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Join and share our social media posts and help spread the word!

Laura Espinosa

President, Graduate Student Association (GSA)



- [B.A. Biology/M.S. Biomedical Science Dual-Degree Program](#)
- [B.A. Psychology/M.S. Counseling Dual-Degree Program](#)
- [B.A./M.S. Environmental Biology Dual-Degree Program](#)
- [B.A./M.S. Information Technology Dual-Degree Program](#)
- [B.A./MBA Dual-Degree Program](#)



Hunger at Hood?

Although we are all fortunate to be part of a welcoming, resource-rich campus like Hood, we know that a handful of students, especially those without a campus meal plan, struggle with food insecurity from time to time. There is a new campus initiative designed to support such students—both graduate and undergraduate. Dubbed “Hood Pantry,” this pilot program aims to provide modest food staples and hygiene items to students with temporary or long-term need via an anonymous system. If you are currently experiencing food insecurity, simply email our secure mailbox at hoodpantry@hood.edu, which Rev. O'Malley moderates, to receive additional information on requesting/receiving this support.

SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

NEW: Hood is a Smoke-Free Campus

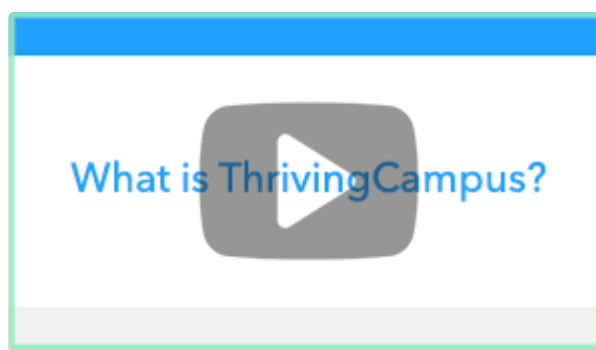
To support Hood College's Strategic Plan, Pillar III: Strengthening the Hood College Community, Objective 1 (6), and as part of continuing efforts to improve the health and well-being of the Hood College community, Hood College became a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus, as of August 1, 2019. This policy applies not only to smoking any substance, but also to the use of e-cigarettes and any form of tobacco anywhere on Hood's campus.

Where to Get Assistance with Smoking Cessation:

- MDQuit.org, info@mdquit.org 410-455-3628
- Frederick County Health Department, [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCHD/Tobacco Free](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCHD/TobaccoFree) 301-600-1755
- Frederick Memorial Hospital, Smoking Cessation Program:

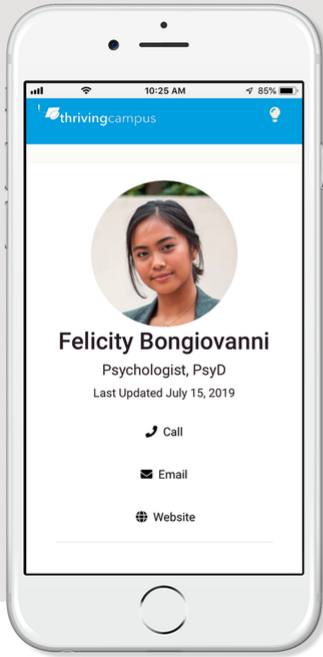
What to Expect

If you're ready to quit, Frederick Memorial Hospital and Freedom From Smoking can offer you a step-by-step process to quit for good. It is a free 6 week, 6 session program. You will work through the quit process individually, while being supported in a small group setting. To learn more, contact Shanna Cline at 240-566-3622 or kickbutts@fmh.org.



Hood Is a Thriving Campus

Access off-campus mental health care



We partner with ThrivingCampus to make it easier for you to connect with off-campus mental health care

Visit **hood.thrivingcampus.com** from your computer or mobile device

- Browse and filter providers based on your needs and preferences
- Get answers to common questions
- Reach out to community providers and connect with mental health care

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THE HOOD COLLEGE HUMANITIES COUNCIL AND
THE MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES PROGRAM

DISCOVERING THE HUMANITIES

THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Hood College will host its third annual student research conference in humanities. The conference, [“Discovering Humanities at Hood”](#) is designed to highlight the exciting work of students in humanities-related programs. The all-day conference is set for September 14th in Whitaker.

Even if you're not a student participant, all students are encouraged to attend and partake in this important exchange of ideas. For more information, contact, [Dr. Corey Campion](#), director of the [MA in Humanities](#) program and co-organizer of the conference at 301-696-3227 or campion@hood.edu.

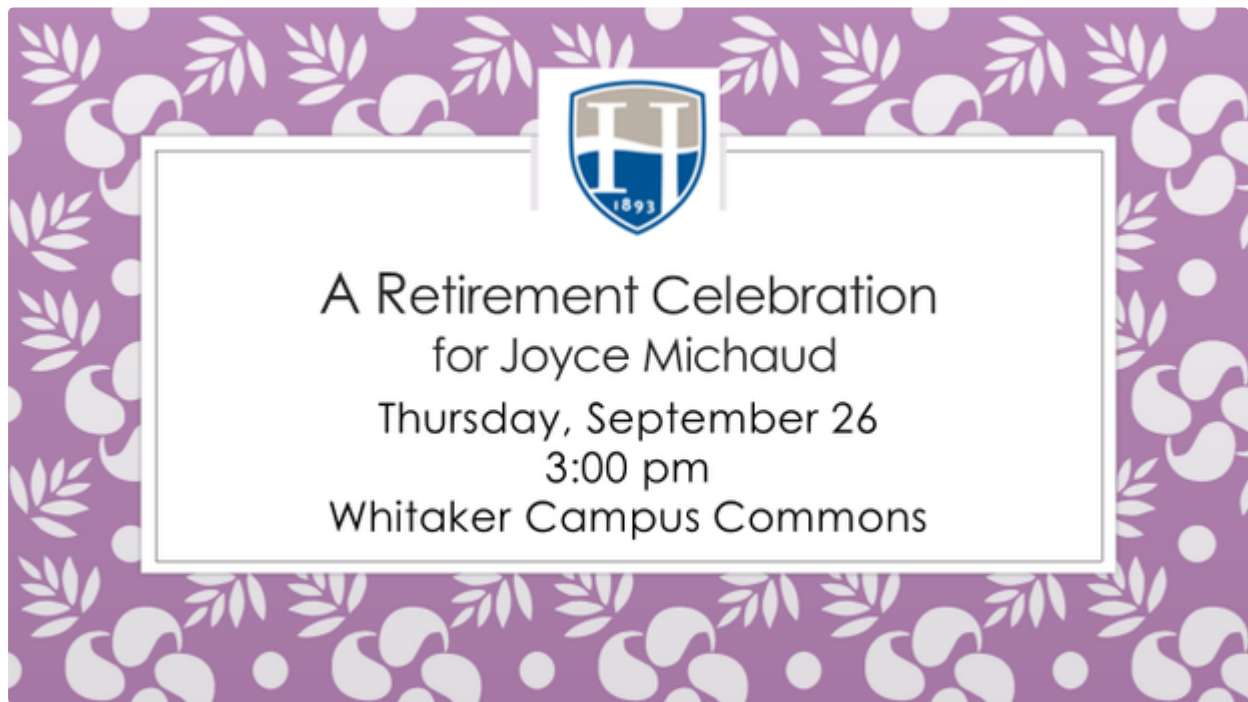
Ceramic Artist & Faculty Member: Joyce Michaud

The Legacy of a Lifetime

Joyce Michaud has been an integral part of the ceramics community locally, nationally and internationally throughout her career as an artist and educator. As the founder and longtime director of the Hood College Graduate School's [ceramics program](#), she has continued to work with, train and send out students equipped for the world of art whether they are pursuing a teaching career or the difficult, but oh-so rewarding, life of a full-time artist and maker.



A team of core instructors including Ann Hobart and Phil Berneburg worked with Joyce and the graduate students to teach a diverse and full curriculum. In addition to these instructors, there was an ever-flowing stream of visiting artists and makers, a part of the program Joyce has always been committed to, bringing in artists from the U.S. and beyond. Learning from such a diverse mixture of artists continues to be a formative experience for art and ceramics students at Hood. She will be missed by colleagues and students, alike. Join us to celebrate her career (see below).



October 3: Cotton Cybersecurity Lecture

Janet Hobbs Cotton '59 and her husband, John Cotton, have given the new cybersecurity master's program a generous gift by establishing the [Cotton Cyber Lecture Series](#), which will bring nationally and internationally recognized leaders in cybersecurity to campus to speak.

The [upcoming lecture](#) will be delivered by Melissa Hathaway, who is a leading expert in cyberspace policy and cybersecurity. She brings a multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional perspective to strategic consulting and strategy formulation for public and private sector clients, including former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Ms. Hathaway's talk is open to the public and is entitled "Cybersecurity: A National Priority." Join us in Rosenstock Hall (Hodson Auditorium) from 7-8 PM.



International Student - OPT/CPT Workshop

When

Monday, Oct. 7th, 3pm

Where

401 Rosemont Avenue Frederick, MD

More information

LeOur Primary Designated School Official ([PDSO](#)) and the [dean](#) of the Graduate School will explain the policy and procedure for securing curricular practical training ([CPT](#)) or optional practical training ([OPT](#)) on your F-1 visa in the Whitaker Campus Center 220 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. We will also have a staff member from the Career Center there to demonstrate how to use some of their search engines for locating such OPT/CPT opportunities. Please [RSVP here](#).



Hood's 9th Annual Food Day

When

Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 5:30pm

Where

401 Rosemont Avenue Frederick, MD

More information

Food Day is a nationwide celebration and a movement for healthy, affordable and sustainable food. This dinner and lecture event is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the Hood College Graduate School, Hood's Environmental Action Team (HEAT), the Center for Global Studies and the HealthyU Committee. For more information, contact April Boulton, Ph.D. at 301-696-3619 or boulton@hood.edu. [RSVP here.](#)

Alum Spotlight

Meet Alumnus Bradley Fields M.S., '19

Bradley Fields M.S., '19 has a passion for environmental conservation. He has worked in the biotech industry for 8 years and taught karate part-time while attending the [Environmental Biology Master's](#) program at Hood College in the evenings.



Brad's Hood graduate degree prepared him to make the move from biotech to the environmental sector, and he recently started a job at the [MD Dept. of Natural Resources](#) (MD DNR). Read more about Brad's success and advice [here](#).



National Depression Screening Week

When

Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 5pm

Where

401 Rosemont Avenue Frederick, MD

More information

We will have tables set up in the lobbies of all major buildings before graduate classes run this week. Stay tuned for details--participation is optional; results are confidential.

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Attend (RSVP)



Join me for dinner on October 29 in Whitaker 220 – anytime between 4:30-6:00 PM. Enjoy dinner with your peers and contribute to an ongoing conversation on strengthening graduate education here at Hood College. All are welcome, but we have limited seating. Thus, you must reserve your seat in advance [here](#).

HOOD COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL



INSTANT ADMISSION EVENT

Admission Event

When

Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 4:30pm

Where

401 Rosemont Avenue Frederick, MD

More information

Do you love Hood? If so, please share our [Instant Admission](#) event with your colleagues and friends/family with a bachelor's degree or higher. From humanities and ceramics to education, business and STEM programs, we have the degree to suit everyone! Although not part of the instant admission process, terminal doctoral, MFA and counseling degrees will also be at this event to share additional information, so encourage your network to register for this free event:

1. The [noon session](#)
2. The [4:30 PM session](#)



Graduate Women Speed Mentoring Event

When

Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7:30pm

Where

401 Rosemont Avenue Frederick, MD

More information

Join us for our second annual speed mentoring event for women in science. The Graduate School is co-sponsoring this year's event on Nov 6th from 6-8 PM in partnership with our local chapter of Graduate Women in Science (GWIS). Attendees can explore new ways to grow your network and optimize your career savvy. In addition to speed mentoring sessions, keynote topics will include: "Optimizing your LinkedIn Profile," "Salary Advocacy for Women" and "Interview Secrets." Come prepared to have a great time, whether you plan to participate, mentor or just observe. Email gofurther@hood.edu for more information.



November 14: Admission Cafe

Do you have a friend or colleague, who is ready to advance in their career? Share our online [Admission Cafe](#) event with your colleagues and friends/family with a bachelor's degree or higher. From STEM degrees to MBA and education programs, attendees can meet our admissions team and learn about the affordability and power of a Hood graduate degree at our Admission Café—a 30-minute, virtual open house during lunch hour (12:15-12:45).

International Education Week



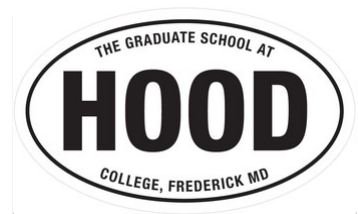
November 18-22

Join us for our inaugural [International Education Week](#), which we will kick off with a "Parade of Flags" from around the world and end with a dazzling International Festival. See the full schedule below and contact gofurther@hood.edu for more information about any of the events:

- Monday = Parade of Flags
- Tuesday = Diwali
- Wednesday = International Student Day
- Friday = International Festival

December 7-12: Grad Week

In the final weeks of the semester, we know that stress is at an all-time high. During this period, we have a tradition where Hood faculty/staff like to show their support! It's called "Grad Week." We will have a table set up in the lobby of all the major buildings before classes in the evening (and doctoral classes during lunch on Saturday). Stay tuned for more information as the semester draws to a close!







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