



Dear Colleagues,

Since 2009, the Monday Blackwell Talks have provided a forum for faculty to get feedback on developing research and innovative ideas.

This CAFE-sponsored seminar series is an informal, friendly environment where faculty present their research to colleagues who then ask questions and provide suggestions and additional ideas.

In recognition of the need to limit the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, this semester's Blackwell talk series will be entirely on Zoom.

Despite this temporary change in format, we look forward to an interesting and engaging series of talks.

Blackwell Talks are Works in Progress

Are you completing a dissertation? Have you recently completed one? Are you preparing for a conference? Submitting for a publication? Do you have research that has been left on the back-burner for too long and wish to breathe new life into it? Blackwell Talks are designed to showcase and support budding scholarship at its early stages.

Submissions are open to all faculty and staff and we look forward to considering your proposal for one of the Blackwell Scholar speaker slots.

Blackwell Scholars will receive a \$150 stipend and a certificate.

Submission Details

Send your proposal via email to Dr. Kenneth Fortino: fortinok@longwood.edu by Monday, February 7.

Proposals must include:

1. Exact title of your presentation
2. Presenter name(s) with a short biography
3. Presenter department(s)
4. Presenter email address & phone
5. Semester and Year of most recent Blackwell Talk for each presenter, if applicable

6. *Project Description*: Include a description of the subject of your presentation written for a general audience (250 word maximum).
7. *Description of Project Status*: Include a description of the current state of the project and how this project represents a work in progress that will benefit through feedback from talk attendees. You could include questions or concerns that you have about moving forward with your research project (250 words maximum).

Selected presentations will all be presented through Zoom and the presentation should last no more than 30 minutes. The discussion portion of the talk will be facilitated by a moderator. Presenters may use slides for the talk but it is not required. The audience for the Blackwell Talks will consist of your fellow scholars and colleagues from various academic areas, and the atmosphere is kept purposefully relaxed.

We encourage presenters to attend all sessions in support of their fellow Scholars.

All talks will be on Mondays from 12:00 to 12:50.

The dates of this year's talks will be:

1. February 28
2. March 14
3. March 21
4. March 28
5. April 4
6. April 11

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Kenneth Fortino (fortinok@longwood.edu) or Christopher Swanson (swansoncl@longwood.edu)

Thank you,
Blackwell Talk Committee

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