

## Mason Core Annual Report to the Faculty Senate, 2020-2021

**Committee members:** Melissa Broeckelman-Post (CHSS, co-chair), Bethany Usher (ex-officio, co-chair), Lorelei Crerar (COS), Jane Hooper (CHSS), Elizabeth Johnson (VSE), Jason Kinser (COS), Laura Poms (CHHS), Mara Schoeny (Carter School), J.P. Singh (Schar), Benjamin Steger (CVPA), Debra Stroiney (CEHD), Courtney Wooten (CHSS), Shun Ye (BUS), Shelley Reid (ex-officio, Stearns), Sheena Serslev (ex-officio, OIEP)

Program Coordinator: Krista Shires

### Courses Approved for Inclusion in the Mason Core

The Mason Graduate is an Engaged Citizen and Well-Rounded Scholar who is Prepared to Act. The Mason Core is Mason's general education program that builds the foundation for The Mason Graduate. Below are the courses approved by the Mason Core Committee from Fall 2020-Spring 2021:

#### Arts

FAVS 204: Ways of Seeing: Perception, Form and Film

FAVS 280: Writing for the Moving Image

HIST 316: History of Modern Architecture

#### CAP

ARAB 351: Media Arabic II (Spoken Media)

BAS 491: Applied Sciences Capstone

ECED 492: Internship in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure)

ECON 491: Capstone in Economics

ECON 493: Capstone Internship

ECON 495: RS: Honors Thesis in Economics

#### GU

EVPP 381: Nature and Culture in Global Wetlands

FAVS 320: Afrofuturism and Their Kin

GGG 317: Geography of China

INTS 390: International Internship

RELI 370: Judaism

SOCI 330: US Immigrants and Immigration

UNIV 381: Foundations for Building a Just Society

#### IT

AVT 110: Digital Design Studio

ELED 257: Integrating Technology in PreK-6

SYST 130: Introduction to Computing for Digital Systems Engineering

#### LIT

RELI 271: The Bible as Literature

#### NSL

BIOL 102: Introductory Biology I-Survey of Biodiversity and Ecology

BIOL 105: Introductory Biology II Laboratory  
COS 301: Great Ideas in Science

#### NSNL

ASTR 303: Black Holes  
BIOL 103: Introductory Biology II-Survey of Cell and Molecular Biology

#### SBS

ANTH 121: People of the Earth: Humanity's First Five Million Years  
GGG 301: Political Geography  
LING 100: Human Language  
SOC 308: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World  
SOC 360: Youth Culture and Society  
SOC 371: The Individual and Society  
SOCW 200: Introduction to Social Work

#### SYNTH

COS 310: Introduction to Science Policy

### Fall 2020 Mason Core Awards

The faculty below have been recognized by students for being outstanding Mason Core courses in *Fall 2020*. Their courses scored above 4.75 out of 5 on the element “My Overall Rating of Teaching” from the Student Ratings of Instruction. We know there are many ways to measure a course’s quality and impact, but this evaluation highlights the value we place on student’s perception of teaching in the Mason Core. Excellent teaching isn’t easy, especially given all the pandemic-related disruptions of the past year, and we wanted to recognize their efforts. Please join us in thanking these faculty for their commitment to teaching.

Alkassim, Samirah	Farrell, Peter	LaCharite, Kerri	Rioux-Bailey, Carmen
Allen, Elizabeth	Fernandez Davila, Jorge	LaDue, Chase	Rodriguez, Jessica
Alman, Elizabeth	Fernandez, Lourdes	Laemmerzahn, Arndt	Rosenfeld, Christine
Anzalone, Christopher	Fitzpatrick, Brian	Larson, Eric	Ross, Eric
Artz, Brianna	Flanagan, Kevin	Lauer, Anne	Rudnicki, Mark
Auld, Eric	Folan, Kerry	Lawrence, Susan	Salter, Samantha
Austin, Leila	Foltz, Karen	Lebovic, Samuel	Samuelian, Kristin
Azar, Tawnya	Fondufe, Gwendolyne	Lee, Gyu Tag	Santiago, Maillim
Balakian, Sophia	Foote, Beth	Lee, JoAnn	Sargent, Sandra
Banales, Jorge	Ford, Meggan	Legnini, Jessica	Satyapal, Shobita
Barajas, Angela	Fox, Donna	Lenon, Bryce	Savage, James
Barnes, Steven	Francis, Simonne	Lessard-Pilon, Stephanie	Scarlata, Jessica
Barnes, Zachary	Freeman, Elizabeth	Lewis, Gwendolyn	Schreiner, Sylvia
Barranco, Michael	Frye, Samuel	Li, Man	Schulman, Vanessa
Bartlett, James	Fuertes, Al	Liberatore, Stephanie	Schwager, Lane
Basch, Rebecca	Gandal, Abdallah	Lister, Lisa	Schwartzman, Emma
Beach, Wade	Ganus, Amanda	Lukyanenko, Cynthia	Selove, Nathan
Bean, Amanda	Gardner, Gregory	Madden, Charles	Shadur, Julia
Belle, Gabriele	Garrettson, Charles	Mandable, Lori	Sherwood, Josephine

Benson, Elizabeth	Geldon, Fred	Mangold, Matthew	Shuvo, Onic Islam
Bizri, Zayna	Gero, Edward	Manski, Benjamin	Sinnett, Ian
Blakley, Robert	Ghafoerkhan, Olivia	Manuel-Scott, Wendi	Slavin, Margaret
Bogino, Troy	Gilmore, Michael	Maskell, Shayna	Smith, Ricky
Bondok, Doaa	Goldenthal, Ariel	Massie, Courtney	Sorvillo, Sheri
Booth, Aaron	Goransson, Jennifer	Mathews, Austin	Spatz, Elizabeth
Borth, Amanda	Graham, Robert	McDole, Ayondela	Srikantia, Jessica
Brewster, Whitney	Gray, Richard	McDonald, Kayla	Stablow, Benjamin
Bristol, Joan	Gregg, Christopher	McNeil, James	Storelli, Elizangela
Broubalow, Justin	Grieco, Christina	Meddis, Saverio	Streckfus-Green, Heather
Bruce, Melissa	Griswold, Jeffrey	Messier, Jennifer	Streckfus-Green, Peter
Bruhn, Jared	Grosche McKean, Julie	Michiels, Paul	Stryker, Kimberly
Buecheler, James	Guerin, Larry	Miller, Marcus	Sumrall, Leah
Buitrago, Rachel	Guglielmi, Helen	Momen, Ali	Suresh, Pavithra
Burmeister, Steven	Gunderson, Jaimie	Mousa, Luma	Sweet, Colleen
Burns, Carla	Gussow, Kristine	Mungai, Wambui	Taciuch, Dean
Calderon, Susan	Harrington, Erika	Murdoch, Erin	Tadayon, Armin
Campbell, Eryn	Herin, Greta Ann	Narayanan, Vivek	Taft, James
Carr, Kelly	Higginbotham, Keith	Nelson, Margot	Tassell, David
Carton, Benedict	Hine, Scott	Newmark, Lisa	Tayac, Gabrielle
Catona, Danielle	Hingle, Aayushi	Ngac, Brian	Taylor, Eugene
Cevasco, Virginia	Ho, Angela	Nowinski, Matthew	Thapa Magar, Nishchal
Chen, Ann	Holcomb, Julia	Nusbaumer, Nicholas	Thompson, Kenneth
Cheney, Eleanor	Hook, Gail	Oberle, George	Thrasher, Andrew
Cherry, Lucas	Hopson, Mark	O'Brien, Charlene	Todd, Haley
Chilin, Linda	Howard, Susan	O'Connor, Parker	Tuckerman, Samantha
Chism, Carlos	Hoy, Virginia	Olson, Kristina	Turner, John
Choi, Jane	Imbody, Robert	Orr, Jennifer	Tuszynska, Emily
Cidade, Melissa	Janis, Mimsi	Orr, Margaret	Uhen, Mark
Clark, Jamie	Jing, Hao	Otusanya, Ayodeji	Uppalapati, Sri Saahitya
Clark, Lori	Johnsen-Neshati, Kristin	Patrick, Sondra	Urbansky, Melissa
Clements, Christopher	Johnson, Elizabeth	Paul, Elizabeth	Verardo, Stacey
Colchao, James	Johri, Aditya	Perry, George	Vesely, Colleen
Cole, Catherine	Jones, Donald	Peterson, Andrew	Victor, Jennifer
Correa-Cabrera, Guadalupe	Jones, Rebecca	Pettibon, Audrey	Villanueva, Hollie
Corso, Carol	Kapfer, Michael	Pettit, Robert	Villarroel, Alejandro
Cushner, Steven	Keener, Kayla	Pieper, Kelly	Vivancos-Perez, Ricardo
D'Arcy, Shaun	Keeney, Katherine	Pierce, Robert	Wakefield, Mariah
Defazio, Albert	Kehoe, Melissa	Pigneri, Dominic	Walter, John
Don, Michael	Kennedy, Setarra	Plakas, James	Ward, Ian
Drake, Gail	Kierner, Cynthia	Plotnick, Jeremy	Weingartner, Joseph
Drake, Marta	Kifer, Jason	Poapst, Jacquelyn	West, Matthew
Dreyfus, Benjamin	Kim, Albert	Poshka, Vjosa	White, Andrew
Drolet, Claude	King, Nicholas	Quiles, Brandon	White, Dominic
Dungan, Caitlin	King, Sara	Rabin, Lisa	Williams, Jasmine

Durgun, Basak  
Dutta, Nilanjana  
Econa, Dominika  
El-Hibri, Hatim  
Elzey, Christopher  
Engbretson, Stanley  
Farinelli, Sarah

Kleinendorst, Robert  
Koch, Lisa  
Kocur, John  
Krell, Misty  
Kroon, John  
Kulkarni, Ajay  
Kurtay, Pelin

Radcliffe, Jeffrey  
Redelsheimer, Kimberly  
Reid, E  
Repinecz, Jonathon  
Richard, David  
Rickless, Sarah  
Riddick, Breonna

Williamson, Jacquelyn  
Wrigglesworth, Alice  
Yamanaka, Aoi  
Yi, Robert  
Yoder, Andrew  
Yoo, Hei  
Young, DaSean  
Zhang, Karl  
Zhang, Xinyi

**Annual Faculty Senate Evaluation of the President/Provost  
Mason Core Committee**

**1. During the past calendar year has the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President (or their respective offices) announced initiatives or goals or acted upon issues that fall under the charge of your Committee? If so, was your Committee consulted by the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President in a timely manner before the announcement or action? If not, do you believe your Committee should have been consulted? Would it have been helpful to have had the input of your Committee from the outset?**

N/A

**2. Did your Committee seek information or input from the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President or members of their staffs? If so, did they respond adequately and in a timely manner?**

Dr. Bethany Usher, the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, is a member of and facilitates the work of the Mason Core Committee, and she was a liaison between the committee and the Provost and President, when needed. Because she was a part of every meeting, she was able to actively participate in our work and conversations throughout the year, and her office provided significant administrative support to the committee.

**3. Please suggest how you believe the President, Provost, Senior Vice President and/or their staffs might more effectively interact with your Committee in the future, if necessary.**

Dr. Usher has been working with the committee to continue to push to make this a faculty-driven and faculty-owned process, and that's a shift that we would like to see continue. There will also be intersections between this committee and the work of the ARIE task force as we move forward, and we look forward to those upcoming collaborations.

**4. Please relate any additional information you may have regarding interactions between your Committee and the President, Provost, Senior Vice President, or their staff.**

N/A