



2015-16 XD@GW University Seminars

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Teams of faculty are awarded funding from the office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs to promote cross-disciplinary dialogue and stimulate innovation and collaboration at GWU. The 2015-16 University Seminars topics and principal leaders are as follows.

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Seminar	Description	Primary Convener
Arts and Mental Health	The University Seminar on the Arts and Mental Health will convene to discuss and conduct collaborative research on mental health issues throughout the Washington, DC, metro area through methodologies of arts therapies and creative rehabilitation.	Jodi Kanter
Forecasting	The University Seminar on Forecasting leverages the expertise of the members of our Research Program on Forecasting, our location, and our large network, to further GW's position of international influence in forecasting in a range of fields including economics, statistics, public policy, geography, geology, and demography.	Tara Sinclair
Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Through meeting with stakeholders including students and discussing relevant literature on how to design entrepreneurship programs, the purpose of the above activities is to move toward the creation of an undergraduate interdisciplinary minor in innovation and entrepreneurship.	George Solomon

Global Human Rights and the New Forensic Science	This seminar explores the evolving new roles Forensic Science plays in strife-torn regions around the globe, assisting in human rights investigations, enabling humanitarian assistance, and being part of a region's post-conflict repair process.	Sarah Wagner, Victor Weedn
Health Workforce	This Seminar explores solutions to fill the gap between the need for health care personnel and the number of people entering the field. The topic is a vital one, since the health care industry comprises one sixth of the U.S. economy.	Patricia Pittman, Emily Bass, Merle Cunningham
Internet Freedom	The University Seminar on Emerging Issues in Internet Freedom and Governance addresses interrelated areas of international Internet policy that are prominent in public and scholarly debate. We focus on issues at the intersection between technology, the private-public nexus, and the vitality of the public sphere and in particular on tensions between freedom and security, privacy and publicity, and commercial development and the public good.	Susan Aaronson, Arturo Carrillo, Lance Hoffman, Dawn Nunziato, William Youmans,
Interprofessional Health Care Education	This seminar creates a learning community around best practices for promoting interprofessional collaboration in healthcare. Topics include simulation in health care education, telehealth technology for graduate health professional education, use of asynchronous multimedia learning modules that incorporate case studies and innovative models that promote of interprofessional teamwork, and more.	Majeda El-Banna, Christine Pintz, Joyce Pulcini
Mental Well-Being	This seminar brings multiple points of view to the complex topic of defining and promoting mental well-being. Scholars and practitioners from fields like psychoanalysis, clinical psychology, psychiatry, neuroscience, neuropharmacology, public policy, philosophy, disabilities studies, history, law, and literature must be brought into conversation with each other.	Tad Zawidzki, Paul Marvar
mHealth	This University Seminar series will explore challenges and opportunities around the integration of mHealth into health systems for disease prevention and management. While there are many patient-facing apps, few of these have been integrated into health systems and challenges for doing so are numerous. Topics of interest include mHealth and health behavior change, mHealth and patient-discharge health education, mhealth and disease management, mhealth and EHR integration, text messaging in health systems for patient care and	Lorien Abrams, Richard Katz

	engagement, and cyber security and privacy.	
Nuclear Energy & Public Engagement	This Seminar brings together GW faculty with expertise in a variety of disciplines related to nuclear energy to explore the public engagement dimension of nuclear policy, and identify common areas of interest. Nuclear energy—a source of both carbon-free electricity and potential destructive power—occupies a unique place in the fields of science, public policy, and law.	Emily Hammond, Allison Macfarlane
Policy Labs	The Policy Lab University Seminar is designed to build interest and momentum toward the goal of institutionalizing policy labs-related research and curricula at George Washington University. Members in the Seminar cooperate with the District of Columbia to conduct large-scale randomized controlled trials (RCT) of promising policy ideas, while putting George Washington University at the forefront of scientifically-informed democratic policy-making.	Donald Braman, Pierre Vigilance
Sustainability: Workshops on Food, Water, Urban Living, Energy and Climate	This Seminar hosts sustainability workshops to build faculty research communities in the following four areas: Food and Nutrition, Water Quality and Quantity; Urban Sustainability; and Climate and Energy. These interdisciplinary workshops will engage faculty from across the University who have expertise in or related to the topic area. They will be designed to expose our faculty to new ideas related to topic, identify issues in which GWU has particular expertise, and build teams in each of the four topic areas who could focus on grant opportunities related to GWU’s unique capabilities, and support efforts to compete for research funding	Lee Paddock