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THREADS

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Keep sending those book recommendations

We will have a section all summer with book recommendations. Please send them to provost@radford.edu and we will include them in Threads!

Student Connection Programs is excited to officially transition to Student Transitions and Orientation at Radford University. This name change more clearly reflects the office's mission and evolving role in supporting students through key transition experiences including Quest Orientation, UNIV 100/RADF 101, Living Learning Programs, and the broader transition to Radford University life. The updated name better aligns with the office's commitment to student belonging, academic engagement, persistence, and successful transitions. While the name is changing, the office's dedication to creating welcoming, supportive, and connected experiences for Highlanders remains stronger than ever!



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Waldron College of Health
and Human Services



Associate Professor, Jenny Hall (PHHL), and Assistant Professor, Sarah Knoeckel (Nursing) partnered to present a 75-minute breakout continuing education session on "Managing Tick-borne Illnesses in Primary Care" at the Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners' annual conference in Reston, Virginia, on 3/20. In addition, in April, the pair presented results from their pilot study, which they conducted last summer on delivering a continuing education presentation for primary care providers in Southwest Virginia, at both the Waldron College Interprofessional Symposium and Carilion Research Day (*Evaluating a One Health-Informed, Geographically Tailored Interprofessional Education Presentation to Improve Clinical Detection and Management of Tick-borne Diseases in Southwest Virginia*).

The **11th Annual Waldron College Interprofessional Symposium** was held at the Artis Center from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm on April 9th. The event featured 92 presentations (posters, roundtables, and workshops) and welcomed **over 300 participants from 6 Colleges, VCOM, and the VTC School of Medicine**. Dr. Sarah Parker, Chair of Health Systems and Implementation Science at Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, provided an inspiring and memorable keynote to kick the off the event.



Professor works to address growing impact of tick-borne diseases in the region



By Natalie Francis
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PHHL Associate Professor, Jenny Hall, was active in regional media late March to early May, with an article in Cardinal News (3/30), three TV appearances on WFXR (4/24), WSLS (4/28), and WDBJ7 (5/4 on the Here @ Home Show), and two issues of Highlanders in the News (4/23 and 4/27).



University Libraries: Campus Authors Collections

During spring semester, the University Libraries honored Radford University authors at our annual author receptions where we recognized their hard work. These are celebrations of all types of publishing from music to articles, and books.

McConnell Library has a [Radford Authors Collection](#), located in the Reading Room between the entrance and exit doors. The RUC Library has a [guide to RUC Faculty Authors](#) and many of our RUC Authors titles can be seen [here](#). Materials from both collections are available for checkout at either library location.

We are happy to celebrate future publications. If you have something in the works or have already published something in 2026, look for a future invitation to tell us about your work!

Learn more about 2025 authors

Highlander Center for Character and Public Impact

Be a character leader! Are you interested in incorporating character into courses, curricula, or academic activities? Share your passions with colleagues as a Highlander Center for Character and Public Impact Fellow! Variable grant-funded stipends are available.

Faculty Fellows will promote multidisciplinary academic activities and collaboration in advancing character education and public impact at Radford University by:

- Advancing the work of the Center in their College or the University via workshops, reading groups, teaching squares, research circles, assessment planning, or other collaborative activities
- Attending monthly check-ins with the Center director and other fellows
- Participating in relevant Center activities

Work in character and public impact could include things like:

- Professional identity in disciplines (such as exploring empathy in healthcare settings, justice and equity in corporate leadership, moral courage in educational institutions, or human flourishing in politics or planning).
- Character traits for neighborliness, citizenship, or civic engagement
- Human flourishing
- How character overlaps with career competencies and vocation
- Social and/or ecological community resilience
- Community and/or place-based pedagogy
- Wicked problems approaches to teaching
- Assessing character, flourishing, or public impact

Note that compensation depends on an individual TR faculty member's eligibility per the 2025 Supplemental Pay Policy, which can be found on the University's policies webpage. This is a rolling deadline; applicants can apply by sending a short description (or inquiry) to hkeith1@radford.edu.

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