



Spring 2025 Wicked Festival Detailed Program

Organized by Course/Program Prefix, then Course Number,
then Professor's Surname

Citizen Leader || Dr. Jean Mistele

- 5-43 Omicron Delta Kappa: Whiskers and Wellness: The Need for a Third Space by Janette Celestino Benito, Marisa Sigrist, Samantha Nowels (Jessica Groft and Madeline Miller assisted with research).
- 6-43 Administration's Attack towards Federal Funding for Nursing Homes by Blake Greenway

ECON 340: Global Economy and Business || Dr. Jennifer Elias

- 6-59 Finding Nemo – if there is any left: The Economics of Overfishing by David Ajayi, Romy Polanah Kehlenbeck, Markus Showalter
- 5-6 Sustainable Solutions to World Hunger by Gabriella Assadi, Christopher Gentiluomo
- 6-7 Poultry in Motion: How Bird Flu Ruffles Food Prices by Lane Chrepta
- 5-33 How to Feed AI: An Energy Crisis for the Future by Benjamin Goldfeder
- 6-33 Mitigating the Impact of Declining Birth Rates on the Labor Market by Stephen Ingram, Callisto Lambert, Kaitlyn O'Shaughnessy
- 5-52 How Cryptocurrency can help Mitigate Future Financial Crises by Ryan So, Ryan Swanberry
- 6-56 Logging and Habitat Loss by Griffin Marsans, Michael Mitchell, Adam Strassle
- 6-4 Low-Cost Access to Healthcare for Women by Camille de Boer, Alahna Major
- 5-35 From Bubbles to Blockchains: Can Crypto Prevent Financial Crises? by Parker Hallinan, AJ Hillert, Jordan Pope, Charlie Winfree

- 5-13 Pandemic-Proofing the Economy: Policies for a Resilient Future by Chana King, Georgia Stuckey, Grace Wood
- 5-48 Living Large or Paying Large: Relative Housing Costs Across the Globe by Reese Guth, Dominic Lamb
- 6-3 Planet Over Profit: How Private Water Ownership, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Corporate Inaction Fuel the Severity of Natural Disasters by Kara Bilis

ENGL 306 Professional Writing II Professor Jessica Mattox

- 6-38 Sports Betting: The Current Crisis to Youth of America by Brady Powell, Braxton Zirkle, Daniel Roop
- 5-34 Housing Market Changes from 2015 to 2025 by Kellan Crist, Camari Sheppard, Aidan Barker
- 6-5 Substance Abuse at Radford University—It's Time for Change by Madison Simpson, Yamna Morales-Chavez, Andrew Neely
- 5-8 Teenage Pregnancy: Awareness, Prevention, and Consequences by Shannon Dunsmore, Emma Anderson, Mikayla Jarrell
- 6-51 The Future of Work and Employee Satisfaction by Ryan Katz, Peyton Linkous, Bryant Suarez
- 5-20 Gender Equality for Women by Olivia Wishert, Courtney Smith, Trinity Allison
- 6-29 Addressing the Ethical Bounds of Artificial Intelligence by Roe Elzey, Alan Rodriguez-Rosas, Abigail Woods, Camden Phillips
- 5-45 Radford's Rocky Road to Affordable Healthcare by Brianna Harmon, Elisjsha Wade, Janiya Westray
- 6-11 The Rehabilitation of Prisoners in Virginia's Justice System by Steven Suarez, Maxwell Wiltse, Tucker Entsminger
- 5-55 Mental Health and Budgeting by Parker Duval; Brenston Furr, Jr.; Kaiden Saffer
- 6-24 The Homelessness Dilemma—Is Housing a Human Right? Addressing Long-Term Solutions by Rachel Muller, Kaden Rickman, Rayhan Ortega

HNRS 310 Beyond Wicked Problems: Hope Into Action II Dr. Laird Christensen

- Dr. Christensen's upper-level Honors class is sharing its semester project on "Creating a Food System Feedback Process." Please go to Artis 312. Presenting students include: Kendall Kennedy, Brenna Cooper, Abigail Dillon, Isaiah Kigwe, Ellie Mathenia, Lily McConkey, Kylie Minter, Kathryn Saunders, Mikayla St. Sing, Olivia Stroud.

INST 490: International Studies Capstone: Senior Seminar on Sustainable Devt II Dr. Tay Keong Tan

- 5-5 The Immigration Crisis in America: Massive Deportation, Border Lockdowns, Ending of Birthright Citizenship by Christiana Davis, Jason Cisneros Alberto
- 5-41 Sportswashing: Autocrats Hosting High-profile Global Tournaments to Bolster Their Image by McKinleigh Williams, Hannah Thompson
- 6-17 The Global AI Arms Race by Michael Tariku, Salo Mansaray
- 6-10 Greenland: Trump's Bid to Purchase the Sovereign Territory from Denmark by Caroline Sapp, Erin Torres
- 5-57 Speculative Bubbles and Fraud in the Crypto-Markets by Jonathan Arhin, Cole Pritchett

- 5-28 The Threat of AI to Literary and Artistic Professions by Ryan Young, Fletcher Mutert
- 6-41 The Regulation of Autonomous Vehicles by Ashton Ennis, Joey Desantis
- 6-14 Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena! by Meraiah Cavazos, Waitta Jarso Wottango
- 5-36 Trafficking of Endangered Species by Dylan Huneycutt, Joey Barron
- 6-26 Factory Farms: The Growth of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations by Zach Sillah, Cayden Guinther
- 5-54 AI-induced Job Loss and Displacement of Workers by Ayub Shemson, Nathaniel Kromkowski
- 6-54 Oligarchy: The Growing Power of Billionaire Tech Entrepreneurs in American Politics by Katherine Eberhardt, Nick Heinchon
- 6-52 The Dark Net: Ungoverned Platform for Illicit Content, Trafficking and Terrorist Financing by Ricky Farrell, Owen Lindsay

MKTG 101: Creativity and Innovation || Dr. Luke Liska

- 5-12 How might we ensure ethical and sustainable practices in space colonization by Jack Fillius, Sofia Marvin
- 6-16 How might we help individuals enhance their happiness through small, meaningful changes by Aisha Alas, Mackenzie Ferman, Anthony Gray
- 6-8 How might we make technology replacement parts and guides more accessible by Nathan Sallee, Daniel Bankole, Evan Martin, Isaiah Moore
- 5-39 How might we better meet diverse dietary needs and preferences at Radford University by Jacob Arnold, Nashiem Gregory, Scottie Hutchison, Kahliah Parham
- 5-16 How might we create a more affordable college experience for students while ensuring fair compensation for collegiate workers by Drew Weber, Kevin HabibelaHy, Lacey Banks, Michael (Braden) Patton, Nyree Frazier
- 6-25 How might we make distracted driving education more engaging and memorable for young drivers by Brady Sorokowski, Robert Patterson, Anna June Brown, Gabrielle Parton, Kareem Muhayman, Julia Franco
- 5-37 How might we make Radford a safer place for pets and their owners by Salma Nagila, Carson Crawford, Natalie Mitchell, Jaylin Aviles
- 6-20 How might we create sustainable solutions that improve both physical and mental health outcomes for individuals in poverty by Claire Taylor, Madelyn Parks, Jeremiah Mills
- 5-58 How might we prevent the euthanasia of animals in no-kill shelters by Wyatt Gean
- 6-45 How might we reduce coral reef pollution by Abigail Harrington, Sierra Spencer, Mackenzie Richardson
- 5-44 How might we make dental care more accessible for those who need it by Maggie Fields, Kaden Hall, Skyler Robertson
- 6-12 How might we improve the parking experience at Radford University to reduce congestion, increase convenience, and ensure fair access for all students, faculty, and visitors by Dylan Dampeer, Ethan Sherman, Cate Carlson, Sam Capps
- 5-30 How might we ensure that Radford citizens and students have access to healthy meals by Christopher Wilson, Kouso Bennett, DeShayla Williams
- 6-44 How might we help new college students overcome social anxiety by Abigail Adams, Alexis White, Olivia Swortzel

- 5-7 How might Radford University improve nutritious food options on campus by Rylee Sloss, Kimberly Teos, Kaibryn Mandell
- 6-1 How might we enhance our own nutrition for a better lifestyle by Anna Hall, Greta Cline, Cora Ciarcia
- 6-9 How might we reduce the accessibility and misuse of stimulants among college students by Brady Kiser, Tommy Beddow, Lola Lucero, Carson Leonard, Ryan Moats

PHIL 115: Wicked Problems || Dr. Meg Konkel

- 5-9 Combat to Community: Reimagining the Mental Health Journey for Veterans by Reagan Adams, Ethan Mathena, Teddy Sowder
- 5-40 Mindful Beginnings: Reinventing K-12 Education to Promote Youth Mental Wellbeing by Eri Brown, Liv Ewing, Keriann Kleinhenz
- 6-18 Beyond the Bin: Rethinking Single-Use Habits for a Sustainable Future by Carly Dixon, Johnnie Fakunle, Gwyn Wilson
- 6-49 The Biodiversity Balancing Act: Deforestation, Afforestation, and Sustainable Forest Management by Adyson Meredith, Kelleigh Messick, Trinity Roberts

PHIL 115: Wicked Problems || Dr. Katy Shepard (Classes will present in 3rd floor classrooms, 311 and 301)

- Air Pollution: Public Awareness and Solution by Pearl Bailey
- School Funding: Unequal School Funding in Virginia by Abigail Smith
- "Inhale the Truth: Say No to Vaping" by Bays Bryant, Kyla Coffey, Kaye-Marie Kerr, Joshua Rosario
- The Impact of Food Deserts on Health and Communities by Amelia Terry
- Filling the Plate: Overcoming Food Insecurity in Impoverished Communities by Forrest McConnell
- Performing Under Pressure: Unmasking the Mental Health Struggles of College Athletes by Ava Kertgate
- Poverty in Nigeria: Empty Hands by Daniel Bankole
- The Effects Of The Internet On Young Minds by William Hitt
- Should the Death Penalty be Abolished? by Shalynn Viers, Meadow Davis
- Mental Health in Collegiate and Professional Sports by Emily Macinnis, Mia Porter
- Masculinity in America by Addison Smawley, Jackson Foldes
- Health Access without Boundaries by Alexa Argueta, Sophie Lilienthal, Kaydian Peyton, Maliyah Rivers
- Our Duty or Our Doom?: Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty by Grace Martin, Makaleigh Peters
- Mental Health Accessibility and Treatment by Gissele Rivera Cedillo, Reighley Tunstall, Aaliyah Wilkinson
- Transgender Individuals in Sports, What is Ethical? by Matt Whiteman
- Fast Fashion: Turning Waste into Wear by Kendall Mayes
- Deportation by Amy Aguilar-Lopez
- Abortion Rights by Aaliyah Clark
- Beyond the Fabric: Fast Fashion's Exploitation of Marginalized Communities and the Media's Role in Accelerating Consumption by Carly O'Leary
- Greed and Pride in Healthcare by Walden Baxter, Madison Doremus

- Brainstorming the Dreams We Create by Dahiana De La Rosa
- Videogame Violence by Michael Edwards
- Men's Mental Health Crisis by Katherine Falvey, Sydney Webb
- Eco or Ego? Understanding the Impact of Greenwashing by Alexandra Barragan
- More Than Comfort: Why Equitable Abortion Access Is Important For All Ages by Gabriel Amiryar



PHIL 213: Critical Reasoning and Argumentation || Dr. Heather Keith

"Conversation Corners," hosted by students in PHIL 213 Critical Reasoning and Argumentation, are designed to facilitate productive and civil discussions about difficult issues. Participants will learn about guidelines for listening to others and developing their own perspectives, and then thoughtfully engage in dialogue about important issues with others across ideas and ideologies. The wicked problem our class is addressing is uncivil discourse and political polarization. Conversation Corner posters will be marked by flags.

- 5-47 Conversation Corner: Nationalized Healthcare, by Amaya Adjetey-Hubbard, Danny Aguilar, Dominic Bourgeois, Jae Horst, and Matthew Seymour
- 6-28 Conversation Corner: College Affordability, by Gracie Howard, Gianna Brown, Brady Kiser, and Raiden Alston
- 6-57 Conversation Corner: Rehabilitation Methods in the Prison System, by Andy Newman, Ethan Mollyhorn, Maddox Umholtz, Rickayla Taylor, and Shea Smith.
- 5-31 Conversation Corner: Free School Lunches, by Chase Fellman, Eric Webster, Josh Shimp, Reese Copperidge, and Sammy Shriver
- 6-39 Conversation Corner: Gun Violence, by Ashley Rollick, Cameron Morris, David Lee, Kimberly Lucero, and Morgan Oakley
- 5-49 Conversation Corner: Second Amendment Rights and Gun Regulation, by Adam Rowell, Alexa Parisi, Cheyenne Pruitt, and Daniel Russo
- 6-55 Conversation Corner: Physician Assisted Suicide, by Bryan Pomerantz, Calista Orr, Charles Winfree, Danielle Hargrove, and Zachary Puchalik
- 5-25 Conversation Corner: Abortion Rights and Legality, by Cora Ciarcia, Delgado Hicks, Jada Davis, Mariana Fernandez, and Rhodrick Camacho
- 5-59 Conversation Corner: Animal Rights, by Hannah Foster, Jalen Booker, Jayden Hodson, Nathan Windsor, and Tyler Burdette

POSC 111: Big Questions in Political Science || Dr. Stephen M. Joyce

- 5-14 Campaign Finance Reform by Daniel Murry, Thomas York
- 5-3 Electoral College Reform by Nardo Derilus, Lena Borges
- 6-21 Median Income Salaries for Members of Congress by Parker Cox, Charles Blanchard
- 6-35 Multimember Districts by Joshua Carter, Rylee Lyons
- 5-32 Increasing the Size of the House of Representatives by Gabriel Heaton, Michael Holland
- 6-19 Congressional Term Limits by Jackson Nicodemus, Christopher Henderson

POSC 180: Art and Science of Leadership || Dr. Chapman Rackaway

- 5-22 Field2Fork - Empowering local economies, and supporting the environment; all in an app by Graham Smith
- 6-22 Does U.S Foreign Aid Spending in Africa Help U.S Interests? By Jakob Genest, Aiden Chamblin, and Nathaniel Sullins
- 5-42 Affordable Housing in the NRV by Tee Reed, Jacob Crewell, and Eduardo Blanchard
- 6-32 School Shootings by Tyler Carl, Taryn Roberts, and Will Avalos
- 6-58 Is AI taking over human jobs by Vincent Petrino, Sara Frink, and Jamie Williams
- 5-23 Instability in Foster Care by Madison Cupp, Britney Lainez-Paz, and Brandon Englen
- 5-56 ClearMind: Ending Hazing Together by Tomas Rivera, Liliana Cordero, and Sarah Seagraves
- 5-2 Nowhere to Stay: Families Struggling in Radford's Badly Conditioned Hotels by Anthony Hall, Jusdes Turner, and Markus Showalter
- 5-18 The Drug Crisis in Appalachian Communities by Hunter Taylor, Wyatt Taylor, and Gabe Heaton
- 5-60 Why the Job Market Is So Tough for New College Graduates by Teresa Frasch and Gabriel Yates
- 6-60 Dual-use Chemicals and Chemical Weapons by Michael Lester

POSC 350: US Foreign Policy || Dr. Paige Tan

- 5-21 How Do We Stop the Drug Cartels? by Trista Alley, Tyler Carl
- 6-30 Shadow Wars: The Defense against Digital Terror by Kat Falvey, Aiyana Lopez, Abigail Stuckey
- 6-46 Economic Empires: How the United States Can Handle Chinese Technological Advancements in the Race for Economic Dominance by Jalyn Waller, Jonas Miller
- 5-51 How Can the United States Deal with China's Technology Challenge by Lee Smith, Olivia Ross
- 6-50 Using Foreign Policy to Counter Illegal Immigration by Aidan Desmond, Daniel Nottingham
- 5-53 Haiti's Human Rights Crisis by Jack Fishman, Rose Guillaume
- 6-36 Syrian Refugee Crisis: Are There Bridges Back Home? by Jae Horst, Haileigh Osborne
- 6-31 War Crimes in Ukraine by Will Avalos, Prestyn Akers
- 6-37 Ending the Ukraine War by Gareth Phillips, Merca Shelton
- 6-2 How Can the United States Denuclearize North Korea? by Michael DeVall, Troy Palmer
- 5-11 Addressing the Current Situation in Syria through US Foreign Policy by Erin Torres, Devin VanDyke, Maggie Fulk
- 5-38 Deterring China from Attacking Taiwan by Alivia Turner, Ebony Muse, Abigail England
- 6-13 Combating Fentanyl by Tomas Rivera, Bryce Woodfin
- 6-53 Advancing US Economy using Foreign Policy by Samantha Nowels, Beatrice Souza

POSC 410: Leadership Capstone, Senior Seminar on Demystifying Leadership || Dr. Tay Keong Tan

- 5-29 Undocumented Workers and Mass Deportation in America by Daniel Nottingham, Aidan Desmond
- 5-17 The Epidemic of Isolation and Anxiety in America by Sela Beatty, Rachael Bruce
- 5-15 Falling Vaccination Rates and Vaccine Exemptions in America by Jae Horst, Troy Palmer
- 6-42 Unaffordable Housing in America by Ambrea Pineda, Alexis Tjader

- 5-4 The War on Science in America by Aiyana Lopez, Prestyn Akers
- 5-19 The Online Gambling Epidemic by Samuel Friedman, Katelyn Diaz
- 5-50 Sexual Violence Against Women and Children by Katherine Falvey, Randi Dillow
- 6-47 Artificial Intelligence and Job Security in America by Tom Allen, Jack Campbell
- 6-15 AI Companions and their Impact on Teens and Minors by Sophie Crawford, Sarah Showalter
- 6-23 Human Trafficking by Kennedy Cole, Jenna Slepetz
- 5-27 Gun Violence in Schools by Beatrice Souza, Gareth Phillips
- 6-6 America's Rising Healthcare Costs and its Fiscal Future by Abigail England, Baron Schultheis

POSC 490: Seminar on Dictators and Dictatorships || Dr. Paige Tan

- 6-40 Taking down a Dictator: Venezuela by Riley Johnson
- 5-26 Taking down a Dictator: Egypt by Sarah Showalter
- 5-46 Breaking the Kremlin: Building a Democratic Russia by Caroline Sapp
- 6-34 Deposing the Kim Dynasty: Strategies to Liberate North Korea by Devin VanDyke
- 6-27 Reforming a Dictatorship: Singapore's One-Party State by Rose Guillaume
- 5-10 Advising the Dictator: Saudi Arabia by Mel Cornils
- 5-24 Reforming a Dictatorship: El Salvador by Will Avalos

Radford College Fed Challenge Team || Dr. Jennifer Elias

- 5-1 Resistance, Use, or Reliance: the AI Revolution and Labor Markets by Addison Howard, Romy Polanah Kehlenbeck, Bryan Pomerantz