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OpenGrounds Supports ACCelerate Festival



Come support innovative research by your fellow Hoos at the National Museum of American History in Washington D.C. for the first-ever ACCelerate festival, a celebration of creative exploration and research happening at the nexus of science, engineering, arts and design.

October 13-15

[Check out UVA's contributions to the festival](#)



Message from OpenGrounds Founding Director, Bill Sherman

With the semester now well underway, I would like to welcome faculty and students back to OpenGrounds. First, please come by and introduce yourself to Ashley Duffalo, who is coordinating programming and working on the development of new initiatives. We are hosting a wide range of programs while daytime and evening Open Hours are available once again. We are also working with the new Vice President for Research, Ram Ramasubramanian, to develop new programming, redoubling our commitment to OpenGrounds as a place for collaboration, experimentation and creative engagement as we design new approaches and solutions to our most pressing challenges.

OpenGround's new Program Manager, Ashley Duffalo

I am thrilled to join the OpenGrounds team and get better acquainted with the curious minded students and faculty at UVA. Since starting in August I have been learning about OpenGrounds' culture through the lens of our engaged and committed interns, who play an important role in communicating the mission of OpenGrounds to their peers. Stay tuned to our online calendar this fall, as I plan to add new programming that highlights the panoply of cross disciplinary collaboration and research happening on Grounds. Stop by and say hello on your next trip to The Corner—free coffee and conversation are always available.



OpenGrounds: A Research Network



Environmental Resilience Institute Opening Event

OpenGrounds plays host to the Environmental Resilience Institute's kick-off event. This newly formed Pan-University Institute brings together UVA faculty, students, and external partners to conduct trans-disciplinary research at the intersection of environmental change and human wellbeing. Their overarching goal is to identify solutions to some of society's most challenging and complex social-environmental problems.

October 12, 8am



Center for Cultural Landscapes presents Restoration Roundtables: Keith Bowers

For nearly three decades, Keith Bowers has been at the forefront of applied ecology, land conservation and sustainable design. As the founder and president of Biohabitats, Keith has built a multidisciplinary organization focused on regenerative design—the blurring of boundaries between conservation planning, ecological restoration and sustainable design.

Learn more about the Restoration Roundtables [here](#)

October 12, 1pm

Public Events



Green Dot Bystander Training

Want to learn how to be an active bystander and intervene in a situation when you see something that doesn't seem right?

FREE Take-It-Away subs for a Great Cause!

October 13, 12pm



Float

Intended to both encourage and showcase artistic talent in our community, you are encouraged to bring/perform completed works of art/writing/music or just come by and create something new.

October 20, 6pm



So Long Asleep Film Screening

Meet director David Plath and be a part of the post-screening discussion led by Prof. Jeff Hantman (UVA Anthropology) and Karenne Wood (Virginia Foundation for the Humanities).



U Records Open Mic Night

Come watch UVA musicians perform original music and covers.

OpenGrounds Spotlight

[Meet the Interns!](#)



OpenGrounds Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9am-11pm

Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat & Sun: 12-5pm

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