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The spring semester is underway! Keep reading to see what types of projects the VCPC Practicum I and Practicum II students are working on this semester, who VCPC met with on a recent field trip to Richmond, what new student papers are posted on the VCPC Reports page, and save the date for upcoming events - such as VCPC's 8th Annual Conference!

**Save the Date for VCPC's 8th Annual Conference
on Friday, October 30, 2020!
Theme and specific location in Williamsburg are TBD.**



Practicum II students will spend the spring semester continuing work on [The Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool \(RAFT\)](#) in the Northern Neck, as well as researching the water quality impacts of sea level rise, methods to reduce marine debris pollution, how the current framework of road infrastructure addresses sea level rise and recurrent flooding, and the ability for marshes, forests, and soil to sequester carbon. Learn more about the spring 2020 Practicum II students on [VCPC's Facebook page](#).



Practicum I students will spend the spring semester researching how Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (C-PACE) can be utilized to increase resilience, the creation of multi-use management frameworks within the federal waters of offshore wind lease areas, real estate flood disclosure requirements, and the concept of managed retreat with a focus on buyout programs and social equity. Learn more about the spring 2020 Practicum I students on [VCPC's Facebook page](#).

General Assembly Field Trip

In addition to classroom lectures, guest speakers, and the chance to work on real-world projects, VCPC also provides opportunities for law students to experience the environmental policy world first-hand through field trips. Each spring, VCPC students spend a day in Richmond to meet with attorneys in the Environmental Section of the Virginia Office of the Attorney General (top left photo) and the Division of Legislative Services (top right photo) to learn about their roles. Students also met one on one with Peggy Sanner, Virginia Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (center photo); Senator Monty Mason, 1st Senate District (bottom left photo); and the first female Speaker of the House, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, 41st House District (bottom right photo). It's a packed day and VCPC is thankful for all of the people that take time out of their busy schedules to speak with our students!





Did You Know?

The [VCPC Reports](#) page includes almost fifty papers covering topics such as local government authority to plan for resilience, vacant housing, riparian rights, living shorelines, beneficial use of dredged material, and many more (including those listed below)!

Additionally, the [VCPC Conferences & Events](#) page includes videos, presentations, and summaries of previous events - including the fall 2019 conference, [The Three Ps of Resilience: Planning, Partnerships, and Paying for it All](#).

NEW VCPC REPORTS:

The following VCPC reports have recently been published to the VCPC website:

[Managed Retreat and the Life Estate: a Practical Path Forward for Coastal Communities](#),
by Sam Gross, J.D. Candidate 2020,
William & Mary Law School

[Benefit-Cost Analyses for Federal Funding Programs](#),
by Kelsey McNeill, J.D. Candidate 2020, William & Mary Law School
and Alyssa Glass, J.D. Candidate 2020, William & Mary Law School

[Eelgrass in Virginia: Assessing Opportunities and Obstacles for Blue Carbon Credits](#),
by Michael Jordan, J.D. Candidate 2020, William & Mary Law School
and Imani Price, J.D. Candidate 2020, William & Mary Law School

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 8, 2020
W&M Mason School of Business
[W&M's Third Annual National Security Conference](#)
Co-sponsored by the Whole of Government Center of Excellence,
Mason School of Business & VCPC.

[Emerging Challenges and Tools: Navigating National Security in Multi-Level All Domain Environments](#)

Join W&M as we bring together leading experts, officials from all levels, military officers, industry, students, and more to discuss challenges and policy dilemmas facing decision-makers, as well as emerging tools that help sustain outcomes.

Email wmcoe@wm.edu for more information. The event will also feature a [Security Innovation Challenge](#), which is an interdisciplinary competition connecting globally-minded students.



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