

Lafayette Advising newsletter

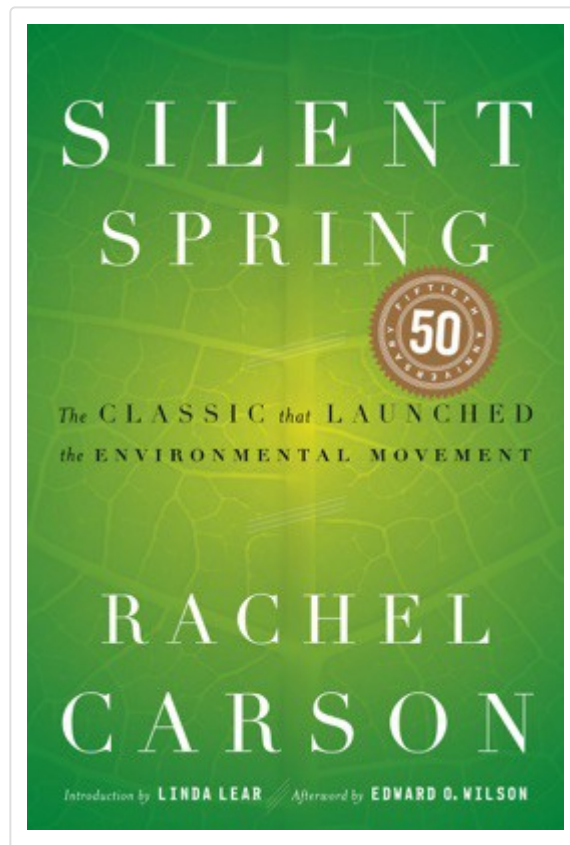
August 2020 edition

We hope this outreach finds you well as we kick off the Fall 2020 semester. We invite you to read below some news and announcements from the Office of Advising. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at deanofadvising@lafayette.edu if you have any questions or need additional information. You can also find us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).



Resilience during a pandemic

Many of us may feel like we are in one of the most stressful professional and personal moments of our lives. It can be helpful for ourselves, our families, our colleagues, and our students to build and model resilience during such times of crisis. There are many useful articles and videos on this topic. We wanted to share one such article from Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child. [*How to Help Families and Staff Build Resilience During the COVID-19 Outbreak*](#)



Interested in offering a program related to Silent Spring, the '20-'21 Community Reading?

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the '20-'21 Community Reading of *Silent Spring*, and we are seeking program ideas and partners to help ingrate the book into our new academic year. The Office of Advising can help fund interdisciplinary events that explore the themes of this groundbreaking book and engage the community in intellectual dialogue. [Email Mike Olin](#), Dean of Advising, to discuss any program ideas. [Read more about the Community Reading.](#)



Important upcoming on-campus deadline!

There are some important upcoming scholarship/fellowship application deadlines for the Class 2021 and recent graduates. These include our campus application deadline of **August 28th** (for student draft materials) for those that require Lafayette nomination/endorsement: Marshall, Rhodes (US and Canadian applicants), Mitchell, Knight Hennessy (for Stanford), Fulbright, Schwarzman (for China).

There are others that are due early in the fall semester, including NSF-GRFP, Rangel, Payne, Pickering, Gates Cambridge, etc. Faculty are invited to review this [sample listing of postgraduate opportunities](#). It is very helpful when faculty encourage their students and recent graduates to reach out to [Dean Julia Goldberg](#) before the campus deadline. This is also a period of time when faculty may be asked to write letters of recommendation for applicants.

Finally, the Fellowships and Scholarships Office continually seeks names of any students who stand out to faculty for their academic potential, intellectual curiosity, drive, and vision, with less emphasis on grades earned and more on the "spark" they conveyed. These would be strong candidates for externally competitive scholarships and fellowships throughout their tenure at Lafayette and beyond. [Submit names using this survey](#), or [email Dean Goldberg](#).



English for Academic Purpose Center updates!

Conversation PARDner Program

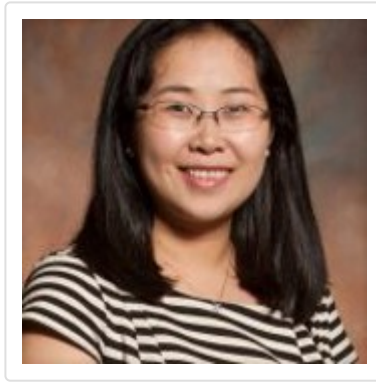
The Conversation PARDner Program (CPP) is a peer program that promotes intercultural communications between international and domestic students through virtual conversations on Zoom. During summer, the CPP paired upper-level domestic students with incoming international students. Each pair scheduled conversations via Zoom, 1 hour per week, for 6 weeks. Participants were encouraged to practice language-learning activities provided by the English for Academic Purpose Center and reinforce topics included in the bi-weekly summer e-newsletter sent to all incoming international students through the Office of International Student Advising.

During this Fall semester, the CPs will lead several group chat sessions through Zoom. Please invite both your international students and domestic students to join these discussions to practice their spoken language skills and develop their intercultural competence. Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/a6RBPj9yseQbhUkd7>.

CPP Group Chat Schedule in Fall 2020:

Topics	Time & Date
Food	11:00 am-12:00 pm 9/19, Saturday
Internet Slang/Memes in Conversation	9:00 am-10:00 am 10/3, Saturday
English Learning Through Film/TV	10:00 am-11:00 am 10/10, Saturday
Traditions and Holidays	12:00 pm-1:00 pm 10/31, Saturday
PC Culture	10:00 am-11:00 am 11/14, Saturday
Managing English Education Online	10:00 am-11:00 am 11/21, Saturday

To find more information regarding teaching and advising international students and academic support that the college provides for ESL learners, please visit our website at <https://advising.lafayette.edu/eap/> or contact our Multi-Language Learner Support Specialist, Tingting Kang at kangt@lafayette.edu.



New publication by Dr. Tingting Kang

Congratulations to our Multi-Language Learner Support Specialist, Dr. Tingting Kang, who had an article recently published:

Kang, T. & Luo, H. (2020). The Top 100 Content Words in American English, Chinese, and First-year Compositions: A Corpus-driven Contrastive Study. *Journal of Technology and Chinese Language Teaching*. 11 (1), 36-56.

As an educator, support specialist, and colleague, we continue to be wowed by Dr. Kang.
Congratulations!



First-Generation Faculty & Administrator Directory

To further the visibility of Lafayette College's first-generation population, this directory has been created to highlight faculty and administrator members who have identified as being first-generation students themselves. It is our hope that through this directory, current students can further expand their network of connections on campus.

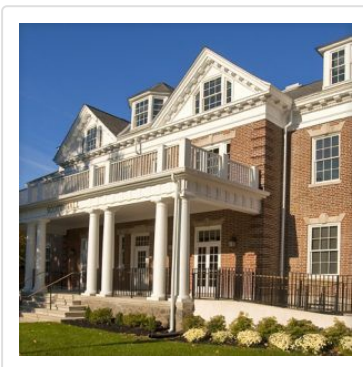
Lafayette faculty and administrator members, were you a first-generation college student?

[Complete this form to be added to the directory!](#)



Did you Know? Advising Resources for Faculty

Did you know that the Office of Advising website has [a number of useful resources](#) for academic advisers, including Lafayette-specific advising information, advising resources, and advising-related articles? We also have information on [advising basics](#), [academic coaching](#), [first-generation student support](#), and other topics. More information will be added and updated soon!




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