

Lafayette Advising newsletter

June 2021 edition

Greetings from Scott Hall, and we hope the spring semester concluded as smoothly as possible for you. 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](#) and [Twitter](#).



First-Generation Peer-to-Peer Mentor Program

This year the office of advising has launched a new program, the First-Generation Peer-to-Peer Mentor Program, an extension of the current Faculty and Staff First-Generation Mentor Program. The main goal of this program is to connect first-year, first-gen students with a peer mentor early on so they can find comfort in having a peer resource to consistently meet with prior to arriving on campus in the fall, as well as throughout their entire first-year. Participants can expect to receive assistance and guidance, both academically and socially, as they make their transition to Lafayette College.

For more information, click the website below. At this website, you will also be able to learn about our current first-gen peer mentors.

Current stats:

26 current, first-gen peer mentors

As of June 14th, we have paired 13 incoming first-year, first-gen students with a mentor.



Scholarships and Fellowships office updates

Congratulations to all scholarship and fellowship applicants this year! Whether your application met with success or not, you are all winners!

Calling all rising seniors and recent graduates...the summer is here! Enjoy it. But also use this time to explore the exciting and enriching world of postgraduate scholarships and fellowships. Where will they take you? Graduate school in the US or abroad? Teaching English? Independent study/research? Exploring the world? Engaging in social justice work? The opportunities are endless. But you do need to apply. [Click here for a document of sample opportunities.](#)

Make an appointment to talk with me by contacting externalscholarships@lafayette.edu.

Looking forward to working with you,

~Dean Goldberg



2021 Academic Advisor of the Year!

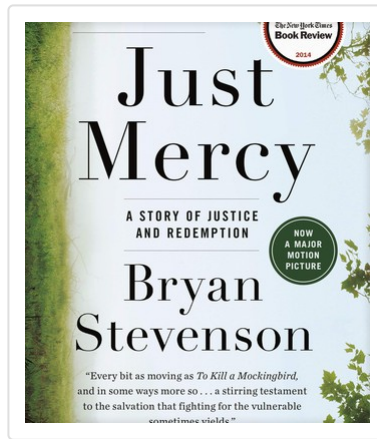
After receiving and reviewing well over 40 nominations, the Office of Advising is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2nd annual Academic Advisor of the Year award is [Professor Yih-Choung Yu](#) from Electrical and Computer Engineering!

The winner receives a certificate, and this recognition is memorialized on a plaque in Scott Hall. All academic advisors who were nominated will receive a certificate of nomination as well.

The committee considers the following criteria in the selection of the Academic Advisor of the Year:

- Upholds the [core values](#) of caring, commitment, empowerment, inclusivity, integrity, professionalism, and respect, as supported by [NACADA](#), The Global Community for Academic Advising.
- Supports student development by helping advisees define, plan, and achieve their educational goals, and has had a transformative impact on the educational journey of the advisee.
- Provides helpful and accurate information regarding college academic requirements and policies.
- Makes appropriate referrals as needed.

The Office of Advising is grateful to **all** of our faculty advisors, and all the students who submitted moving and heartfelt nominations. Congratulations to Prof. Yu!



2021-2022 Community Reading announced!

Lafayette invites students, faculty, staff, alumni, and others in the community to engage in a common reading during the academic year.

This 2021-2022 Community Reading is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson.

Be on the lookout in late summer and early fall for calls to collaborate on programs and sessions related to the Community Reading.

(From <https://justmercy.eji.org/>): *An unforgettable true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to end mass incarceration in America — from one of the most inspiring lawyers of our time.*

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit law office in Montgomery, Alabama, dedicated to defending the poor, the incarcerated, and the wrongly condemned.

Just Mercy tells the story of EJI, from the early days with a small staff facing the nation's highest death sentencing and execution rates, through a successful campaign to challenge the cruel practice of sentencing children to die in prison, to revolutionary projects designed to confront Americans with our history of racial injustice.

One of EJI's first clients was Walter McMillian, a young Black man who was sentenced to die for the murder of a young white woman that he didn't commit. The case exemplifies how the death penalty in America is a direct descendant of lynching — a system that treats the rich and guilty better than the poor and innocent.



Important upcoming dates for advisors

- **Late June-Late July:** Preliminary schedules created for incoming first year students
- **July:** First year student advising assignments announced to faculty and students (exact date TBD)
- **Week of August 9:** New PINs sent to advisors; preliminary schedules sent to all students with instructions for online registration adjustments
- **August 16-27:** Online registration adjustment period open; automated wait list notification process runs
 - **August 27 (end of day):** automated waitlist notification process ends and waitlists cleared
 - **August 30:** Fall classes begin
 - **August 30-September 10:** Add/Drop on Banner Self Service with electronic permission from instructor/department only



Advising Resources for Faculty

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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