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13-22 May 2025

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Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

WEDNESDAY
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MAY

Day 1

5 - 6:30 pm	***Welcome Reception*** *Rosalind Dixon* *The Lounge UNSW* *Address: Level 11, Library (F21), Library Rd, UNSW* Click here to open Google Maps



THURSDAY 14 MAY

Day 2

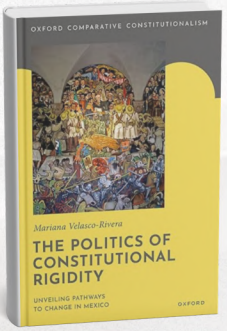
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10 - 11 am	***Welcome and acknowledgment of country*** ***Introduction of participants***
11 - 11:30 am	***Morning Tea***
11:30 – 1 pm	***Presentation*** Broad types of projects *Rosalind Dixon*
4- 5 pm	***Lunch***
2 – 3:30 pm	***Presentation*** Case-selection *Rosalind Dixon*
4 - 5 pm	***Mariana's hybrid book launch*** "The Politics of Constitutional Rigidity Unveiling Pathways to Change in Mexico"

The Politics and Culture of Constitutional Amendment

What really makes a constitution hard to amend? *In The Politics of Constitutional Rigidity, Dr Mariana Velasco-Rivera (Maynooth) challenges the assumption that strict amendment rules determine constitutional endurance. Focusing on Mexico - home to one of the world's most frequently amended constitutions - she develops a new framework for understanding constitutional change as shaped by an "economy of change", where political parties, constitutional culture, and strategic actors play a decisive role. The book offers a timely rethinking of rigidity and the forces that drive constitutional transformation.*

In this book discussion, the UNSW Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, as part of the Greater Sydney Public Law Book Series, hosts Assistant Professor Velasco-Rivera, in conversation with Associate Professor Paul Kildea (UNSW) and Dr Elisabeth Perham (UNSW). Dr Perham will also serve as Chair.



FRIDAY 15 MAY

Day 3

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10:30 - 11 am	***Morning Tea***
11 am - 12 pm	***Blogging: Blogs and Engagement*** *Elisabeth Perham* *Gautam Bhatia (Speaker Online)* *Mateo Merchán Duque*
12 - 1 pm	***Lunch***
1 – 2:30 pm	***Publishing*** *Rosalind Dixon* *Rehan Abeyratne* *Sinethemba Memela*
2:30 – 2:45 pm	***Coffee***
2:45 – 3:30 pm	***How to do a Poster*** *Daniel Bogea* *Tavini Nanayakkara* *Aishwarya Singh*
3:30 – 4 pm	***Coffee***
4 – 5:30 pm	***Constitutional theory*** *Colin Bradley* *Vlad Perju*

SUNDAY

17 MAY

Day 4

5 - 7 pm	***Women's Reception*** *Rosalind Dixon's apartment* *Address: 20/68 Wentworth St, Randwick* *Male-identifying colleagues are invited to meet during this time at the Royal Hotel Randwick for an informal chat and drink.*



MONDAY
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Day5

Adrian Cameron Room
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10 - 11:30 am	***Ethnographic methods*** *Whitney Taylor (speaker online)*
11:30 - 12 pm	***Morning Tea***
12 - 1:30 pm	***Historical methods*** *William Parlett (online)*
1:30 – 2:30 pm	***Lunch***
2:30 – 5 pm	***Poster Workshop/ Abstract preparation*** ***Mentoring sessions with Ros***
5 – 6 pm	***Book Launch*** *Business and human rights* *Claire Palmer* *Justine Nolan*

TUESDAY 19 MAY

Day6

Adrian Cameron Room
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8:30 - 9:30 am	***Career planning (online only)*** *Rosalind Dixon* *Michaela Hailbronner* *Shreya Atrey*
	Travel to UNSW
10:30 am - 12 pm	***Critical Theory Workshop*** *Marcela Prieto (online)* *Stefano Osella*
12 – 1 pm	***Lunch***
1 – 4 pm	***Poster workshop/abstract preparation*** **Mentoring sessions with Ros**
4 – 5:30 pm	***Large-n and mixed methods (online only)*** *Malcolm Langford*
6:15 – 7:30 pm	***Historical institutionalism*** *Theunis Roux (speaker online)* *Liz Hicks*

WEDNESDAY
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Day 1

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9- 10:30 am	***Productivity, failure, resilience, and feedback*** *Rosalind Dixon* *Dian Shah* *Vanessa MacDonnell (online)* *Katharine Young (online)*
10:30 - 11 am	***Morning Tea***
11 - 12:30 pm	***Mentoring, networking, and conferencing*** *Rosalind Dixon* *Mateo Merchán Duque* *Shreeya Smith* *Ashleigh Barnes*
12:30 – 1:30 pm	***Lunch***
1:30 – 3 pm	***Building an Inclusive Academy*** *Rosalind Dixon* *Stefano Osella* *Zim Nwokora (speaker online)*
2:30 – 3:30 pm	***Public engagement*** *Rosalind Dixon*

THURDSAY
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Day 8

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10 am - 2 pm	***Sydney Writers' Festival*** Attendance at writers' festival events *Rosalind Dixon* *Eleanor Gordon-Smith* *Taxis will depart from outside AGSM at 9:00 am.*
2:45 - 5:45 pm	***Senior scholars workshop day*** Comments by Juniors Scholars
5:45 – 6:30 pm	***Stefano Osella's Book launch and drinks*** Comments by Senthorun Raj (speaker online)

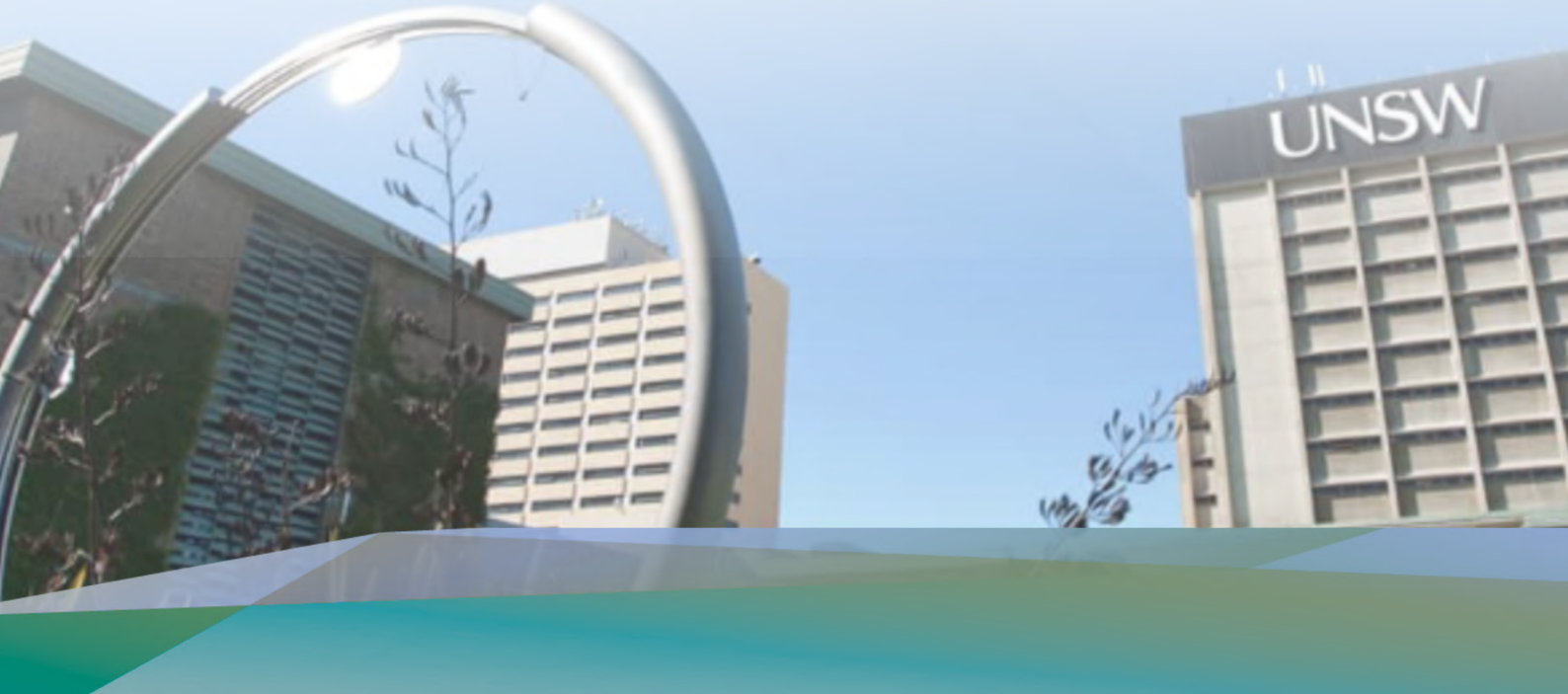


FRIDAY
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Day 9

Adrian Cameron Room
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9 - 10:30 am	***Junior scholars workshop day*** Comments by Senior and Juniors Scholars
10:30 - 11 am	***Morning Tea***
11 - 12:30 pm	***Senior scholars workshop day*** Comments by Senior and Juniors Scholars
12:30 - 1:30 pm	***Lunch***
1:30 - 4:30 pm	***Junior scholars workshop day*** Comments by Senior and Juniors Scholars
4:30 - 6 pm	***Close + Graduation Drinks***



PARTICIPANTS

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Ahmed Ellaboudy is a Doctoral Researcher at Trinity College Dublin School of Law. His research examines how the preventive justice model embedded in contemporary counter-terrorism legislation shapes both the protection of and restrictions upon the property rights of terrorist suspects. A lawyer and legal researcher, he has over a decade of experience in strategic litigation across the MENA region, alongside projects on constitutional developments and democratic transition after the Arab Spring. His scholarship focuses on national security law, emergency powers, limits on state coercion and fundamental rights, alongside interests in comparative constitutional law, constitutional theory and the rule of law.



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Ana is a DPhil candidate at the University of Oxford's Faculty of Law, working at the intersection of constitutional theory and jurisprudence. Her research reconceptualises abuse in personal relationships as a central rule of law concern. She previously completed the Magister Juris and MPhil in Law at Oxford and holds an undergraduate law degree from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. Ana served as a judicial assistant at the Mexican Supreme Court and as a senior legal officer at an NGO focused on gender-based violence. She has co-convened groups and taught in public law and feminist jurisprudence at Oxford and Birkbeck.



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Beatriz Tavares Fernandes dos Santos is a PhD researcher at the Federal University of Paraná (UFPR), in Curitiba, Brazil. She conducted part of her doctoral research at the University of Bologna (UNIBO) in Italy. Her thesis is supervised by Professors Fabrício Tomio (UFPR) and Sabrina Ragone (UNIBO). Her research focuses on judicial institutions in Latin America, particularly judicial councils and their institutional interactions with supreme or constitutional courts. Working within comparative constitutional law, she examines constitutional design, separation of powers, and governance. Her research aims to contribute to a better understanding of contemporary institutional challenges in democratic systems.

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ACCOMODATION
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During the Winter/Summer School, ***participants will be staying in two locations****: The* ***Alison Randwick for the first two nights****, and* ***AGSM Short Stays UNSW for the main part of the programme****.*

13–15 MAY: THE ALISON RANDWICK

The Alison Randwick Click here for Google Maps

Overview

The Alison Randwick is located in Randwick, approximately a 15-minute walk from UNSW Kensington Campus.
It is also a 10-minute walk from Belmore Road, where participants will find shops, cafés and bus connections, and a 5-minute walk from the Wansey Road light rail stop, which connects to Central Station and Circular Quay.

Nearby options include The Spot, the Ritz Cinema, Royal Randwick Racecourse, the Sydney Cricket Ground and Allianz Stadium.

Practical information

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 10:00
Laundry available

Communal kitchenette available
Shared bathrooms
Guest services available daily from 09:00



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15–23 MAY: AGSM SHORT STAYS UNSW

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Overview

AGSM Short Stays is located on campus, inside the AGSM Building at UNSW Kensington.

The accommodation is a short walk from the Winter/Summer School activities, most of which will take place at the Faculty of Law and Justice.

The building is located opposite the Prince of Wales Hospital precinct and close to the Sydney light rail for travel outside campus.

Practical information

24-hour campus security
High-speed WiFi
Work desk
Mini fridge
Ensuite bathroom
Tea and coffee facilities
Shared kitchenette
Shared laundry facilities
Hair dryer
Iron and ironing board

Participants who requested extra accommodation have been accommodated for early arrival on 12 May and/or late departure on 24 May.



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Sydney Theatre &Dance Company
Dawes Point (Tar-ra)
Bennelong Point (Dubbagullee)
Sydney Cove (Warrane)
Fort Denison
Mrs. Macquarie's Chair
Garden Island Navy Base
Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool
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Jones Bay
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Metcalfe Park
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ICC Exhibition Centre
ICC Theatre
Chinese Garden of Friendship
Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre
Powerhouse Museum
Paddy's Markets Haymarket
Capitol Theatre
Belmore Park
Great Southern Hotel
Railway Square
Broadway Shopping Centre
TAFE
Frank Gehry's "Paper Bag" Building
University of Technology (UTS)
The University of Sydney
Victoria Park
Central Park
Spice Alley
Glebe to Martin Pl
Buses from Railway Square
440 -to Bondi Jct
501-to Pyrmont & Fish Market
Buses from Circular Quay
333 -to Bondi Beach
396 - Marourba
to Milsons Point to North Sydney
to Circular Quay thr Milsons Point
WALKING & BUS TOURS START HERE
The Great Synagogue
Hyde Park Barracks Museum
Sydney Hospital
State Library of NSW
Parliament of NSW
Customs House
Sydney Observatory
Harbour Rocks Hotel
Sydney Harbour Hotel
Sydney Tower
Strand Arcade
Queen Victoria Building
Australia Square
Mantra 2 Bond St
Wharf 5 - to Darling Harbour & Parramata
Wharf 4 - to Taronga Zoo
Wharf 3 - to Manly
Wharf 2 - to Watsons Bay
The Finger Wharf
Harry's Cafe de Wheels
Ovolo
to Central
to Millers Pnt
to Watsons Bay from Walsh Bay
to Pyrmont from Bondi Junction
to Bondi J. from Rozelle via Central Station
to Bondi Junction & Bondi Beach from Circular Quay
to Coogee
to Coogee &Centennial Prk
Sydney Cricket Ground & Allianz Stadium
Victoria Barracks
St Vincent's Hospital
National Art School
Jewish Museum
Kings Cross Station
Wilson Parking
El-Alamein Fountain
Train Line & Station
Ferry Line & Station
Light Rail Line & Station
Tourist Information
Transport Information
Bridge & Underground
useful public Bus Stop
Post Office
Pedestrian Only
Attractions
No Access
Stairs
Good view
Shopping
Supermarket
Police
0 100m 200m 300m 400m

UNSW KENSIGNTON CAMPUS

MAP


Legend
Services
UNSW Bookshop
UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre
UNSW Residential Communities
Gate
Help Point
Stair
Parking Zone
Type
Bus Bay
Accessible
Go Get
Loading Zone
Meter/Permit
Meters
Services
24/7 Security
Arc @ UNSW
Co-op Program
Equity and Disability Unit
Estate Management
Freehills Law Library
Future Students
IT Walk-in Service Centre
Library
Medical Centre
Gate 9
Gate 11
Gate 13
Gate 14
Barker Street
Botany Street
Dodd Lane
Wallis Street
NIDAC Parade
Village Green
Physics Lawn
Quadrangle Lawn
Pool Lawn
Square House
Roundhouse
Blockhouse
Physics Theatre
Myers Theatre
Science Theatre
Science Theatre Lawn
Robert Webster Theatre
Goldstein Hall
Fig Tree Hall
Basser College
Phillip Baxter College
Morven Brown
Central Lecture Block
Chancellery
Library
Nicholson Annexe
Civil Engineering
John Niland Scientia
Electrical Engineering
Willis Annexe
Ainsworth Building
Building K17
Barker Street Parking Station
Keith Burrows
Kensington Colleges
Colombo House
UNSW Hall
UNSW Village
Alumni Park East
Alumni Park West
UNSW Business School
Quadrangle
Robert Webster
Science Theatre
Chemical Sciences
Hilmer Building
Science and Engineering
Law Building
Roundhouse
Blockhouse
International House
University Square
Fitness and Aquatic Centre
Tyree Energy Technologies Building (TETB)
Old Main
Physics Theatre
The Red Centre
Newton
Robert Myers
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Kensington House
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House At Pooh Corner
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New College Postgraduate Village
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SURVIVAL GUIDE
AUSTRALIA

TIME & MONEY

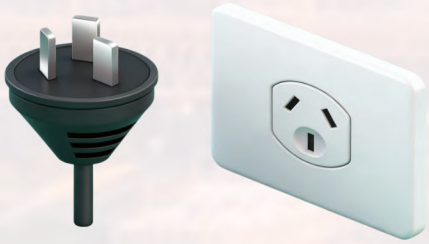
***Time Zone**: Sydney is in AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time).*

***Currency**: Australian Dollar ($AUD).*

***Banking**: Australia is almost entirely cashless. You can pay for everything (even a single coffee) using "Tap & Go" with your card or phone (Apple/Google Pay).*

***Tipping**: Not mandatory or expected in Australia, though appreciated for exceptional service in sit-down restaurants.*

ELECTRICITY & CONNECTIVITY



***Voltage:** 230V - 240V, 50Hz.*

***Plug Type:** Type I (three flat pins in a V-shape), you will might need an adapter.*

***Mobile & SIM:** Pre-paid SIM cards are easy to find. The major providers are Telstra (best coverage), Optus, and Vodafone.*

EMERGENCY & SAFETY

***Emergency Number:** 000 (Triple Zero) for Police, Ambulance, or Fire.*

***Health:** Ensure your OHC (Overseas Health Cover) is active.*

***Weather:** Expect "Golden Autumn." Crisp mornings (10°C) and sunny, pleasant afternoons (21°C). Pack layers and a windbreaker.*

ACADEMIC TIP (UNSW CONTEXT)

*Navigating a new university can be a challenge, but the **Lost On Campus app** ensures you'll find your way with ease, acting as your personal guide to every lecture theater, tutorial room, and even the best hidden coffee spots across Australia's major campuses. Available on iOS and Android, the app connects you to exclusive student discounts, nearby restaurants and services, events, and essential local information.*

SIDNEY TOP SIGHTS

To help you make the most of your time outside the classroom, we've curated a list of must-visit destinations.



SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

An architectural masterpiece and global icon, the Sydney Opera House is a UNESCO World Heritage and stands at the heart of the city's cultural life. Its striking design and world-class performances make it an essential Sydney experience.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN SYDNEY

A serene oasis by the harbour, established in 1816, the gardens are Australia's oldest botanic garden. The Royal Botanic Garden offers lush landscapes, curated plant collections, and stunning views, perfect for a peaceful and enriching escape in nature.



SYDNEY HARBOUR

One of the world's most beautiful natural harbours, Sydney Harbour is the city's sparkling centerpiece, where iconic landmarks, waterfront experiences, and scenic views come together. Affectionately named the '*Coathanger*' by locals, it's an intrinsic part of the city; you can walk or cycle across it and even climb to its peak for incredible views.



ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

A leading cultural institution, the Art Gallery of New South Wales showcases an impressive collection of Australian, Indigenous, and international art in an inspiring setting. With more than 40 exhibitions annually and vast collections of Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, European and Asian art.



COOGEE TO BONDI COASTAL WALK

This iconic coastal walk connects stunning beaches, cliffs, and ocean views, offering a refreshing and unforgettable way to experience Sydney's natural beauty.



CENTENNIAL PARK

Expansive and elegant, Centennial Park is a green sanctuary in the city, ideal for outdoor activities, relaxation, and connecting with Sydney's vibrant local lifestyle.

SIDNEY TOP SIGHTS



QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING

A historic architectural gem in the heart of Sydney, the Queen Victoria Building blends heritage charm with refined retail. Its grand domes, stained glass, and elegant boutiques create a timeless setting worth exploring.



BARANGAROO RESERVE

Barangaroo Reserve offers a beautifully restored natural landscape along Sydney Harbour. With scenic walking paths and panoramic views, it's an ideal place to experience sustainability and urban renewal in harmony. A perfect place to walk, cycle, or swim (at Marrinawi Cove C/4).



DARLING HARBOUR

Home of the Australian Maritime Museum, SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium, WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo, Chinese Garden of Friendship, Madame Tussauds, restaurants and bars. A vibrant waterfront destination, Darling Harbour is home to cultural attractions, dining, and leisure experiences. It's a dynamic hub where entertainment and city life come together.



TARONGA ZOO SIDNEY

Set against one of the most spectacular backdrops in the world, Taronga Zoo Sydney offers an inspiring encounter with wildlife and conservation, just minutes from the city center. Only a short 12-minute ferry ride from the Circular Quay. Taronga Zoo is home to over 4,000 animals from 350 species and takes approximately 3h to explore the entire zoo.



MANLY BEACH

Manly Beach combines laid-back coastal charm with iconic Australian surf culture. Its golden sands and ocean views make it a must-visit destination for relaxation and exploration.



THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the Blue Mountains captivate with dramatic landscapes, eucalyptus forests, and breathtaking viewpoints—an unforgettable escape into nature just beyond Sydney.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you for joining us.

We hope your time on campus is both insightful and inspiring. Enjoy your stay, and we look forward to seeing the incredible impact you will make in your future academic endeavors.

