

# Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

School of Integrated Science and Humanity

## Seminar Announcement

**Dr. Michelle R. Peace**

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Dr. Peace received her B.A. in Chemistry from Wittenberg University, a Master of Forensic Science from George Washington University, and her Ph.D. from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). The focus of her doctoral work was to study entomological evidence as an alternative matrix for toxicological analyses. Dr. Peace is currently an Associate Professor for the Department of Forensic Science at VCU (FEPAC-accredited). She is one of the founding faculty for the Department, and has served as Associate Chair for more than 4 years. She also served as the Interim Chair for 4 years, expanding the faculty, physical space, and research initiatives in the Department. Dr. Peace has served as a manager in a private SAMHSA-accredited forensic drug testing laboratory and has worked as a scientist for Procter & Gamble, where she holds 3 patents.

Dr. Peace is currently the PI for an NIH grant studying the efficacy of electronic cigarettes, particularly as they pertain to substance use and abuse. Her current project is a clinical study to evaluate the impact of vaping on roadside impairment evaluations for suspected DUI. She has also served as the PI for a sub-grant from NIH's Forensic Technology Center of Excellence at RTI, in which she managed a complex evaluation of crime scene scanners, collaborating with 4 law enforcement agencies. Dr. Peace is currently the Immediate Past President of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT), and is a member of the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists, and the Toxicology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She is a member of the National Safety Council's Alcohol, Drugs, and Impaired Driving Division, and serves on a federal task force regarding drug epidemics involving novel psychoactive substances and opioids. She has also served on the Scientific Working Group for Forensic Toxicology (SWGTOX) for 4 years to help develop standards in the practice of forensic toxicology,

Dr. Peace has conducted continuing education workshops for professionals internationally and has been a faculty member for Virginia's Forensic Science Academy which is a codified program to train law enforcement regarding the identification, collection, and preservation of evidence from a crime scene. She has also developed workshops for primary and secondary education and a community engagement enterprise to address STEM education in middle schools.



**Date : Friday, March 1, 2019**

**Time : 11:00am - 12:00pm**

**Building, PG5-134 MMC (Live)**

**Building, AC1- 317 BBC (via polycom)**

*The event is free and open to the public.*

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