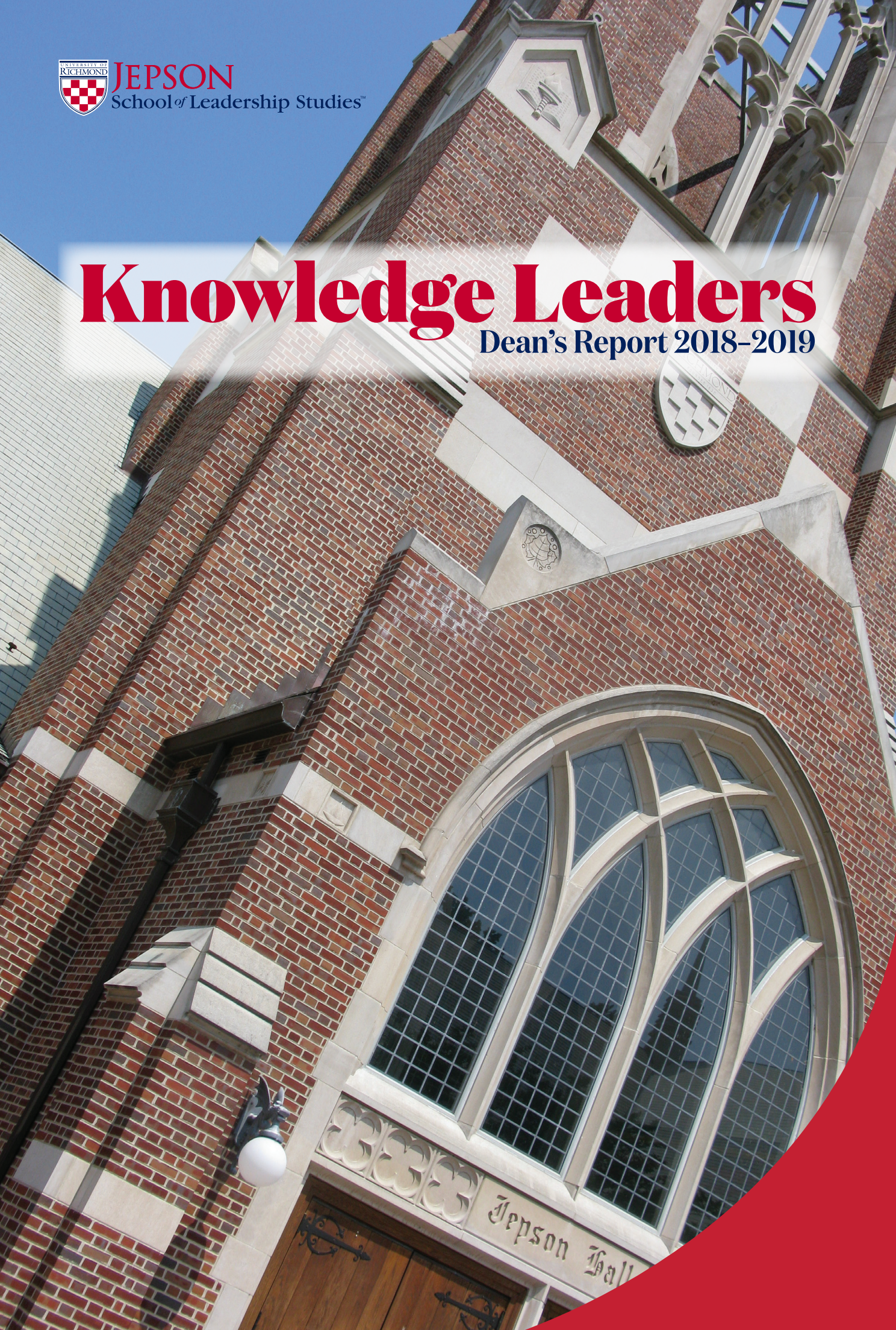




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Knowledge Leaders

Dean's Report 2018-2019



“At the Jepson School,
we study leadership
as it was, as it is, and
as it should be.”

— **Sandra J. Peart**

Dean and E. Claiborne Robins

Distinguished Professor in Leadership Studies



A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

To the **knowledge leaders**,

At the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, we seek to gain, share, and apply knowledge about leadership in ways that make a positive difference on our campus and in our world.

I see the evidence of this every day: In a Science Leadership Scholar who researched climate change in her Jepson internship. In a professor who promoted cross-campus debate of ethical issues. In a Jepson Leadership Forum speaker who pushed us to consider solutions to voter disenfranchisement. And in two alumnae who have devoted their careers to helping people in crisis.

In this dean's report, you'll find these and other stories. Even as I celebrate our knowledge leaders' recent achievements, I eagerly anticipate their accomplishments in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Sandra J. Peart

Sandra J. Peart, Dean and
E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished
Professor in Leadership Studies



2018-19 Year at a Glance

Jepson Fast Facts



July

Associate Dean Kerstin Soderlund coordinates the Jepson internship program for rising seniors interning in the United States and abroad.



August

Dr. Marilie Coetsee, who holds a PhD in philosophy, joins Jepson as an assistant professor of leadership studies.



September

Virginia state Senator Jennifer McClellan, Jepson's 2018-19 leader-in-residence, meets with students and faculty.



October

The School kicks off its 2018-19 Jepson Leadership Forum speaker series, "Does Democracy Work?"



November

Associate professor Javier Hidalgo publishes the book "Unjust Borders: Individuals and the Ethics of Immigration."



December

The Association for Psychological Science names professor Crystal Hoyt to its elite class of international fellows.



January

Dr. Ken Ruscio, former Jepson dean and Washington & Lee University president emeritus, returns as senior distinguished lecturer.



February

Dr. Christopher von Rueden, who holds a PhD in anthropology, is promoted to associate professor.



March

The School dedicates its new ethics suite to University of Richmond Chancellor Richard L. Morrill.



April

Jepson surpasses its UR Here Day of Giving goal.



May

Madeleine Bright, '19, receives the James MacGregor Burns Award, the School's highest honor.



June

Alumnae Stephanie Eken Sander, '97, and Paige Wigginton, '09, receive awards during Reunion Weekend.

20+
Faculty articles
& chapters in
academic journals
& edited volumes

94
New students
inducted

2,000+
Jepson Leadership
Forum attendees

25,976
Jepson internship
hours logged

74
Leadership studies
majors graduate

83
Alumni plan
EDGE, a professional
development
program for juniors



Sabrina Escobar Miranda, '19, received the inaugural Jepson Scholarship to pursue a master's degree at the University of Oxford in fall 2019. The Jepson Scholars Program was made possible through a generous donation by School benefactors Robert S. Jepson Jr. and Alice Andrews Jepson.

The Jepson School welcomed 94 new students at Prelude, its annual induction ceremony. This group represents the School's most diverse class to date.



Curious Minds

Who Seek Understanding



Michael Johnson, '19, explored K-12 education equity through volunteer mentoring, his Governor's Children's Cabinet fellowship, his **Jepson internship** in public policy, and his **honors thesis**.

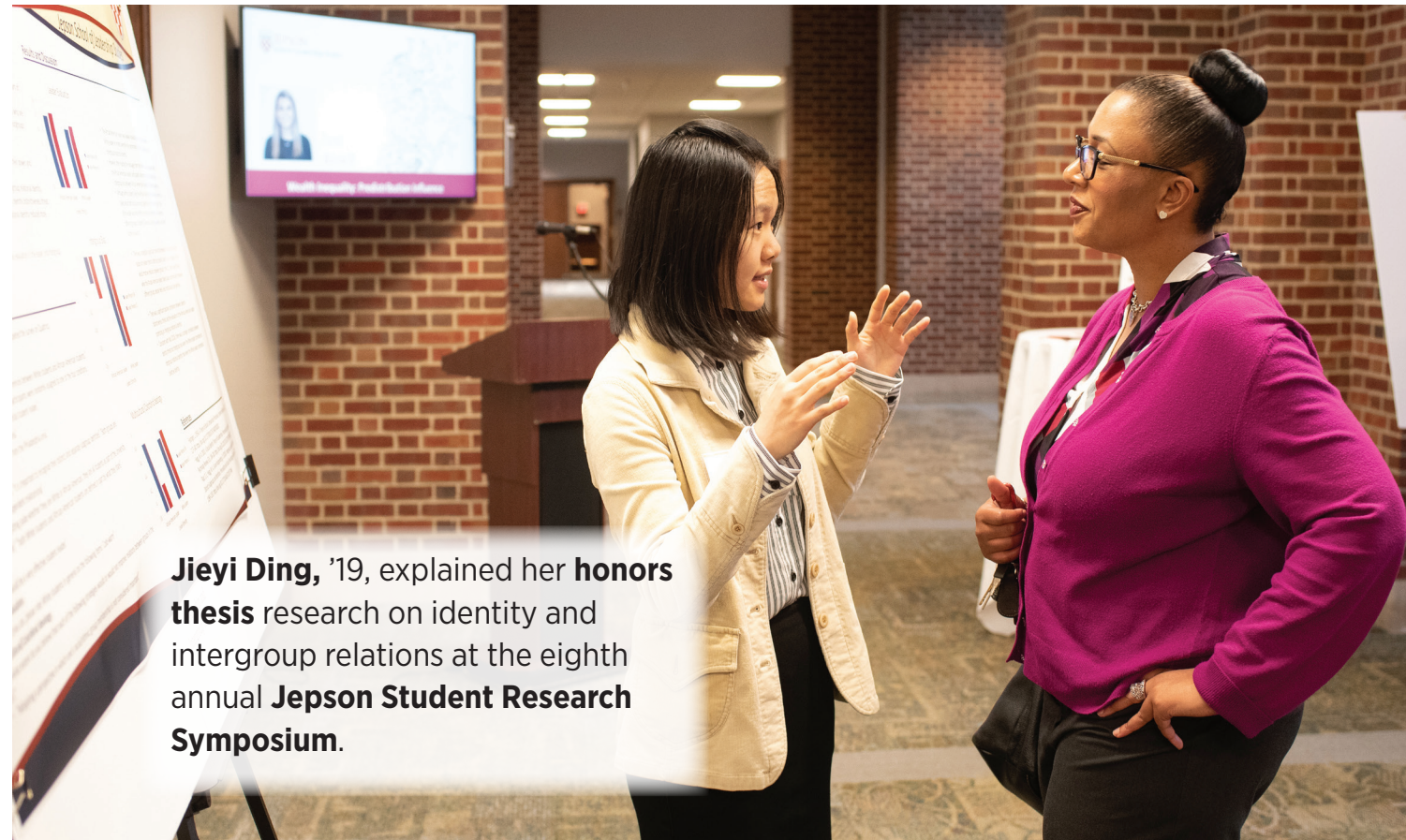
Science Leadership Scholar **Chelsea Eareckson**, '19, spearheaded a research project on the effects of climate change on sea sponges during her **Jepson internship** with Mote Marine Laboratory in the Florida Keys.



Jimmy Bernstein, '19, celebrated the importance of community during his **Candlelight Ceremony** speech Commencement weekend.



Emma Thomas, '19, and **Julie Ball**, '19, applied their knowledge of collaborative leadership as the first co-presidents of the **Jepson Student Government Association**.



Jieyi Ding, '19, explained her **honors thesis** research on identity and intergroup relations at the eighth annual **Jepson Student Research Symposium**.

Vanguard Educators

Who Promote & Disseminate Ideas

Dr. Julian Hayter, recipient of the University of Richmond Distinguished Educator Award, was frequently quoted in regional and national media stories about race relations in the South. Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney appointed Hayter to serve on the city's new History and Culture Commission. *Pictured right: UR President Ronald A. Crutcher, Julian Hayter, and UR Provost Jeffrey W. Legro at Colloquy.*



Dr. Jessica Flanigan served as the University's inaugural ethics fellow, responsible for supporting university-wide conversations on ethical issues.



The Jepson Student Government Association presented **Dr. Thad Williamson** (pictured with UR Chaplain Craig Kocher to the left) with its annual Servant Leader Award.



Dean **Sandra Peart** was appointed to the E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Professorship in Leadership Studies in the fall.

Dr. George "Al" Goethals was reappointed to the E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Professorship in Leadership Studies. This endowed professorship recognizes and pays tribute to distinguished faculty members who set the University's intellectual tone.



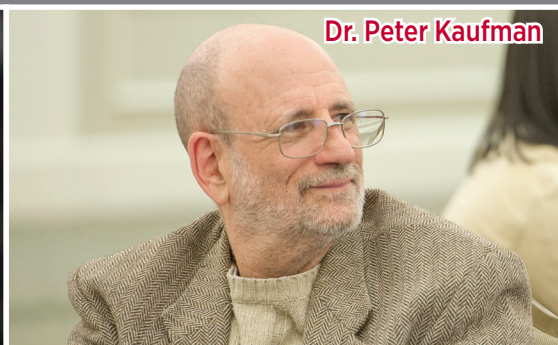
Dr. Terry Price



Dr. Allison Archer



Dr. Don Forsyth



Dr. Peter Kaufman



Dr. Haley Harwell

Compelling Voices

Who Challenge the Status Quo

Pictured right: **Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney** discussed voter disenfranchisement with students in Dr. Thad Williamson's Leadership in Political Contexts class prior to his **Jepson Leadership Forum** presentation on the same topic.



UR Chancellor and President Emeritus **Dr. E. Bruce Heilman** presented "Why They Never Talked About It," a talk on the experience of World War II vets, to a standing-room-only crowd comprising community members and students in Dr. Al Goethals' Theories and Models of Leadership class.



UNC associate professor **Zeynep Tufekci** presented "Democracy in the Age of Twitter, Facebook, & YouTube" as part of the **Jepson Leadership Forum** speaker series.



Top left: **Dr. Andrew Murphy**, who visited the Jepson School as the Richard L. Morrill Distinguished University Chair in Ethics and Democratic Values, discussed William Penn's leadership on religious liberty as part of the **Marshall Center Lecture Series**.



Top right: Virginia state Senator **Jennifer McClellan** met with students and faculty (including **Dr. Kristin Bezio** on the right) and gave a public lecture on the history and current state of race relations in Virginia in her role as the Jepson School's **leader-in-residence**.



Left: Marshall Center speaker **Anthony Bradley**, chair in religious and theological studies at The King's College, discussed solutions to the mass incarceration crisis.

Notable Alumni

Who Make a Difference

“Through the practice of service as a path to leadership, I learned to live a life of moral consequence,” said alumna **Raegan Morris**, '99, keynote speaker at Finale, the School's Commencement weekend celebration. Morris serves on the School's **Executive Board of Advisors**.



At Reunion Weekend, Dean Sandra Peart presented **Dr. Paige Wigginton**, '09, and **Dr. Stephanie Eken Sander**, '97, with the School's **Tenth-Year Alumni Recognition Award** and **Alumni Award**, respectively, for their work helping people in crisis. Pictured left to right: Paige Wigginton, Sandra Peart, Robert S. Jepson Jr., Alice Andrews Jepson, and Stephanie Eken Sander.



Alumni gave abundantly of their time and talents at this year's **EDGE**, a daylong professional development program for Jepson juniors. Eighty-three alumni helped plan EDGE, and 48 participated in the event itself.



Griffin Trau, '18, a stellar scholar and one of the most successful kickers in Spider Football history, received a **Fulbright grant** to teach English in the Czech Republic.



Entrepreneur **Djordje Hinic**, '13, launched the socially responsible business consulting firm Perpetuum Projects in November. In July, he joined Jepson's **Executive Board of Advisors**.



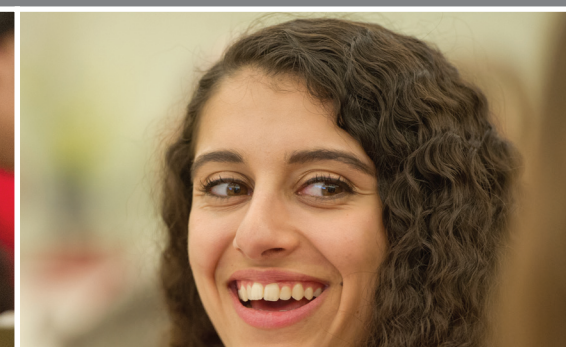
“The Jepson curriculum arms you with skills you’ll utilize in any job, across any industry: critical thinking, ethical decision making, synthesizing of information, thoughtful collaborating, building connections across differences, and challenging the status quo to effect change.”

— Brittney Quinones, '13

Since its founding in 1992 as the nation’s first undergraduate school of leadership studies, Jepson School students, faculty, and alumni have excelled as **knowledge leaders**.

The School’s Executive Board of Advisors launched a campaign in 2017 to **tell our story** by highlighting alumni’s professional successes and faculty scholarship and expertise. We are now three-quarters of the way to our campaign’s **\$240,000** fundraising goal. Our faculty were quoted in national and international news reports with an estimated **575 million reach** last year.

Learn how you can become a part of the Jepson Profile-Raising Initiative:
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With the graduation of the Class of 2019, the number
of our alumni rose to almost 1,500.

