

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

# Research Virtual Town Hall

Monday, December 13, 2021

1–2 p.m.



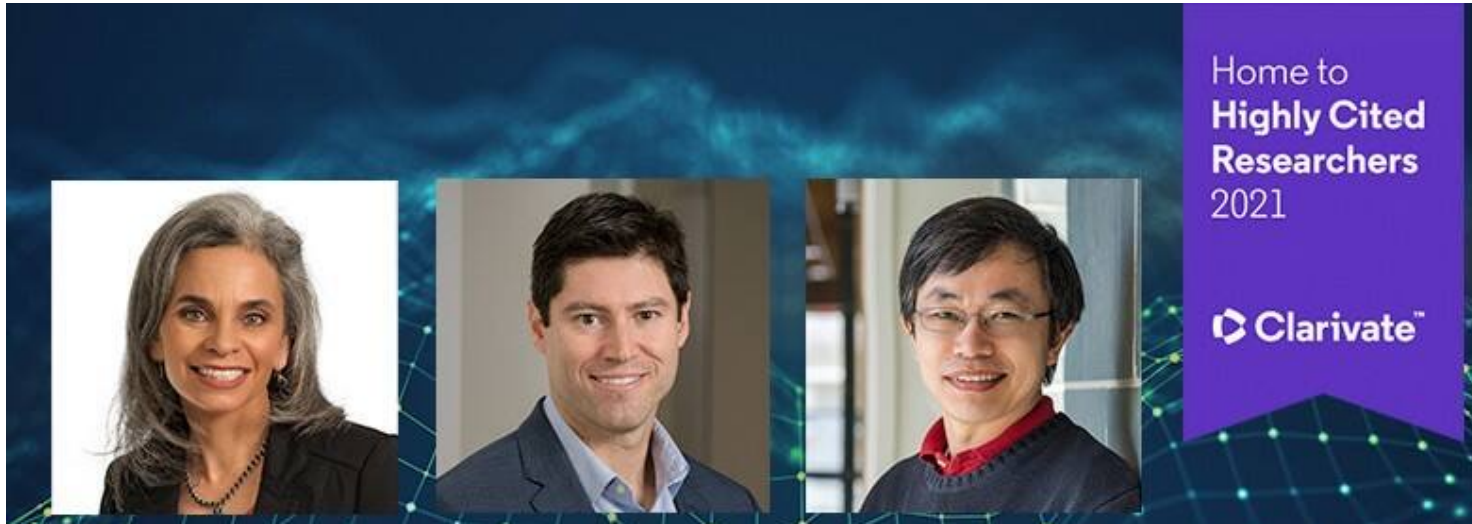
# Agenda

1. Campus News
2. Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center (IHRC)
3. COVID-19 & Research Updates
4. Questions – Zoom Q&A



Submit your questions using the Zoom Q&A Function

# Researchers with Influence



Professors Wendy Smith, Rodrigo Vargas and Yushan Yan have been named to Clarivate's 2021 global list of Highly Cited Researchers for the significant impact they are having on their academic fields, as evidenced by the rate at which their work is being cited by their peers.

# Inventing the Future

National Academy of Inventors Fellows Program recognizes outstanding inventions with tangible impact.



Professor Kelvin Lee    Professor Thomas Epps

# UD Medal of Distinction

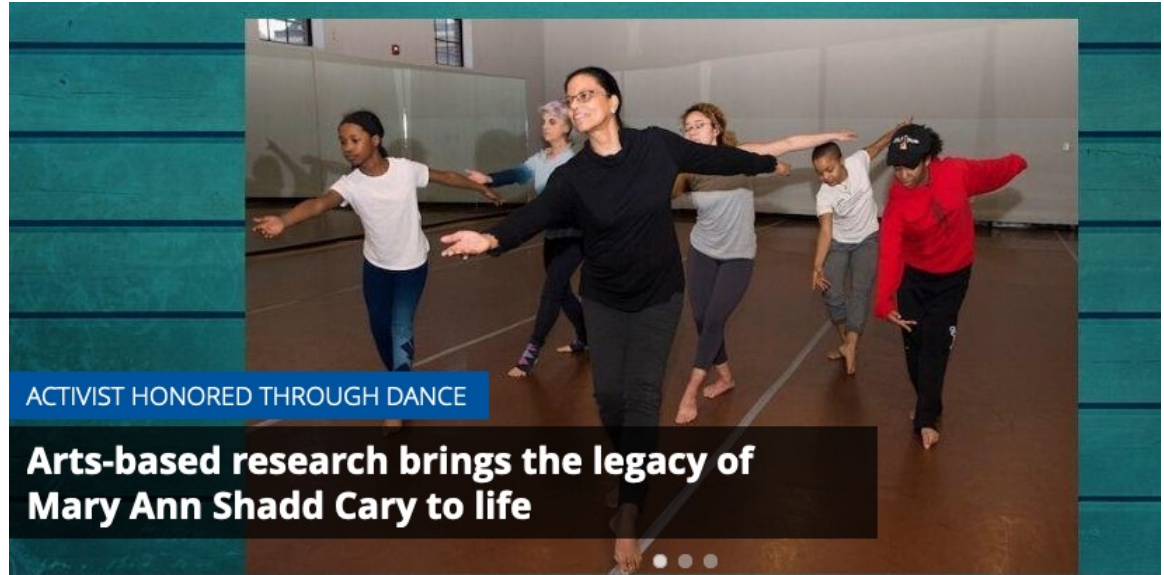


Tim Dowling, Babatunde Ogunnaike, John Burmeister, Skip Loessner

# Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center



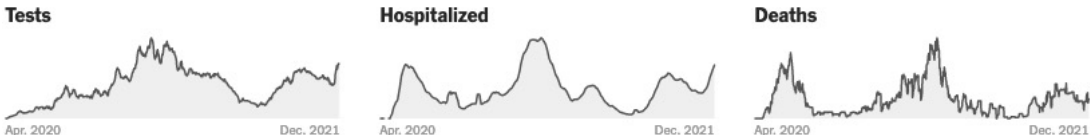
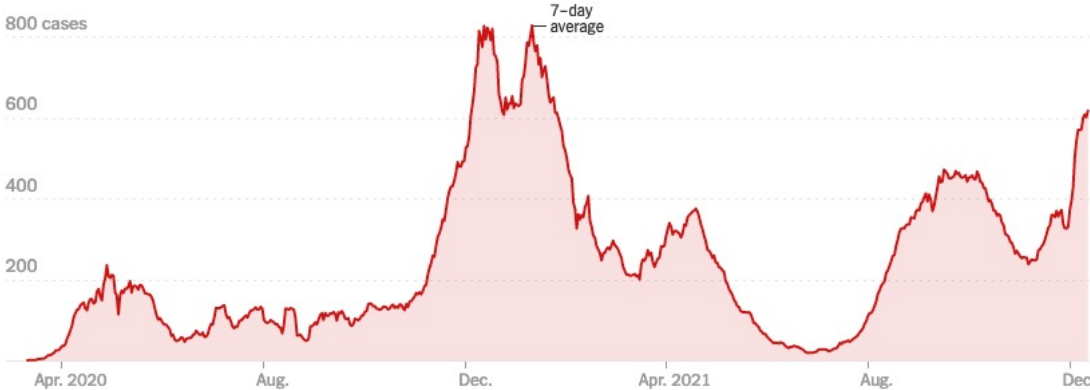
**Julie McGee**  
Director, IHRC  
Professor, Africana Studies &  
Art History  
Interim Director, Library,  
Museums and Press



# COVID-19 Updates

# State of Delaware Statistics

Data reported 12/13/21



DE Positivity Rate  
9.2%

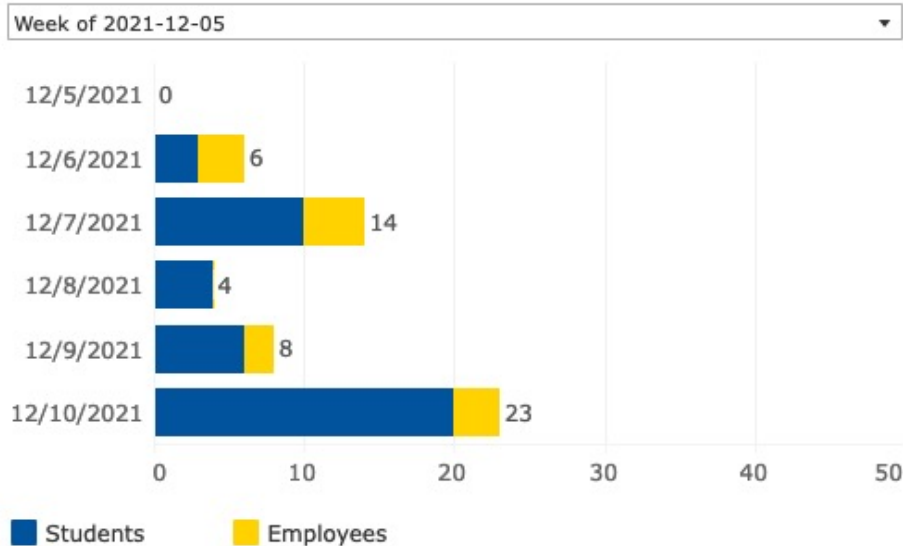
	DAILY AVG. ON DEC. 12	14-DAY CHANGE	TOTAL REPORTED
Cases	616	+89%	160,768
Tests	7,411	+57%	—
Hospitalized	338	+67%	—
Deaths	3	+11%	2,218



# UD COVID Dashboard

Data reported 12/13/21

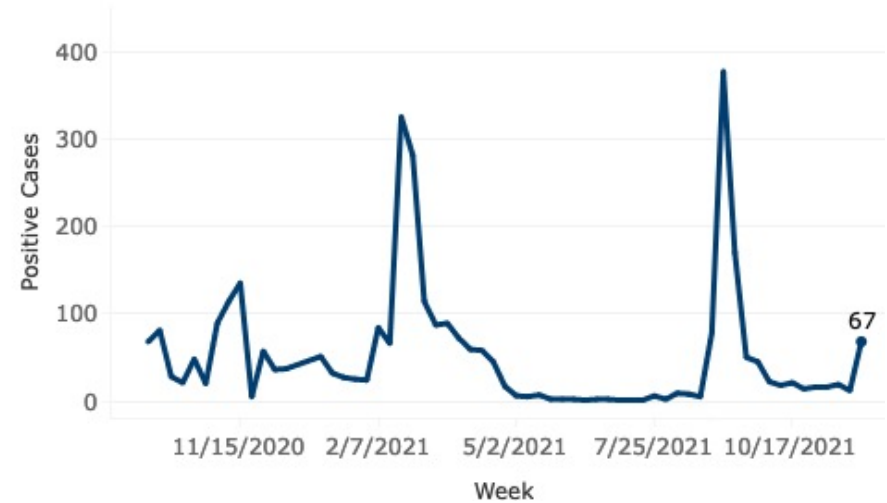
## Daily New Positive Cases



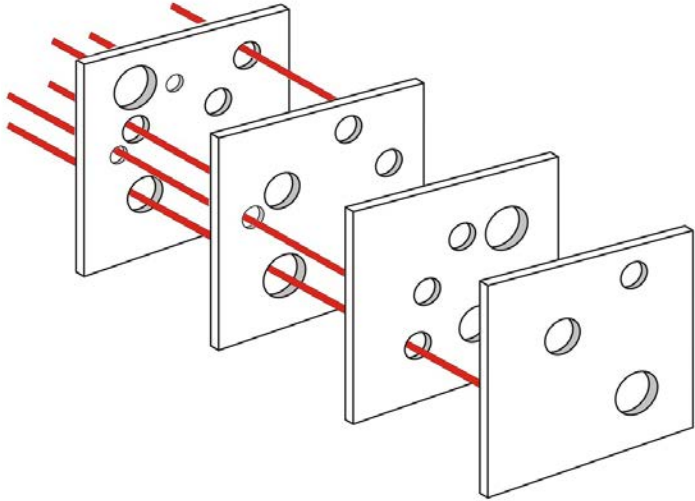
Last Week

## Positive Cases by Week

Employees and Students



# COVID-19 Risk Mitigation



Health screening

Physical distancing

Hand washing

Masks

Testing

Contact tracing

Isolating/Quarantining

Vaccines/Boosters

# Employee Vaccination

## **Employee vaccination mandate update**

The Executive Order from the federal government requiring COVID-19 vaccine for all UD employees has halted as decisions play out in the federal courts.

All coronavirus health and safety protocols, including weekly testing for those who are not vaccinated, remain in place.

**Goal:** To keep campus safe by immunizing as many people as possible.

# Safeguard Your Health

Get vaccinated against COVID-19 or get a booster shot.

Upload your COVID-19 vaccination card. Upload again once you receive the booster. [UD Health Portal](#)

Get the flu vaccine. Employees visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find and schedule a flu shot; students can go to [Student Health Services](#)

Get tested for COVID-19 before and after traveling. Asymptomatic testing on campus until Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and a reduced testing schedule during Winter Session.

# Campus COVID-19 Testing

Mondays through Thursdays. Registration required. No walk-ups.

**Harker ISE Lab, 9 am–12:45 pm** <https://udel.edu/book/harker-ise-lab>

**Pencader 115, 10 am–1:45 pm** <https://udel.edu/book/universityofdelaware600>

# Campus COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Clinic

January 5, 2022

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Pencader Dining Hall

Room 106

Laird Campus

Boosters (Pfizer and J&J): <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/UdelBooster>

J&J first dose: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/UDelJJ>

# Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities

## Travel Guidelines

UD employees and students are strongly encouraged to participate virtually in research activities/conferences, whether domestic or international, and postpone research travel whenever possible.

Due to the increase in travel restrictions imposed as a consequence of the Omicron variant, UD travel to CDC level 4 countries is being re-evaluated in consultation with UD Risk Management and our insurance carriers.

# Questions

Submit your questions via the Zoom Q&A



**Happy Holidays and Best  
Wishes for a Safe 2022!!**

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