



Dear Colleagues,

The Blackwell Talks committee and CAFE would like to invite you to submit a proposal for the *Spring 2026 Blackwell Talks*.

What are Blackwell Talks?

The Blackwell Talks series offer an opportunity for faculty to share and receive feedback on *research in progress*. Each talk features a 30 minute research presentation followed by 20 minutes of discussion based around, but not limited to, specific areas of feedback that the speaker identifies in their talk. Presenters may support their talk with slides but this is not required or expected. The audience for Blackwell Talks is fellow scholars and colleagues from various academic areas and units across campus. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal with the aim of fostering constructive and engaging discussion about the research project being presented. All talks are accompanied by a light lunch generously provided by our sponsors.

The Blackwell Talks are generously sponsored by: Cormier Honors College ○ College of Education, Health, and Human Services ○ Cook-Cole College of Arts and Sciences ○ College of Graduate and Professional Studies ○ College of Business and Economics ○ Brock Experience ○ Greenwood Library.

Who can propose a Blackwell Talk?

Blackwell Talk proposals can be submitted by any member of the faculty or staff that has an ongoing research project that would benefit from discussion with colleagues. Blackwell Scholars will receive a \$150 stipend and a certificate.

When and where are the Blackwell Talks?

The Blackwell Talks take place on **Mondays from 12:00 to 12:50 PM** in the Virginia Room, and the dates of this year's talks will be:

1. September 21
2. September 28
3. October 5
4. October 12
5. October 19
6. October 26

How can I submit a Blackwell Talk?

Send a proposal via email to Dr. Kenneth Fortino: fortinok@longwood.edu by the end of the day **Monday, September 7th** that includes:

1. Exact title of your presentation
2. Presenter name(s) with a short biography
3. Presenter department(s)
4. Presenter email address & phone
5. Semester and Year of most recent Blackwell Talk for each presenter, if applicable
6. *Project Description*: Include a description of the project you will be presenting in your talk written for a general audience (250 word maximum).
7. *Description of Project Status*: Include a description of the current state of the project and how this project represents a work in progress that will benefit through feedback from talk attendees (250 words maximum).

How can I find out more information about the Blackwell Talks?

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Blackwell Talks committee: Kenneth Fortino (fortinok@longwood.edu), Christopher Swanson (swansoncl@longwood.edu), or Marsha Rutledge (swansoncl@longwood.edu) with any questions about the talks or the proposal process. We look forward to hearing from you.