"I have loved my work, I have loved people and art and play, but always I have been uplifted by the thought that what I have done will rear upright and long and justify my life. That what I have done ill or never finished can now be handed on to others for endless days to be finished, perhaps better than I could have done. And that peace will be my applause."

The words of W.E.B. Du Bois ring true in my ears these days, too. There is much to be done and a many more tasks to be finished. The Expansion of the Du Bois Center at the right time for our campus, I have witnessed an increasing number of students wishing to be heard, embracing more and more students and researchers on safe places for difficult conversation. I see the Du Bois Center as a space for this work.

Recently, we hosted 40 graduate students and faculty from across the campus for the workshop "Feminist Pedagogy in Difficult National Moments." Co-organized by Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, Anthropology, and the Center for the Study of Race, the workshop will allow the development of the Graduate Students of Color Association and the Research Enhancement and Leadership (REAL) Fellows.

Many student, staff, and faculty visitors who have been through the doors of the Center have remarked how comfortable and welcoming the space feels. Thanks to interns from Anthropology and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, starting next semester our doors will be open regular hours for group presentations, campus visits, student organization meetings, workshops, lectures, quiet, and general gathering for our growing scholarly community.

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