



Margaret Roach '21 to discuss her research, year as Wofford's Presidential International Scholar



Margaret Roach '21 will discuss her research and year as Wofford's Presidential International Scholar in a webinar at noon on Thursday, May 13.

In addition to demonstrating curiosity and a commitment to service, Wofford College's Presidential International Scholars are often heavily focused on the details associated with international travel and scheduling interviews for research.

Margaret Roach '21, a **psychology** major with a concentration in **medicine and the liberal arts**, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, had a year like no other Presidential International Scholar. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented her from traveling internationally to research the integration of traditional medicine with the biomedical approach to treating mental health in India.

"I've definitely learned to be flexible and to come up with plan B, C, D and E...I think that's what I'm on now," says Roach, who describes herself as having a Type A personality.

Roach will discuss her year as the college's Presidential International Scholar during a webinar at noon on Thursday, May 13. **Register for the event.**

She was notified of her selection to be the scholar while in South Africa for study abroad in the spring of 2020, but she knew it would be a challenging year and there possibly wouldn't be any travel to India. The South Africa experience also was disrupted by the pandemic.

"I grieved the loss of opportunities in South Africa and India, but I coped with the grief and found solutions," says Roach. "I still had research to do."

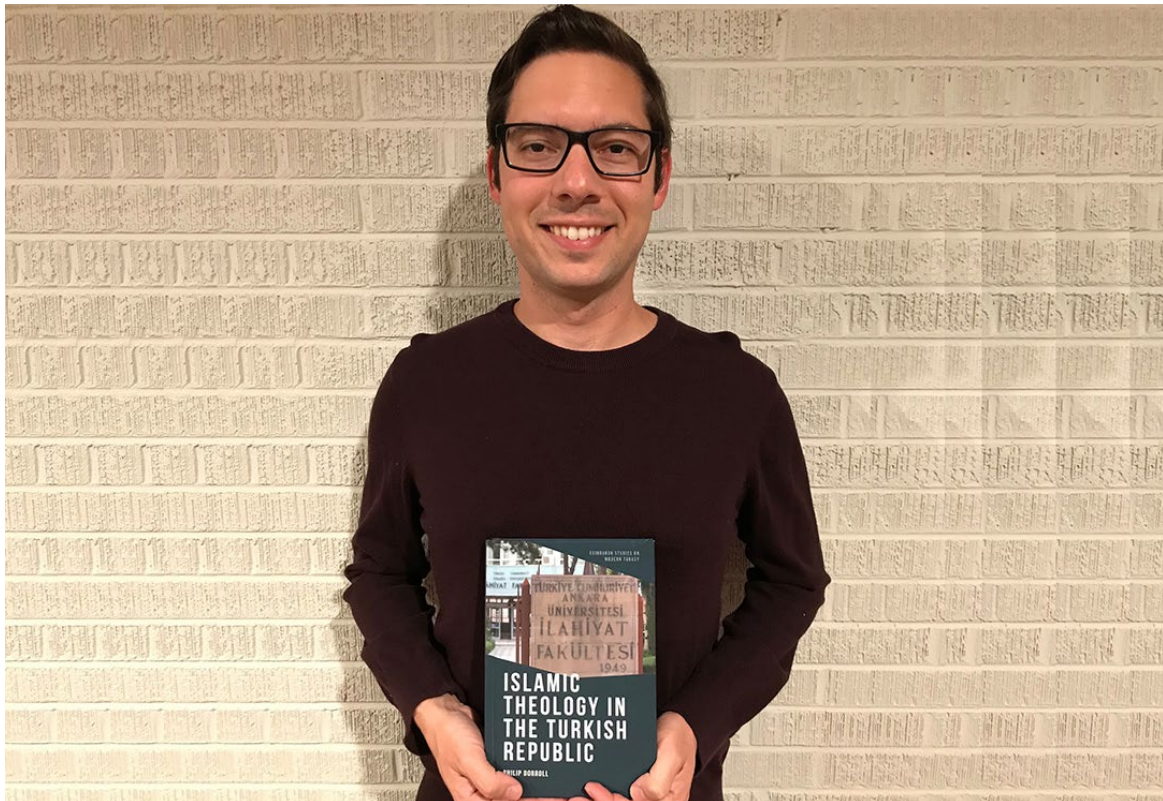
Dr. John Lefebvre, professor of psychology, served as Roach's faculty adviser and they often talked through her various strategies to adjust.

"I was fortunate enough to travel with Dawna Quick '04 in 2003 when she was the Presidential International Scholar," says Lefebvre. "The discussion back then was the stress we placed on the scholars in terms of isolation and the difficulty of travel. These scholars were very resilient to not only complete the program, but to manage all of the demands of travel, research and loneliness.

Fast forward almost 20 years and we have an individual whose resilience is found in how she completed her project with the fact that she could not travel."

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Dorroll breaks ground with new book on Turkey's contributions to Islamic theology



Dr. Philip Dorroll is receiving favorable reviews for his recently published book that's focused on the distinct tradition of Islamic theological thought stemming from the Turkish Republic. Most importantly, the feedback is coming from the people whose opinions mean the most to him.

Dorroll's book "**Islamic Theology in the Turkish Republic**" was published by Edinburgh Press.

“The fact that academics see the book as valuable and interesting means a great deal, especially from my Muslim colleagues,” says Dorroll, associate professor of religion.

The book is receiving international attention.

“Dr. Dorroll uses a wide range of Turkish language theological sources not available in English and never before analyzed in English,” Dr. Begum Burak, an independent researcher based in Istanbul, Turkey, wrote on her blog. “This makes his book a unique one in the discipline.”

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Reminder: Terrier StartUp Challenge is this evening

Fourteen teams of Terriers are pitching their ideas for businesses to a panel of three judges and a share of \$10,000 in start-up funding. You can watch the Terrier StartUp Challenge live this evening at 5:30 p.m. [Register for the event.](#)

This year’s judges are Lekesa Whitner, supportive services manager with the Northside Development Group; Joseph McMillin ’13, founder and CEO of Atlas Organics; and Sami Bernstein ’17, chief marketing officer for Kickback who was recently named to Forbes’ 30 under 30. [Learn more about the Terrier StartUp Challenge.](#)

Fun in the Sun

If you’re looking to start a new exercise program, learn how to shoot craps or bake flatbreads, Lifelong Learning at Wofford College’s summer session has got you covered.

Registration for the summer term opened Tuesday. On the schedule are eight classes and nine one-day special events – including two sessions of gravestone restoration. The term kicks off on May 19 with a guided tour of Hatcher Gardens. All other classes and special events will be held in June. [Learn more, including how to register.](#)

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