



The Mosaic

Center for Culture and Diversity

Mosaic Spring 2018 Calendar

Note: Co-sponsorships not led by the Mosaic are not listed in this calendar. Calendar is subject to change. To stay up to date please visit our myUMBC group page:

<https://my.umbc.edu/groups/themosaic>



FEBRUARY

Nat'l Black History Month | Welcome Week (28 Jan - Feb 5)

5 Mosaic, Interfaith, and LGBTQ+ Reception

- Monday, February 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** Celebrate the cultural, spiritual and LGBTQ+ diversity of UMBC and meet our brand new and returning Mosaic Staff. This reception is for all students, staff, and faculty to come together and connect with one another. We encourage you to build community across difference, learn about inclusion based resources, and find out about our cool semester programs and events! This event will end with a tour of our three spaces; the Mosaic, the Interfaith Center (IFC), and Queer Student Lounge (QSL). All are welcome and dinner will be served. For more information, contact mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** General Cultural, Religious and Spiritual, LGBTQ+ and Gender

9 Fajita Friday

Friday, February 9, 5:30 - 8 p.m. in the Commons: Gameroom

DESCR: Please join us for games, fun, and food! This event is open to all students, staff, and faculty that want to know more on how to get engaged with UMBC's Hispanic and Latinx community. This is a great opportunity for hispano y latino student organizations to connect and advertise themselves with the general UMBC community. Hispanic and latinx food will be served. For any questions, please contact Gerardo Herrera-Cortes at gherrer1@umbc.edu or the Mosaic at mosaic@umbc.edu.

Target Populations: Hispanic and Latinx

12 DACA and TPS Info Session

Monday, February 12, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Skylight Room



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DESCR: On Wednesday, January 10, 2017, The Chancellor for the University of Maryland System released a letter in response to the court's January 9, 2018 [order](#) to the federal government to indefinitely maintain the program known as Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, while legal challenges play out in the coming months. On same day, a [White House meeting](#) with members of Congress promised some hope of legislation to permanently protect the hundreds of thousands of talented young people brought to the United States as children to continue to fully participate in, and contribute to, America's economy and society.” In addition, over the past few months, the Director of Homeland Security announced that they would end the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti and El Salvador in July 2019 and September 2019.

These decisions may leave community members with a bit of uncertainty with what may happen next. (Space) The Mosaic's mission is to support students of all backgrounds and experiences on campus. To help this effort, please join us and other campus partners for a DACA and TPS info session to learn next steps and resources available. (Space) A facilitated Q&A period will follow the presentation. Anonymous questions will be taken via notecards provided to all participants. If possible, time will be allotted for private, one-on-one consultation. (Space) All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at mosaic@umbc.edu.

We will also be joined by the founder of a volunteer group *Sanctuary Streets Court Support*. They will provide basic tools on how to accompany non-U.S. citizens to court to educate people on their rights, on legal resources that they could benefit from, and to help people flex their rights and document incidents if they are approached by ICE officials.

Target Populations: International and Foreign Born Immigrant

13 **Having Immigrant Parents: Navigating Multicultural Identities**

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in University Center: 310

DESCR: This discussion based event will highlight our experiences with having a multicultural identity, and how it has impacted our lives. We will have a short presentation discussing the issues people may have while juggling many identities. We are encouraging attendees to share their own stories if they feel comfortable doing so. For any questions please contact the Mosaic at mosaic@umbc.edu, Gerardo Herrera-Cortes at gherrer1@umbc.edu, or Laura Huang at luhuan4@umbc.edu.



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Target Populations: Asian and Pacific Islander, Foreign and International, Hispanic and Latinx

15 So...What is “Good” English?

Thursday, February 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Commons: 329

DESCR: Come learn about the origins of the variety of American English dialects and the superiority of what is considered “standard English.” This lecture will be followed by a discussion on embracing the diversity in American English dialects. *Dinner will be served!* For any questions please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu or Becca Mann at mannr1@umbc.edu.

Target Populations: General Cultural, Foreign and International

20 How to be a Better Ally: Black Male Youth

Tuesday, February 20, 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Commons: 329

DESCR: This co-facilitated workshop series that focuses on various underrepresented and/or marginalized populations. Our goal of the series is to provide UMBC community members with the basic practices for allyship, specifically for the highlighted target population. This workshop session will highlight best practices to be allies to Black male youth after a brief discussion on the Black Male Youth experience. All undergrads, grads, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend!

Target Populations: Mosaic Series Black and Africana

21 Mundo Lingo: Conversation Café Deluxe

Wednesday, February 21, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Commons: Gameroom

DESCR: An expansion of the ELI’s Conversation Café which is an open meeting, where any student can come for casual conversation, learn more about the Mosaic, and fun group activities. Snacks, games, and ice-breaker activities will be provided and then attendees are left to freely converse in an informal atmosphere. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved with becoming a conversation partner or Mosaic programming. Please email Carlos Turcios, Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion at carlos6@umbc.edu.

Target Populations: General Cultural, Foreign and International

23 SafeZone Development Workshop: Undergraduate and Graduates



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Friday, February 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Commons: 318

DESCR: Wondering where our SafeZone workshop went? Were you SafeZone trained through our previous program? Our SafeZone workshop has been completely revamped into a full-day training compiled of four detailed sections and various modules filled with several interactive exercises.

We welcome all undergrad and graduate students for this full-day training! You must **RSVP by Friday, February 16 by noon via our Google Form on our MyUMBC page.** Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Are you a staff or faculty member? Or are you a student unable to make the meeting? Don't fret, there will be additional workshops throughout the semester on March 30th, May 4th, June 22nd. Check out our myUMBC page for details or email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.

Target Populations: LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies, Training

26 SPECTRUM: Trans AFTER College

Monday, Feb, 26, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Commons: Skylight Room

DESCR: This event is for trans+ students, staff, and faculty and their cisgender allies. At this panel event, invited guests will talk about their experiences of being trans and/or gender variant in their personal and professional lives post-college and will provide good practices for trans inclusion in our daily lives. This event is followed by the [Trans In College](#) event hosted last fall and is intended to complement the previous discussion. Note: You did not have to attend the fall event to attend this spring semester event. A reception will take place after the panel discussion and attendees are encouraged to continue the dialogue and network with each other.

Target Populations: LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies

28 PAWTalks: Ron Jones and "The Movement" Fifty Years of Love and Struggle

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts: Recital Hall 118

DESCR: The Mosaic will be hosting "The Movement" as the first PAWTalk of the semester. The Movement: 50 Years of Love and Struggle is a visual chronicle which highlights many of the political, social and cultural markers of the roughly 50 years since passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. (space) This theatrical production features EMMY Award winning actor Ron Jones. Jones plays multiple characters and takes the audience on a journey through the ever-changing face of the African American experience. (space) Supported by interactive video, stock historical footage, quotes and



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some of the most memorable music of the last two generations, Jones weaves the tapestry of struggle and triumph. These developments created the fastest cultural expansion of any group in American history, as a culture and a nation, we are still dealing with these positive and negative ripple effects. The power of the vote enabled much of the movement that protest and boycott could not alone. (space) Through both the comedic and poignant, the show's characters tell of the great struggles and of the challenges ahead. From the "Black Power 60's", to the "Blaxploitation 70's", into the "Cosby 80's" and through the so-called "Post Racial" new millennia, "The Movement" is a survey of the best and sometimes worst of the African-American experience. (space) The performance will be followed up by an open dessert discussion with the audience. [Check out this video to learn more about the performance.](#) We hope to see you there!

Target Populations: Mosaic Series, Black and Africana



MARCH

Nat'l Women's History Month | Mosaic's Pawsitive Bodies and Minds Week (12-16) |

March (18-25): Spring Break

6 The History of Black Baltimore

- Tuesday, March 6, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Commons 329
- **DESCR:** This interactive lecture style event will focus on the historical policies that have created demographic shifts in Baltimore City. This session will explore the historical "white flight" phenomenon as well as the more recent movements of gentrification. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. If you have any further questions, please email Carlos Turcios, Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion at carlos6@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Black and Africana

7 What's the (T)ea?: Voting in Our Social Identities

- Wednesday, March 7th, 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Commons 329
- **DESCR:** "What's the T?" a phrase originating from Black Gay Ball Culture, circa 1970-1989, that indicated someone was the "T"alk of the "T"own, hence the "T". "What's the T? - It means like "What's up?", "What's going on?" (Space) A monthly co-facilitated discussion series that is geared to exploring social issues affecting our society and various communities. This session will elaborate on how voting laws have historically affected various marginalized communities as well as explore what voting rights mean for people today.



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- **Target Populations:** General

8 Inmigración in the State of Maryland: A focus on Hispanic & Latinx Populations

- Thursday, March 8, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Commons: 329
- **DESCR:** This interactive lecture-style event will focus on the historical demographics of immigration in the State of Maryland, particularly the Central American groups that have been in the state for the past several decades.
- **Target Populations:** Hispanic and Latinx, Foreign International

12 Dare to Dream Film Screening: Cuba's Latin American Medical School

- Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Commons: Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** Join us for our “Dare to Dream” Film Screening! This film tells the story of the largest medical school in the world, the Latin American Medical School, in Havana, Cuba. The story is told through the eyes of US students who received scholarships, with the commitment to return home, and practice medicine in underserved communities in the US. (space)Through the stories of graduates of ELAM, as it is known in spanish, we will learn the history of this medical school that is revolutionizing healthcare on a global level. We will also, see the promise these doctors represent for their communities. (space) What happens when a country dares to dream that young people can change the world? (space) A discussion will follow led by Marina Adler Ph.D. (Professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Health Administration and Policy) and Leslie Salgado (Founder, Friends of Latin America “FOLA”). For any questions please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu. Dinner will be served!
- **Target Populations:** Hispanic and Latinx Foreign born and international

13 Cross-Cultural Bystander Intervention Training

- Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Commons: Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** Details coming soon, for questions, please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu
- **Target Populations:** LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies

14 Mundo Lingo: Hillel, Friends, and Healthy Minds



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- Wednesday, March 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Commons: Sports Zone
- **DESCR:** An expansion of the ELI's Conversation Café which is an open meeting where any student can come for casual conversation, learn more about the Mosaic, and fun group activities. This session will highlight UMBC's Hillel and healthy practices that can help you throughout the semester. Snacks, games, and ice-breaker activities will be provided and then the attendees are left to freely converse in an informal atmosphere. For any questions, please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Foreign International, Religious and Spiritual

15 Cultural Differences and Mental Health

- Thursday, March 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Commons: Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** Come join us and the Counseling Center staff, for a seminar presentation, and discussion on cultural differences in mental health. This event will cover basic sociological health issues that are interrelated with cultural identity, racial identity and nationality. Topics will include the different perceptions, conceptualization, and social construction of mental health and illness from various groups across the world. If you have any questions, please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Foreign, International, Religious and Spiritual, Black and Africana, Hispanic and Latinx, Asian and Pacific Islander

16 Mosaic Self Care Hour: Make Your Own Slime

- Friday, March 16th from 11am-1pm in the Commons Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** Need a break from school and work? Come de-stress and with the Mosaic by making your own slime! Tips will be available on how to continue your self-care throughout the semester. Materials and snacks will be provided just bring yourself! Questions? Email us at mosaic@umbc.edu
- **Target Populations:** ForeignInternational ReligiousandSpiritual BlackandAfricana HispanicandLatinx AsianandPacificIslander

26 Craft a Crane: A Brief History Of Origami



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- Monday, March 26, 5:30-7 p.m. in Commons 331
- **DESCR:** This event will provide a brief overview of the history and meaning of origami. We'll start with a short presentation about the history and importance behind origami. Attendees will have an opportunity to craft their own paper crane and enjoy green tea! For any questions please contact Laura Huang at luhuan4@umbc.edu or the Mosaic at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Asian and Pacific Islander

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How to be a Better Ally: International Women of Color

- Thursday, March 29th, 4-5:30 p.m. in Commons 329
- **DESCR:** This co-facilitated workshop series focuses on various underrepresented and/or marginalized populations. Our goal of the series is to provide UMBC community members with the basic practices for allyship, specifically for the highlighted target population. After a brief discussion on the unique international women of color experience, this workshop session will highlight best ally practices to the target population. All undergrads, grads, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend! For any questions, please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Asian and Pacific Islander, Indigenous, Black and African, Hispanic and Latinx, LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies

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SafeZone Development Workshop: Faculty and Staff

- Friday, March 30, 2018, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Commons: 328
- **DESCR:** Wondering where our SafeZone workshop went? Were you SafeZone trained through our previous program? Our SafeZone workshop has been completely revamped into a full-day training compiled of four detailed sections and various modules filled with several interactive exercises.
- Welcome all staff and faculty to this full-day training! You must RSVP by Friday, March 23 by noon via our Google Form on our MyUMBC page.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- Are you an undergraduate or graduate student? Or a staff or faculty member unable to make the meeting? Don't fret, there will be additional workshops throughout the semester on May 4th and June 22nd. Check out our myUMBC page for details or email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies





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APRIL

Quadmania: 20-22 April | Career Month | Take Back the Night 12 April

3 PAWTalks: Justin Clapp: The Art of Drag

- Tuesday, April 3rd, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Commons: Skylight
- **DESCR:** As Durham's Drag Diva, and UMBC alum, Vivica C. Cox, brings beauty, comedy, and social justice to a head in the most beautiful way. Crafting a nightlife culture AND making drag accessible to everyone, she has made a name for herself and keeps growing! Vivica seeks to create an open and inclusive drag community where love and entertainment are most important. If you're not having fun, she's not interested. Most often, her shows are amateur-centered and about giving an opportunity for young performers to become something more. (space) Her discussion will focus on how mainstream LGBTQ+ community can work together to continue its work to make it inclusive for all LGBTQ+-individuals.
- **Target Populations:** Mosaic Series, LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies

5 What's the (T)ea?: "Taxation Without Representation"

- Thursday, April 5th, 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Commons: 329
- **DESCR:** "What's the T?" a phrase originating from Black Gay Ball Culture, circa 1970-1989, that indicated someone was the "T"alk of the "T"own, hence the "T". "What's the T? - means "What's up? What's going on?" This is a monthly co-facilitated discussion series geared to exploring social issues affecting our society and various communities. This session will elaborate on how voting laws have historically affected various marginalized communities and explore what voting rights mean for people today. This session will specifically focus on the limitations of noncitizens, folks under the voting age, and residents of D.C. and U.S. territories.
- **Target Populations:** Mosaic Series, General Cultural, Foreign International

17 Afro-Latinos: Who are We?

- Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Commons 329
- **DESCR:** This co-facilitated lecture event will focus on the history of Afro-Latin@ identity in Latin America and the Caribbean. From the slave trade to modern day racism, Afro-Latin@s have been subjected to various forms of stratification. Despite this marginalization, Afro-Latin@s have provided an invaluable amount



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of cultural contributions to Latin America and the Caribbean. For any questions, please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu. Dinner will be served.

- **Target Populations:** Black and Africana, Hispanic and Latinx

24 Living in Silence: Gender-Based Violence in the Immigrant Community

- Tuesday, April 24th, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, please join us for our panel discussion on current gender-based violence issues affecting immigrant communities. Immigrant women are far more likely to fall victim to employment and intimate partner violence compared to the American-born population. Panelists from local organizations working with this vulnerable population will speak on human rights violations that impact the immigrant community in Maryland.

This event will provide you the basic resources on how to get involved with local organizations working toward these efforts. Dinner will be served. This event is open to all!

- **Target Populations:** Foreign and International, LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies

25 How to be a Better Ally: People Who Identify as Agnostics and Atheists

- Wednesday, April 25th, 4-5:30p.m. in Commons: 329
- **DESCR:** This co-facilitated workshop series focuses on various underrepresented and/or marginalized populations. Our goal of the series is to provide UMBC community members with the basic practices for allyship, specifically for the highlighted target population. After a brief discussion on the unique experiences of people who identify as Agnostic or Atheist, this workshop session will highlight best practices to be allies to people who identify as Agnostic and Atheist. All undergrads, grads, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend!
- **Target Populations:** Mosaic Series, Religious and Spiritual

26 Mundo Lingo: Mosaic End of Semester Hype!

- Thursday, April 26, 6:30 - 10 p.m. in the Commons: Gameroom
- **DESCR:** This co-facilitated workshop series focuses on various underrepresented and/or marginalized populations. Our goal of the series is to provide UMBC community members with the basic practices for allyship, specifically for the



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- **Target Populations:** Mosaic Series, General Cultural



MAY

Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month | Celebrating Orgs May 2 | Study Day May 16

1 Are Hawaiians Asian?

- Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Commons 329
- **DESCR:** Come out for an informative and fun presentation about Hawaii's past. We will cover a brief history of Hawaii, the impacts of American colonizers, and the cultural suppression of Native Hawaiian culture. You may win a small giveaway by participating throughout! For any questions please contact Laura Huang at luang4@umbc.edu or the Mosaic at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Asian and Pacific Islander, Indigenous

3 Lost in Translation: The Impact of African Colonialism

- Thursday, May 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Skylight Room
- **DESCR:** A seminar challenging the perception of African cultures as a "Homogenous African Identity." This engaging event will focus on the impact of sociopolitical declines of African native languages through encouragement of Eurocentric languages in academia. This event will highlight the historical impact of colonization on specific African nations/tribes and how those effects are causing the extinction of various African dialects. We will explore the effects on Black African identity, specifically how Igbo and other African languages are being Lost in Translation. For any questions, please email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** Black and African

4 SafeZone Development Workshop: Undergraduates and Graduates

- Friday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Commons: 329



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- **Target Populations:** LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies, Training

7 Lavender Celebration

- Monday, May 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Commons: Skylight
- **DESCR:** Please join us for our 5th annual Lavender Celebration. An evening to celebrate the wonderful achievements of UMBC's LGBTQ+ graduating seniors, other LGBTQ+ community members and their allies. LGBTQ+ students overcome incredible odds to succeed and make a difference at UMBC. This ceremony is in recognition of them and in recognition to all the allied staff, faculty, alumni, offices, departments, and programs that work to support them. Graduating seniors will be recognized and receive lavender honor cords. Award categories will encompass student, staff, department, and programmatic efforts, and will include recognition for LGBTQ+ individuals as well as allies to the community. An RSVP is **REQUIRED** to attend this event. The links to RSVP, for graduates to register for recognition, and information to nominate someone will be posted by April 2nd. Join Student Life in this celebration of the accomplishments and support that have characterized this year. Family and friends of those nominated and/or graduating are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. Contact Carlos Turcios, Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion, at carlos6@umbc.edu or (410) 455-1825 for questions or more information.
- **Target Populations:** LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies

10 What's the (T)ea?: Having Difficult Conversations *Between Elections*

- Thursday, May 10, 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Commons 329



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- **DESCR:** "What's the T?" a phrase originating from Black Gay Ball Culture, circa 1970-1989, that indicated someone was the "T"alk of the "T"own, hence the "T". "What's the T? - means "What's up? What's going on?" This is a monthly co-facilitated discussion series geared to exploring social issues affecting our society and various communities. This session will explore on how to gains the skills to have difficult and productive conversations surrounding our local, state, and national issues with SGA's *Between Elections*.
- **Target Populations:** Mosaic Series, General Cultural

16 Relaxation Station: Massages and Chill

- Wednesday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Commons: Mosaic (2B23)
- **DESCR:** Need to relieve some stress before finals? Come enjoy snacks and hang out with the Mosaic Staff. Take a break from studying and visit us for yoga, meditation, and five minute massages from the UHS. For questions, email us at mosaic@umbc.edu.
- **Target Populations:** General



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22 SafeZone Development Workshop: Faculty and Staff

- Friday, June 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Commons: 331
- **DESCR:** Wondering where our SafeZone workshop went? Were you SafeZone trained through our previous program? Our SafeZone workshop has been completely revamped into a full-day training compiled of four detailed sections and various modules filled with several interactive exercises. We welcome all faculty and staff for this full-day training! You must **RSVP by Friday, June 15 by noon via our Google Form**. Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- **Target Populations:** LGBTQ+ Gender and Allies