

MOSAIC AND INTERFAITH CENTER NEWSLETTER

2017-18 THEME

RESILIENCE

OCTOBER EVENTS

WHAT'S THE (T)EA?

Who am I? Reflecting on Our Identities
Resilience: (T)elling our (T)ruths

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 4 - 5:30 p.m. in The Mosaic (Commons 2B23)

What's the (T)ea? Social Justice Dialogue Series, Resilience: (T)elling our (T)ruths "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?" In October's session, we will have a critical dialogue on our identities and how they shape our world and experiences. But, what does that mean in reality? Join us for a facilitated discussion of these topics. All are welcome!

"COMING OUT" OF THE DARKNESS

Suicide Awareness in the LGBTQ+ Community

Thursday, October 5, 2017 6 - 7 p.m. in The Commons : Room 329

Please join us in welcoming Dorian Holliday from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to discuss important mental health issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community and training basic essential tools to spread awareness. Hor d'ourves and light refreshments will be served.

MUNDO LINGO

Halloween Pre-Boo Bash Party

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4 - 6 p.m. in The Commons : Lower Flat Tuesdays

Mundo Lingo encourages you to practice your second (or third) language skills and share your culture with other UMBC community members in various spaces across campus! Come join us for spooky fun and crafts. Bring your friends and bridge new connections. Treats galore for those with a sweet tooth!

SPECTRUM

Game Night

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7 - 10 p.m. in the Women's Center (Commons 004)

Come join fellow Spectrum community members for a relaxing night of snacks, fun, and games! This event is for trans students, staff, and faculty and their cisgender allies. A Spectrum reception for UMBC trans and gender variant identified students, faculty, and staff will follow in order to provide time for community members to connect with each other.



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OCT 23 to OCT 27

CHALKING FOR CHANGE

Join us on Academic Row for chalking crafts and discussion

Monday, October 23, 2017 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Academic Row

Stop by Academic Row to chalk your answer to the question, "What do you rise for?" You can also chat with some of our staff and volunteers to learn more about Critical Social Justice, this year's theme, and more of the week's events!

RISE 101

What do you rise for? How do you remain resilient?

Monday, October 23, 2017 Noon - 1 p.m. in the University Center : 310

Join Amelia Meman, project coordinator for the Women's Center, and Dr. Julie Murphy, senior lecturer of UMBC's Psychology Department, as they facilitate a dialogue on activism, resistance, and resilience. With the hopes of learning from one another's experiences, we plan to explore this year's theme of "rise" and to collaborate to create a plan for continued engagement in critical social justice.

KEYNOTE LECTURE: DR. ADRIENNE KEENE

Native Appropriations and Indigenous Social Media

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the University Center : Ballroom

Our Critical Social Justice 2017 Keynote Lecturer is Native scholar and activist Dr. Adrienne Keene (Cherokee Nation), who writes about cultural appropriation and stereotypes of Native peoples in pop culture on her blog Native Appropriations. Keene examines the way Indigenous peoples are using new media to challenge racism, present authentic counter-narratives, and create innovative spaces for art and activism.

Doors open at 5:30pm, a meet-and-greet reception will follow the keynote. If you have questions or need accommodations, please contact the Women's Center at womenscenter@umbc.edu.

RISING TENSIONS + TEACHABLE MOMENTS: PANEL FOR FACULTY/STAFF

A panel discussion on pedagogy and social justice

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 Noon - 1 p.m. in the University Center : 310

Join Dr. Jodi Kelber-Kaye, assistant director of The Honor's College, as she moderates a panel discussion on the roles of faculty and staff in the current political atmosphere and pedagogical approaches to social justice. Consisting of UMBC faculty and staff, this panel is for university employees who wish to learn more about navigating politics and social justice in classroom and campus alike.

HOW TO BE A BETTER ALLY

People Living with Mental Disabilities

Resilience: Reframing Our Narratives

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4 - 5:30 p.m. in The Mosaic (Commons 2B23)

Want to gain the basic tools to become a better ally to different communities? Don't know where to start? How to Be a Better Ally is a co-facilitated workshop series that, this month, cover issues pertinent that affect the people with mental disabilities. Come join us for snacks and light refreshments!

This event is open to all. All students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend!

RISING IN TIMES OF INTERNATIONAL TRAGEDIES

The Impact of Oppressive Symbols

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 6 - 7:30 p.m. in The Commons : Skylight

Join the Mosaic in this featured panel and facilitated discussion centering European, Jewish and African American voices discussing their shared, intersectional perspectives connected to historically oppressive symbols. We will discuss how we can come together to stand against intolerable acts of hate in our country.

Panelists include: Marina Adler, Ph.D., professor in *Sociology*; Corinne Janet, *Student Life*; Romy Hübler, Ph.D., *Student Life*; Jana Rehak, Ph.D., instructor in *Anthropology*;

Dr. Kimberly Moffitt, Associate Professor in *American Studies*; and Rabbi Jeremy Fierstein, *UMBC Hillel*.

THE MONUMENT QUILT

Thursday, October 26, 2017 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Erickson Field

"The Monument Quilt is a crowd-sourced collection of thousands of stories from survivors of rape and abuse. By stitching our stories together, we are creating and demanding public space to heal. The Monument Quilt is a platform to not only tell our stories, but work together to forever change how Americans respond to rape. We are creating a new culture where survivors are publicly supported, rather than publicly shamed." - FORCE

Join us on Erickson Field to take a look and explore the Monument Quilt, and the thousands of stories that are woven into it. In addition to this display, the Monument Quilt will be hosting a quilt making workshop in the Women's Center so that survivors and allies may contribute their own vision to this international community art project.

BALTIMORE WALKING TOUR WITH DR. KATE DRABINSKI

Friday, October 27, 2017 Noon - 3 p.m. meeting at the Commons Drive Bus Stop

Throughout history, people have been rising in Baltimore. From labor activists in the railroad industry or food service to the soldiers of the Civil War. Dr. Kate will take us down Pratt Street in the heart of Baltimore for a tour of our city's sites of activism. Free tickets will be available at the tickets.umbc.edu!

PROGRAMS

WHAT HAPPENED TO SAFE Z NE?

WELL...

SafeZone has been on hiatus because its has been getting **revamped, redesigned, and re-styled**. Special thanks to Carlos Turcios and Jeremiah Sawyer, Coordinator for Internships and Employment of the Career Center, and the additional support of graduate students.

We are excited to announce that SafeZone will be starting up again on November 30th and December 1st.

Have you been previously "SafeZone Trained?" The Mosaic is requesting that you renew by attending an upcoming SafeZone Development Workshop! Have you been waiting to finally get SafeZone development? Keep an eye out for additional dates and details.



OUR NEW AMBASSADORS!



Introducing the additions to our growing Mosaic!
(from left to right)

REESE BEYERS

(she/her/hers & they/them/theirs)

RESSE BURKE

(any pronouns)

KARINA AQUIAHUATL VILLAGRAN

(she/her/hers)

NAJLA NADEEM

(she/her/hers)

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STAFF AND INTERNS

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LAURA HUANG (she/her/hers)

Asian and Pacific Islander Student Outreach Intern

GERARDO HERRERA-CORTES

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Hispanic and Latinx Student Outreach Intern



OUR SPACES

Contact Info and Fall Semester Hours Of Operation (Aug 30-Dec 22, 2017)

THE MOSAIC

The Commons, 2B23

Monday-Thursday 10AM-7PM

Friday 10AM-5PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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QUEER STUDENT LOUNGE

University Center, 201D

Monday-Friday 7AM-11PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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INTERFAITH CENTER

*Student Development and Success
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