

# MOSAIC AND INTERFAITH CENTER NEWSLETTER

2017-18 THEME

# RESILIENCE

NOVEMBER EVENTS

## WHAT'S THE (T)EA?

Who Are You? Looking at the Group Identities of Others

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the Mosaic (Commons : 2B23)**

This discussion will focus on how to think more critically about the identities of others, particularly in how our interactions may be affected as a result to them. Please bring an open mind for this engaging discussion! All are welcome!



## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Commons: Mainstreet**

Introductory celebration of all things international at UMBC! \*The Mosaic will feature international-based programming throughout the entire month!

## INTERNATIONAL IDENTITIES IN THE WORKPLACE

**Thursday, November 9th, 2017 2:30 - 4 p.m. in Commons: 329**

Please join the Mosaic, Career Center, and the Office of International Education Services for a workshop focusing on international experience in the U.S. job force. Geared towards International students, topics will include how to market your unique international identity in the workplace, interview tips and business etiquette in American culture, and workplace discrimination. Snacks and light refreshments will be served.



## **SUPPORTING OUR IMMIGRANT RETRIEVERS:**

Immigration Policies and Issues

**Friday, November 10, 2017 Noon - 1 p.m. in Engineering 023**

This workshop will provide a quick overview of the national and state immigration-centered policies that may affect lives of the immigrant community at UMBC. After introducing the existing US immigration system, we will discuss pertinent immigrant issues resulting from the changing political landscape. Join us as we explore the day to day reality of members of this community and what resources are available; as well as unique challenges to accessing those resources.

### **MUNDO LINGO**

Mocktails and Karaoke

**Friday, November 10, 2017 6:30 - 10 p.m. in Commons: Flat Tuesday's**

Want to have some fun on a Friday night? Feel like singing to your heart's content? This Mundo Lingo will feature various mocktails as well as allowing everyone to make their own concoction and allow everyone to have the spotlight.

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 hang out with friends and make brand new connections. All levels of proficiency welcome.

### **PAWTALKS**

Amal Kassir: Spoken Word Poetry and Slamming Islamophobia



**Tuesday, November 14, 2017 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Commons: Skylight**

You won't want to miss this! Check out our second PAWTalk for the semester featuring Amal Kassir! Amal Kassir is a Syrian-American international spoken word poet. She is a 2012 Brave New Voices International Slam Champion with Denver's Minor Disturbance & has been featured in LA Times, PBS Newshour, Colorado Public Radio, Westword Magazine and the Denver Post. Based in Denver, CO, & teaches workshops to communities across Denver, performing nationally & internationally throughout the semester while picking up a shift or two from the family's Damascus Restaurant.

Amal has performed in 8 countries and over 50 cities, from youth prisons to orphanages to refugee camps. Her work in the community involves humanitarian initiatives for Syria, speaking out and organizing

against Islamophobia, and empowering the voice of the marginalized through writing & speaking. She organizes demonstrations, vigils, fundraisers & other educational events in Colorado & has spoken on several CO News Outlets.

Amal does spoken word poetry, lectures and workshops around the themes of activism, social justice, and leadership. She is a master of crafting words to paint pictures. Listening to her speak, you will be able to hear the beating of her grandmother's heart, feel the pain of Syria's orphans, and visualize the hope for a better world.

PAWTalks highlights the richness of various cultures through speakers from around the country representing diverse backgrounds. Check out her TEDTalk on Youtube at <https://tinyurl.com/kassirted>

This event is co-sponsored with the Gender and Women's Studies Department. Halal Dinner will be served!

### **WHO IS PUERTO RICO?**

A Deeper Conversation about the 51st State

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 5:30 - 7 p.m.**

Join us as we delve into a deep dialogue about one of the United States' various territories: Puerto Rico. Located in the northeast Caribbean, the United States and Puerto Rico share a dark and interesting history from its transfer from Spain to the United States to their current battle for statehood status and its struggles to receive hurricane relief. Resources and support for Puerto Rico will be provided! All students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend! Dinner will be provided!



## **SPECTRUM**

Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) Potluck

**Monday, November 20, 2017 6PM-8PM Women's Center**

Spectrum programming is for UMBC community members who identify as trans, genderqueer, gender fluid, outside of the gender binary, and/or those who are questioning their gender identity.

In recognition of Transgender Day of Remembrance, Spectrum will be gathering together with food, community, and support. We're encouraging Spectrum members to bring other snacks, desserts, or drinks to give the space a true potluck feel.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. This potluck event is an opportunity for new and returning participants of Spectrum to come together as a community to remember those who have passed in addition to practicing self-care and taking care of each other.

Spectrum is sponsored by the Women's Center and the Mosaic Center. For further information please contact us at [womenscenter@umbc.edu](mailto:womenscenter@umbc.edu) and/or [mosaic@umbc.edu](mailto:mosaic@umbc.edu).

## **HOW TO BE A BETTER ALLY?**

Population: People Who Wear Religious and Cultural Head Coverings

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Commons: Mosaic**

People who wear religious and cultural head coverings have been victims to targeted acts of violence in the past few decades. Do you want to gain the basic tools to become a better ally to communities that wear religious or cultural head coverings? Don't know where to start? How to Be a Better Ally is a co-facilitated workshop series that focuses on various underrepresented and/or marginalized populations. Come join us for snacks and light refreshments! This event is open to all! All students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend!

## **LIFE AS AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Commons 329**

Come join the Mosaic Center for an interactive learning experience on what it means to be an undocumented immigrant. This simulation will incorporate daily life and social barriers experienced by the undocumented immigrant population. This activity will be preceded with ways to support this community. All are welcome! Dinner will be provided.

## **SAFEZONE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

for Faculty and Staff

**Thursday, November 30, 2017 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Commons: Mosaic**

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 Wednesday, November 23rd by noon.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Are you a graduate or undergraduate student? Don't fret, there will be a workshop on the following day, Friday, Dec 1st from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. - Check out our December Newsletter for details or email us at [mosaic@umbc.edu](mailto:mosaic@umbc.edu).



## **INTRODUCING:**

### **DYLAN'S CORNER**

Dylan, the Diversity Deer, will spotlight one of our staff member or other supporting partners of the Mosaic! We will cover an individual for their true diligence and success from the previous month and truly recognize them for their accomplishments. Dylan currently resides in the Mosaic and is visited by whomever has supported the mission and exemplifies the values of the Mosaic.

# DYLAN'S SPOTLIGHT!



## LAURA HUANG

Asian and Pacific Islander Student Outreach Intern

Laura is a junior studying sociology and a first generation college student from a family of Chinese immigrants here at UMBC. One of the newest staff members of the Mosaic, specifically focused on our Asian and Pacific Islander populations, Laura has grown much in the few months that she has worked with us! She has continuously reached out to establish relationships with the various Asian diasporic groups, most evident with her first event "Stir Fry Social" that happened on October 20, 2017! She was even quoted in The Retriever, the school newspaper: "Her main focus for the center is to organize outreach to the different student and cultural organizations on campus... with the intent to inform and make everyone feel included."



## 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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<https://my.umbc.edu/groups/themosaic>  
<http://osl.umbc.edu/diversity/mosaic>  
<https://www.facebook.com/oslmosaic/>

### QUEER STUDENT LOUNGE

University Center, 201D

**Monday-Friday 7AM-11PM**

**Saturday & Sunday: Closed**

lgbtq@umbc.edu  
(410) 455-5724

<http://osl.umbc.edu/lgbtq>  
<https://www.facebook.com/lgbtq.umbc/>

### INTERFAITH CENTER

Student Development and Success  
Center

**Sunday-Saturday 8AM-11PM**

interfaith@umbc.edu  
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