

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL



DIVERSITY SERIES | FALL 2022

The *WCU Celebrates Diversity for All* calendar of events is a compilation of diversity-related programs and events sponsored and coordinated by a diverse cross section of WCU faculty, staff, and University departments. The Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI) cordially invites you to engage and join us as we continue to build upon our inclusive campus community. The myriad of educational opportunities are intended to enlighten and empower us as we continue the work of building our cultural competence as a community.

Virtual Fall Involvement Fair on RamConnect

Tuesday, September 6 through September 30, 2022

The Virtual Fall Involvement Fair on RamConnect is a great way to explore our student organizations and involvement opportunities at your own pace. Log onto RamConnect to check it out! Sponsored by Office of Student Leadership & Involvement. For more info, contact [Kimberly Farrer](#), 610-436-2078

Parenting Student Support Space

Sunday, September 11, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Held via Zoom

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity and the WCU Counseling Center for the first in our series of parenting student support spaces. All students who serve in a parenting capacity are welcome as are children in this virtual space. The goals are to provide connection to fellow students, brainstorm supports, and offer resources to promote parenting student success. Register on RamConnect for the link.

Fall Community Festival

Monday, September 12, 2022 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Sykes Ballroom

DMC Fall Community Festival welcomes students back to campus and encourages them to develop relationships with peers across a variety of cultural backgrounds. The event serves as a space to foster a sense of belonging and connection among WCU students. It will also be a means to introduce students to the DMC, its programs and resources, as well as multicultural organizations. Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Chyna Hart](#), 610-436-2505

Fall Involvement Fair

Monday, September 8, 2022 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | Academic Quad

The Fall Involvement Fair is a great opportunity to learn about the ways you can get engaged on campus this academic year. We encourage you to stop by to meet our student organizations! Sponsored by Office of Student Leadership & Involvement. For more info, contact [Kimberly Farrer](#), 610-436-2078



Writing Letters for Gender Affirming Surgery: What Licensed Mental Health Providers Need to Know

Monday, September 12, 2022 | 5:55 pm – 8:00 pm | Held via Zoom

To access gender affirming medical procedures, transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people often require a letter of support from a licensed mental health provider. Many licensed mental health providers are unaware that they are able to write letters for their clients seeking gender affirming surgery. Providers who are aware of their ability to write these letters are often not sufficiently trained in an informed consent-based and comprehensive model of assessment and letter writing. In this workshop, participants will be introduced to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care criteria for gender affirming surgeries. They will also be introduced to the most comprehensive evaluation tool to assess these criteria: The Gender ASSET (St. Amand & Keo, 2016). Participants will learn about justice issues related to the gatekeeping of letters of support for transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people. Participants will be given an overview of the letter writing process as well as suggestions for additional training and resources that support mental health providers in standing in solidarity with transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people. Register [HERE](#) by September 8, 2022. Sponsored by EPIC Program. For more info, contact [Wendy Meyers](#)

CONTEXTUALIZING THE WAR ON TERROR AND ANTI-MUSLIM RACISM SERIES

“TERRORCRAFT: RACE, EMPIRE, AND THE LEGACY OF THE WAR ON TERROR” featuring DR. DEEPA KUMAR

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 | 11:00 am | Sykes 115 and via Zoom

Dr. Deepa Kumar is an award-winning scholar and activist. She is the author of more than 80 publications including *Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire: 20 Years Since 9/11*. She is recognized as a leading scholar on Islamophobia both nationally and internationally. Sponsored by an Innovation in D&I Grant. Register [HERE](#). For more info, contact [Dr. Tabassum Ruby](#), 610-436-2570

CTQA Meet and Greet

Thursday, September 15, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Sykes 252

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy for our welcome back and meet and greet. Games! Raffles! Food! Fun! For more information, check out our [Ram Connect](#), or [contact us](#), 610-436-3147

College Students w/ Autism Speak About their Experiences at WCU

Tuesday, September 15, 2022 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Held via Zoom

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects each individual differently. We are now seeing students with autism in our classrooms. Have you wondered how you can better support these students? In this panel, several WCU college students and alumni speak about their experiences at WCU and answer the question: What would you like your WCU professors to know about you & students with autism? Contact Dr. Kim Doan for Zoom link.

Meet the Greeks

Friday, September 16, 2022 | 7:00 pm | Hollinger Gym

Come meet and learn about the historically Black, Latin and Multicultural Greeks on campus. Sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). For more info, contact [Elise Oliver](#), 610-436-1080

Interested in learning about Culturally Based Fraternities and Sororities?

Stay informed about Culturally Based Fraternities and Sororities and their programming by following the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) @nphc_wcu and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) @wcu_mgc. There are 12 fraternities and sororities that make up these two councils. Each organization is linked in the bio so you can learn more and connect

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH –

Mushroom | People's Light Performing Arts Theater

Friday, September 16, 2022 | 7:30 pm | Kennett Square

This play takes place in Kennett Square, “the mushroom capital of the world,” intersecting lives of immigrant families collide when a workplace injury, an unexpected romance, and the increased presence of ICE have far-reaching ramifications for the entire community. Mushroom is offered in English and Spanish and costs \$26 per person. Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Chyna Hart](#), 610-436-2505

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“AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A PLAYBOOK FOR INSANITY” featuring DR. ROBERT KODOSKY

Monday, September 19, 2022 | 10:00 am | Sykes 115 and via Zoom

Robert J. Kodosky chairs the history department at West Chester University where he teaches courses in American military and diplomatic history including History of United States Involvement in the Middle East. He also serves as the faculty advisor for the Student Veterans Group (SVG) on campus. Sponsored by an Innovation in D&I Grant. Register [HERE](#). For more info, contact [Dr. Tabassum Ruby](#), 610-436-2570

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

Social Justice Education Conversation Series

Tuesdays – September 20, September 27, and October 4, 2022 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Dowdy Multicultural Center – Sykes 003

Join us for a series of conversation about various social justice issues impacting Latinx communities. Prizes will be provided. More information can be found [HERE](#). Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Denice Velez](#), 610-436-2562



LATINX HERITAGE MONTH –

Trivia Night

Thursday, September 22, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Dowdy Multicultural Center – Sykes 003

Join us for some trivia fun while learning about latinx culture and history. Trivia winners have a chance to snag a cool gift card! Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Chyna Hart](#), 610-436-2505

Ram I Am: Bisexuality and Visibility Day

Friday, September 23, 2022

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we center and celebrate the spectrum of bisexual identities, communities, and experiences throughout the week. For more information, check out our [Ram Connect](#) or [contact us](#), 610-436-3147

Radical Social Justice Podcast Club with Dr. Ginneh Akbar

Fridays – September 23, October 21, and November 18, 2022 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Join Dr. Akbar for a discussion of the chosen podcast covering a social justice or human rights topic. All are welcome, even if you haven't had a chance to listen to the podcast! We have very engaging, enlightening discussions. Sponsored by Graduate Social Work. For more info, contact [Beth Shearn](#), 610-738-0339

WCU Live! Presents Preacher Lawson

Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 8:00 pm | Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall



Preacher is best known for his appearance on season 12 of NBC's hit series, AMERICA'S GOT TALENT (2017) where he made it to the final round. Based off his stellar performance in season 12, Preacher was invited to compete on AMERICA'S GOT TALENT: THE CHAMPIONS (2019) and BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT: THE CHAMPIONS (2019) where he advanced to the finale after receiving the most fan votes. Preacher can be seen on HBO's A BLACK LADY SKETCH SHOW and NBC's CONNECTING. He was also the host of the Facebook Watch series WORLD'S MOST AMAZING DOGS (2019) with George Lopez and Lisa Vanderpump and has built a following on YouTube of over 500,000 subscribers. In 2019, Preacher shot his first stand-up special, GET TO KNOW ME, which premiered on BET+. Preacher recently completed his residency hosting AGT Live in Las Vegas and continues to perform at sold-out venues around the country. Purchase tickets on sale [HERE](#)! Sponsored by Cultural Affairs. For more info, contact [Leighann Fields](#), 610-436-6931

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION DIVERSITY CALENDAR WEBPAGE [HERE](#) FOR UPDATES ON NEW PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER.

An Evening of Song: Christie Dashiell & The Criterions

Friday, September 23, 2022 | 7:30 pm | Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

Join the Criterions Jazz Ensemble as they open the 2022-23 season with an evening of song. Featuring D.C. vocalist Christie Dashiell, the band will perform a unique blend of some of the greatest works for voice and big band ever penned including music arranged by Nelson Riddle, Gordon Jenkins, Quincy Jones and more. Sponsored by Jazz Studies. For more info, contact Jonathan Ragonese, 610-436 – 3259

Sexual Harassment Prevention & Response for Supervisors

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am | Held via Zoom

Monday, November 14, 2022 | 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Held via Zoom

Not only is sexual harassment illegal, but it also has many detrimental effects. WCU has a formal policy that prohibits sexual harassment on campus—a policy ALL supervisors and department heads are responsible for enforcing. But beyond laws and policies, sexual harassment is very damaging to the workplace and work environment. After taking this course, supervisors and/or department chairs should be able to recognize, prevent, and respond to sexual harassment on campus. Prior registration is required [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Removal and Return: Lenape Lands in Pennsylvania featuring Erica Walters

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 | 3:00 pm | Philips Autograph Library

Erica Walters is an ethnographer for the Delaware Tribe of Indians. She will be speaking about her National Parks Service-funded and tribally sponsored research on Lenape homelands in Pennsylvania. The Lenape people, now displaced and spread over 4 federally recognized nations, have thousands of years of history in eastern Pennsylvania, yet no local representation. Erica will describe how she is applying anthropology to address the need for Lenape-led cultural resource management here, in their native lands.

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP 1.0: UNDERSTANDING IDENTITIES

Inclusive Leadership 1.0: Understanding Identities

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 | 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Held via Zoom (For Faculty/Staff)

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Held via Zoom (For Students)

Friday, October 7, 2022 | 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Held via Zoom (For Faculty/Staff)

We learn about our own identity and the identity of others through interactions with family, peers, organizations, institutions, media and other connections we make in our everyday life. Self-exploration is central to our growth as individuals, our relationships with others, and our ability to promote equity. No one is uni-dimensional. Our various social identities—sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, age, socioeconomic class, religion, and ability, among others—are important aspects of our selves that shape our attitudes, behaviors, worldviews, and experiences. As we work to create and participate in diverse and democratic environments, we need to understand how our own and others' identities affect our lives and our interactions with each other. In this thought-provoking, interactive workshop participants will have the opportunity to consider the impact of multiple aspects of their own identities, while hearing and sharing stories and experiences that acknowledge difference, privilege, oppression, and perspective. Prior registration is required [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Unconscious Bias Workshop

Friday, October 7, 2022 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Held via Zoom

Everyone has biases. If left unchecked, biases can harm others in the workplace, even if unintentional. This interactive workshop will allow participants to explore how our biases may play out and impact our interactions. In addition, participants will be introduced to scientifically tested strategies to reduce. Prior registration is required [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

XIV Latinx Communities

Conference Keynote speaker Kat Lazo, Mitú Latino Media Company

Thursday, September 29, 2022 | 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm | Sykes Student Union

In the context of the [XIV Latinx Communities Conference](#) under the theme Intergenerational Relations, we bring Colombian-Peruvian New Yorker [Kat Lazo](#), who has made a name for herself as the Internet favorite no-nonsense Latina who tells it how it is. With more than 7 years of digital content production, her work has been featured in The Daily News, Huffpost, Latina Magazine and BuzzFeed and she has partnered with the likes of U by Kotex, Thrillist and Bustle. Sponsored by Latin American and Latinx Studies; ODEI; College of Arts and Humanities; College of Sciences and Mathematics; Dowdy Multicultural Center, WCU Poetry Center. For more info, contact Dr. [Daniela Johannes](#), or Dr. [Emily Aguiló-Pérez](#)

XIV Latinx Communities

Conference Poets Raina León and Yesenia Montilla

Thursday, September 29, 2022 | 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm | Sykes Student Union

In the context of the [XIV Latinx Communities Conference](#) under the theme Intergenerational Relations we bring poets Yesenia Montilla and Raina Leon. Yesenia Montilla is an Afro-Latina Poet, She is CantoMundo graduate fellow and a 2020 NYFA fellow. Her work has been published in Academy of American Poets Poem-a-Day, Prairie Schooner, Gulf Coast and in Best of American Poetry 2021 and forthcoming in Best of American Poetry 2022. Her first collection The Pink Box is published by Willow Books & was longlisted for a PEN award. She will be presenting her second collection from 2022, Muse Found in a Colonized Body. Raina Leon is an Afro-Boricua poet from Philadelphia. She is a fellowships recipient of Obsidian Foundation, Community of Writers, Montana Artists Refuge, Macdowell, Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, Vermont Studio Center, the Tyrone Guthrie Center in Annamaghkerig, Ireland and Ragdale, among others. She is the author of Canticle of Idols; Boogeyman Dawn, sombra : (dis)locate, and the chapbooks; profeta without refuge and Areyto to Atabey: Essays on the Mother(ing) Self. She will be presenting her 2022 book black god mother this body.

OCTOBER — DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), an annual campaign to raise awareness of all forms of intimate partner and relationship violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity throughout the month of October as we engage the campus community in advocacy work to end violence in our community and support folks. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity @

wcu_cwge on Instagram or @wcuCWGE on Facebook for more information or to get involved. [Email us](#) to find out how you or your organization can support Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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“CONTEXTUALIZING 9-11 IN A HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK” featuring DR. ELIZABETH URBAN Monday, October 3, 2022 | 11:00 am | Sykes 115 and via Zoom

Dr. Elizabeth Urban is an associate professor of history at West Chester University. She specializes in early Islamic history (7th and 8th centuries CE) and teaches a wide range of courses focusing on the area conventionally known as the Middle East. Sponsored by an Innovation in D&I Grant. Register [HERE](#). For more info, contact [Dr. Tabassum Ruby](#), 610-436-2570

WCU Poetry Center Fall Poet In Residence Featuring Annie Finch October 3 – November 2, 2022 | Opening event on October 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm | Closing event on November 2, 2022 at 4:30 pm | Philips Autograph Library



Critically acclaimed feminist formalist poet Annie Finch will be the WCU Poetry Center's Poet-in-Residence for the month of October which will include readings and lectures on form and meter. Please join us for the opening of her residency on October 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm and the closing of her residency on November 2, 2022, at 4:30pm. Both events will take place in the Philips Autograph Library. Visit www.wcupa.edu/poetryEvents for additional details. Sponsored by College of Arts and Humanities Poetry Center. For more info, contact [Dr. Cherise Pollard](#)

Title IX Open Forum Wednesday, October 5, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Held via Zoom

“Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs/activities that receive federal funds. This dictates how the University addresses, investigates, and adjudicates sexual and interpersonal violence and harassment. Join us in a discussion about general updates to WCU's Sexual Misconduct (Title IX) policy and procedures. **Please register to attend [here](#)**. We invite you to submit questions in advance of this meeting through [this link](#). Please submit questions by September 30th. Details about the policy and resources are available on the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's [website](#). We hope you join in our discussion on Wednesday, October 5th!”

Moonshot for Equity Week

October 10 – 14, 2022

The Moon Shot for Equity is a public-private partnership with education firm [EAB](#) dedicated to making sure that more students complete college degrees, especially those most often left behind – low income, first generation and students of color. Building on a long-standing commitment to serve a diverse population in an urban setting, WCU believes the [Moon Shot for Equity](#) will help improve the quality of life for all in southeastern Pennsylvania. For more info about Moon Shot for Equity Week, visit WCU Moon Shot website [HERE](#).

Moonshot
for Equity

Planning for Accessible and Inclusive Events and Programs

Thursday, October 6, 2022 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Held via Zoom

Festivals, fairs, music events, sporting events, and lectures are but a few of the many events that take place every day at WCU. These programs and events celebrate a “sense of community” and must encourage participation by all. This workshop serves to provide information to assist faculty, planners, and managers in making programs and events accessible to people with disabilities. Learn about the value of planning inclusive events, the ADA law, planning tips and strategies, and resources for achieving accessibility. Prior registration is required. Prior registration is required [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH –

Latinx Xcellence Panel

Thursday, October 6, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Sykes 210

Join us for a night of honest discussion on the importance of having Latinx culture and community on WCU's campus. Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Chyna Hart](#), 610-436-2505

Combating Workplace Bullying in Academe

Friday, October 7, 2022 | 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | BPMC 101

Leah P. Hollis, Ed.D., a noted expert on workplace bullying, will be holding workshops for chairs and other administrators during the day, and will offer a keynote address (with Q&A) on academic bullying. Open to all. Sponsored by Provost's Office, APSCUF, Faculty Senate, and Faculty Ombuds Office. For more info, contact [Dr. Joan Woolfrey](#)

Beyond the Bell: Philadelphia's Global Heritage exhibition – OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, October 7, 2022 – May 1, 2023 | Opening Reception: October 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm | Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), Lower Gallery

Join us for the opening of the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's latest exhibition, Beyond the Bell:

Philadelphia's Global Heritage, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the ratification of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention. Although the city was designated by UNESCO for its importance in the creation of the world's first Enlightenment-era Republic, the exhibition counters the settler colonialism rhetoric by exploring the diverse heritages that make Philadelphia a global cultural hub. The Museum has partnered with the Global Philadelphia Association and its members, and features artifacts from the National Parks Service, Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery, the Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum, and numerous artists and community members. Guest speakers from partner organizations will also provide remarks. For more information, click [HERE](#) or [email](#)

Ram I Am: Celebrating Trans and Queer Communities October 2022

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we celebrate National Coming Out Day – October 11, 2022 – and show pride for broader LGBTQIA+ identities, communities, and experiences. Feel free to stop by CTQA in Sykes 250 to pick up some free pride swag as we celebrate all month long! Also, did you know... Asexuality (Ace) Awareness Week is October 23-29, stop by CTQA to pick up some Ace identity and pride swag too! For more information, check out our [Ram Connect](#), or [email us](#), 610-436-3147. Happy Pride!

FDI Lunch EnCounters Series: “Who's Your Daddy?: Experiences of Misattributed Parentage” Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm | Held via Zoom

Panel Chair: Dr. Anita Foeman, WCU Professor, Department of Communication and Media Studies Panelists: Dr. Bessie Lawton, WCU Professor, Department of Communication and Media Studies

Dr. Laura Pyott, WCU Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics

Kara Deyerin, CEO of Right to Know, a group that supports people with genetic surprises

In this time of widespread use of ancestry tests, many people are discovering unknown genetic relatives. Perhaps the most consequential is the discovery of an unexpected parent. On this panel, we will discuss how people who are adoptees, the result of assisted conception, or

the result of a secret sexual encounter respond to their new knowledge. We talk about resources people access and the future of this work that is changing the nature of our human relationships and secrets that can no longer be kept. Register [HERE](#). Sponsored by Lunch (En) Counters Series, Frederick Douglass Institute. For more info, contact [Dr. Eleanor Shevlin](#)

Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice & Civic Leadership **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm** **| Sykes Student Union**

The Dowdy Multicultural Center's Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice, & Civic Leadership is designed to create an educational environment where students can engage in learning that will raise awareness and promote action-oriented dialogue about racial, cultural and social issues that impact how they experience life on campus, in communities and in society. For more information, contact [Chyna Hart](#), 610-436-3273

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"ISLAMOPHOBIA POST 9/11: WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE; WHO FUNDS IT; WHO PROMOTES IT" **featuring DONNA NEVEL and NINA MEHTA, PARCEO** **Thursday, October 13, 2022 | 2:00 pm | Sykes 115 and via Zoom**

Donna Nevel, a community psychologist and educator, and Nina Mehta, a community educator and researcher, are co-directors of PARCEO, a resource and education center that works with groups to strengthen their research, curricula, and organizing for social change. Register [HERE](#). For more info, contact [Dr. Tabassum Ruby](#), 610-436-2570

Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste — Frederick Douglass Institute Annual Lecture Series featuring Senator Andrew Dinniman **Thursday, October 13, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Philips Autograph Library**



In a fitting tribute to the great abolitionist, orator, and statesman, this annual lecture examines issues of social justice to improve the present by learning from the past. It serves to commemorate the abolitionist's last public lecture on WCU's campus at his statue which was erected on the campus in 2003 by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Sponsored by Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste and the Frederick Douglass Institute. For more info, contact [June Thompson](#) or [Hiram Martinez](#)

The Language and Discourse of Antiracism in Social Work Practice **Thursday, October 13, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Held via Zoom**

Join us for this interactive presentation, consisting of a lecture, large group and dyads/small group discussions based on topics brought from Dr. Vanidestine's experience with the Critical Race Scholars & Social Work collective. Register [HERE](#). For more info, contact [Beth Shearn](#) 610-738-0339

Domestic Violence Awareness Day (#PurpleThursday) **Thursday, October 20, 2022 | Held via Zoom**

Purple Thursday is a national day of action each October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and relationship violence. Members of the WCU community are invited to wear purple to help start a conversation about harmful relationships. Participants can share their purple looks with the Center for Women and Gender Equity on our Instagram @wcu_cwge or our Facebook @wcuCWGE and use the hashtag #PurpleThursday

Inclusive Leadership 2.0: Valuing Diversity & Inclusion **Thursday, October 20, 2022 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 | Held via Zoom (For Faculty/Staff)** **Monday, October 24, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Held via Zoom (For Students)** **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Held via Zoom (For Faculty/Staff)**

This workshop is designed to help individuals gain insight and learn the foundational concepts of diversity and how to foster an environment that makes students and/or employees feel valued and included. Participants will engage in self-reflection, define and discuss terms such as diversity, inclusion and others. Through exercises, videos, and dialogue participants examine the ways that personal dimensions of diversity impact the workplace, classrooms and organizations. Prior registration is required [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Maps, Migration and Darkness: Rewilding our Visual Language as a Method of Decolonization **Thursday, October 20, 2022 | 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Philips Autograph Library**

Join the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology for a special lecture by Philadelphia-based artist and activist Ana Vizcarra Rankin, whose inverted mapwork is on display in the current exhibition, Beyond the Bell. Using cartography and art history as a departure point, she discusses issues such as implicit bias caused by traditional north/south orientation, the role of dark skies in environmental conservation, and how place naming has contributed to the erasure of Native cultures. As an immigrant of mixed descent, Vizcarra Rankin will speak about how we are already in a new era of global citizenship, regardless of the current geopolitical climate or domestic partisanship. Co-sponsored by the Anthropology Club, Department of Art + Design and the Institute on Race and Ethnic Studies. For more information, please see [website](#) or [email](#) to RSVP

Demystifying the Peer Review and Publishing Process: A Conversation with Journal Editors **Friday, October 21, 2022 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Held via Zoom**

During this workshop, a panel of editors from The Qualitative Report will answer your questions about the peer review process. Panelists include Dr. Ron Chenail, Editor-in-Chief the Qualitative Report (TQR), Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University; Dr. Sally St. George, Co-Editor-in-Chief TQR, Professor Emerita, University of Calgary; Dr. Dan Wulff, Co-Editor-in-Chief TQR, Professor Emeritus, University of Calgary; Mr. Adam Rosenthal, Managing Editor TQR, Director of Accreditation and Academic Program Review, Nova Southeastern University; and Dr. Mia Ocean, Editorial Board Member TQR, WCU Associate Professor.

They will share common mistakes and helpful tips from their decades of experience writing, reviewing, and editing journal articles to expose the hidden rules of publishing. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. To register and submit your question for the panel, please click [here](#). Sponsored by WCU's Antiracist Working Group. For more info, contact, [Dr. Mia Ocean](#), 610-436-3594

IT'S ON US Week of Action

It's On Us Week of Action **Monday, October 24 – 28, 2022 | Various locations & online**

The mission of It's On Us is to build a movement to combat campus sexual assault by engaging all students, by activating the largest student organizing program of its kind in grassroots awareness and prevention education programs. Come learn more and sign the It's On Us Pledge. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity @wcu_cwge on Instagram or @wcuCWGE on Facebook for more information or to get involved

Sexual Liberation? Living at the Intersections with The HEAL Project

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022 | 6:00 pm |
Held via Zoom**

The HEAL Project was founded in 2016 as a healing and media education organization to bridge CSA (childhood sexual abuse) prevention with the larger movement to end gender-based violence and break generational cycles of sexual harm by educating parents, healing survivors, and transforming the culture of sex itself. The HEAL Project is Survivor-led, QTBIPOC-led, and Disabled-led. This program will dissect the concept of sexual liberation, freedom, and privilege—specifically how it interacts with race, class, and gender. What does sexual liberation look like when we often witness a predominantly white, heterosexual, male-dominated, anti-trans culture? How do queers, poor people, trans folks, people of color, and women get access to the privilege of desire and exploration? How does oppression show up in our bedrooms and between our legs? Join us as we walk through and dissect the obstructed path to sexual liberation. Register [HERE](#)

Inclusive Leadership 3.0: Microaggressions

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm |
Held via Zoom (For Faculty/Staff)**
**Monday, November 7, 2022 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm |
Held via Zoom (For Faculty/Staff)**
**Wednesday, November 9, 2022 |
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Held via Zoom (For Students)**

What are Microaggressions? How can they harm individual member of the University community? This workshop is a direct summary of Dr. Maura Cullen's 35 Dumb Things Well-Intended People Say. Participants in the workshop will gain better understanding of this form of bias and the building blocks that contribute to microaggressions. The workshop facilitator will use interactive exercises and discussions to help participants recognize microaggressions and learn strategies for addressing the messages sent that can create a feeling of marginalization among community members. Prior registration is required [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

Native American Heritage Month Social Justice Education Conversation Series

**Thursdays – November 3, 10, and 17, 2022 |
12:30 pm – 1:30pm | Dowdy Multicultural Center –
Sykes 003**

Join us for a series of conversation about various social justice issues impacting Native American communities. Prizes will be provided. More information can be found [HERE](#). Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Denice Velez](#), 610-436-2562

Understanding Antisemitism on Campus

**Thursday, November 3, 2022 | 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm |
Held via Zoom**

Hillel International's "Understanding Antisemitism on Campus" Curriculum delves into the origins, evolution and context of past and present manifestations of antisemitism. This video-based curriculum aims to help participants understand and feel better-equipped to identify, respond to, and proactively educate others about antisemitism. Join us as Rabbi Jeremy Winaker, Executive Director, Greater Philly Hillel Network, facilitates the following video topics: What is Judaism? Who are Jews? History of Antisemitism, and Antisemitism Today. Presentation will be hosted by Dr. Jonathan Friedman's HIS 349 *Jewish History* class. Please register [HERE](#). Sponsored by WCU Hillel and Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. For more info, contact [Hiram Martinez](#), 610-436-2991

SEXY BINGO

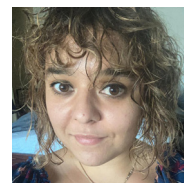
Sexy Bingo

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 | 6:00 pm |
Sykes Ballrooms**

This is not your grandparents' bingo! Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fun bingo game to grow your sexuality education. Engage in conversations about sexuality and learn about safer sex practices, sexual anatomy, sexual behavior and preference, and pleasure. Winners will be given prizes. Registration not required but encouraged on [RamConnect](#)

WCU Poetry Center's Poetry and Pedagogy Virtual Conference fea- turing Keynote Alexis Sears

Friday, November 11 – 12, 2022 | Held via Zoom



The Dramatic I/Eye: Reflections of Voice and Form in Contemporary Poetry, WCU Poetry Center's Poetry and Pedagogy Virtual Conference, will be held November 11-12, 2022. Our

keynote speaker and featured reader will be Alexis Sears, the 2021 winner of the Donald Justice Poetry Prize. Visit [HERE](#) for additional details. Sponsored by College of Arts and Humanities Poetry Center. For more info, contact [Dr. Cherise Pollard](#)

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2022

International Education Week Monday, November 14 – 18, 2022

International education advances cultural understanding and the protection of cultural heritage while also preparing individuals to work in a global society. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. Final schedule of events will be posted [HERE](#). Sponsored by Global Education Office. For more info, contact [Emily Rooney](#), 610-436-3515

A Conversation with Laurah Klepenger, author of Transnational Yoga at Work: Spiritual Tourism and Its Blind Spots

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022 | 9:00 am – 9:50 am
| Held via Zoom**

Anthropologist and dancer Laurah Klepenger (Utica University) discusses her new book, [Transnational Yoga at Work](#) with WCU Professor of Anthropology, Michael A. Di Giovine. Drawing on her Fulbright-supported research on transnational yoga in South India, she will discuss how this global spiritual movement can focus on peace while condoning and perpetuating cycles of injustice and social inequality that are central to our global economy. Privileging the experiences and hardships of Indian waged workers, the book presents the vision of peace held by practitioners of the SYVC as a partial one that obscures the seemingly peripheral

2022 PASSHE Virtual Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Summit:

Wednesday, November 2 – Friday, November 4, 2022 | Kick-off November 2nd at 3:00 pm |



and inclusion as foundational to building a robust State System? This year's Summit aims to serve as a platform for dialogue, reflection, communal learning, and community building, centered on exploring the praxis of belonging. For more info, visit the conference website [HERE](#)

This year's theme is "What does it mean to belong? Cultivating relationships and centering equity in our communities." To create diverse communities that are inclusive and equitable to all, we must explore the question: "What does it mean to belong?" How can we individually and as a collective, nurture diversity, equity,

others of its self-conception. Part of the Lexington Books' Anthropology of Tourism [Author Conversation Series](#), moderated by series editor Di Giovine, the Zoom webinar is sponsored by the Anthropology Club

Vocal Jazz & Latin Jazz **Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 8:15 pm |** **Madeleine Wing Adler Theater**

Dr. Ryan Kelly leads vocalists from the Wells School of Music covering repertoire written for jazz choir. Closing the evening is the highly esteemed Latin Jazz Ensemble directed by Dr. Marc Jacoby performing works spanning the history of Afro-Latin musical traditions. Sponsored by Jazz Studies. For more info, contact Jonathan Ragonese, 610-436-3259

• Save the Date



30th Annual
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Campus Commemoration
featuring Heather McGhee
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 | 5:00 pm | Held
virtually

Ram I Am: Trans Day of **Remembrance** **Sunday, November 20, 2022**

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we center and acknowledge the lives lost due to trans violence and misogyny. Observed annually on November 20th we aim to honor the lives, humanity, and spectrum of transgender identities, communities, and experiences. Simultaneously we aim to raise awareness to the disproportionate and ongoing discrimination, harassment, and violence that many trans people experience due to trans oppression. For more information, check out our [Ram Connect](#), or [contact us](#), 610-436-3147

The Best Buddies Talent Show **Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 3:00 pm |** **Sykes Student Union Theatre**

Do you like watching American Idol, the Voice, or America's Got Talent? For many people, getting up onstage to perform would create anxiety. Come to the Best Buddies talent show to see a wide array of talent from our buddies. You will hear great songs, see comedy routines, and watch short, funny skits. There's even audience participation! This semester's theme is Ho Ho Hoedown, featuring country music with a modern flair. Best Buddies is an international non-profit

organization which aims to match "buddies" with intellectual disabilities with peers in the community, or in this case, peers at WCU. For more info, contact Dr. [Kim Doan](#) or visit the [webpage](#).

Overcoming Subalterneity in **India with Natalia Bloch** **Friday, December 2, 2022 | at 10:00 am – 10:50 am |** **Held via Zoom**

Natalia Bloch, Professor of Anthropology (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland) and co-chair of the Commission on the Anthropology of Tourism at the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnographical Sciences, discusses her new book, [Encounters across Difference: Overcoming Subalterneity in India](#) with Professor Michael A. Di Giovine. Drawing from ethnographic evidence in Hampi and Dharmshala that counters the frequent criticism of tourism in the Global South as a colonial practice, Bloch explores the potential of tourism to promote political engagement, volunteering, sponsorship, local entrepreneurship, and women's empowerment. Part of the Lexington Books' Anthropology of Tourism [Author Conversation Series](#), moderated by series editor Di Giovine, the Zoom webinar is sponsored by the Anthropology Club and Department of Women's and Gender Studies. Please email [HERE](#) to RSVP and obtain the Zoom link

CELEBRATE

Fall 2022 Kente Graduation Celebration **December 2022 | Date/Time/Location TBA**

For more than 25 years, the Kente Graduation Celebration is an event that affirms and celebrates the cultural identity and accomplishments of students who identify as: Alaskan Native, Asian American, Black or African American, Caribbean American, Desi American, Latina/o/x, Native American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Multiracial at West Chester University. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center, Kente is a tradition that brings together the rich diversity of our community, in recognition of students of color and their accomplishments. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact [Chyna Hart](#), 610-436-2505



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Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available on request by calling the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at 610-436-2433. Please make your needs known as soon as possible, but no less than one week in advance of the event, to allow time to make the necessary arrangements.

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