

Celebrates Diversity for All

DIVERSITY SERIES • Spring 2019

Ram I Am: Centering Trans and Queer Advocacy

January 24, 2019, 12:00-2:00 PM in Sykes 252

Welcome to the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy (CTQA) at WCU, this discussion group seeks to answer the questions about what does this new name change mean as well as how can one center trans and queer people in their advocacy. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

MLK, Jr. Brunch Celebration

January 25, 2019, 10:00AM-12:00 PM in Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Join the Frederick Douglass Society and West Chester University in commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tickets are being sold through the SSI Ticket Office. For more information, please visit *www.wcupa. edu/mlk/* or contact the Frederick Douglass Society at *fds@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Society, the MLK Brunch Planning Committee, and West Chester University.*

Queer Basics

January 30, 2019,10:00-11:00 AM in Sykes 254

February 5, 2019,12:30-1:30 PM in Brandywine 031

March 1, 2019,1:00-2:00 PM in Brandywine 004

April 4, 2019, 3:00-4:00 PM in Sykes 254

Do you need a quick brush up on what does the L, G, B & T mean? Are there questions you have about trans identities and queerness? This training is meant to give you an introductory look at some of the language, history and concerns of the trans and queer identities. This will arm you with some of the basic starting knowledge to become an advocate for our trans and queer communities at WCU. For more information, please visit *www.wcupa. edu/lgbtqa* or contact us at *lgbtqa@wcupa. edu* or (610) 436-3147.

Spring Student Organization Fair

January 30, 2019, 10:00AM-3:00 PM in Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Want to learn about and meet with a variety of student organizations? The Student Organization

Involvement Fair is coordinated by the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement to help student organizations advertise and recruit members for their rosters. The fair includes fraternities, sororities and all multicultural student organizations. For more information contact Jackie Aliotta at *jaliotta@wcupa.edu* or (610) 436-2117. Sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement.

FEBRUARY: Black History Month

AKApollo February 1, 2019, 8:00-12:00 AM in Sykes Ballrooms

Come out and see what talents West Chester University has to share! Talent show is open to all who students who are interested in registering. For more information, please contact Sarah L McGuckin at (610) 738-0190 or *SM916160@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by Rams After Hours and Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc.*

Hillel Shabbat dinners

February 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM in Sykes 254

February 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM in Sykes 10A (Faculty Shabbat)

Enjoy Israeli foods with Hillel at WCU. Follow Hillel on social media for up-to-date information about Shabbat dinners and other events! *Instagram @westchesterhillel or Facebook: West Chester University Hillel.* For more detailed information, please contact Jenn Reiss at *jreiss@westchesterhillel.org. Sponsored by Hillel.*

Period Project February 4-23, 2019

Imagine this: You are going about your day and your period comes unexpectedly. You can go home, shower, and get the supplies you need. Now imagine getting your period while homeless. You may not be able to do laundry or shower consistently, let alone afford a box of tampons or pads. Join the Center for Women and Gender Equity and the Office of Wellness Promotion as we collect unopened tampons and pads for menstruating people in our community. Drop off available in Student Health Services and the Center for Women and Gender Equity. For more information, contact the Center for Women & Gender Equity at *womenscenter@wcupa.edu* or Wellness Promotion at wellness@wcupa.edu

Frederick Douglass Institute's Lunch (En)Counters Spring Series

Presentation: Eugenics: Yesterday and Today

February 7, 2019, 12:30-1:45 PM in Sykes Theater

Lunch (En)Counters takes its name from the famed lunch counter protests of the Civil Rights era. These events aim to provide campus forums for discussing topical issues related to race and civil rights. WCU has its own history with the aforementioned eugenics movement. This panel will share that history and will explore the issue of eugenics in today's society. Lunch (En)Counter programs provide excellent opportunities for students to engage in conversations about diversity and beyond traditional classroom walls. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Drs. Anita Foeman and Eleanor Shevlin at afoeman@wcupa.edu and eshevlin@wcupa. edu. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute.

Ethnic Studies Informational Fair

February 7, 2019, 3:30–5:30 PM in 102 Old Library Building

Come learn about the Ethnic Studies minor and activities of the Ethnic Studies Institute. For more information, please contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos at *mceballos@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute.*

Ram I Am: Special Faculty and Staff Edition

February 8, 2019, 12:00-2:00 PM in Sykes 255

This Ram I Am discussion group will center faculty and staff as we seek to find ways to center some of the underserved populations in academia. What does it mean to be LGBTQ as faculty and staff at WCU? Come join other faculty and staff as we discuss strategies for making your classrooms and departments more trans and queer inclusive. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

QTPOC Week February 11-15, 2019

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we celebrate the spectrum of queer and trans people of color (QTPOC) identities, communities and experiences throughout the week. Please note that some of the events for this week may be closed to members of the trans and queer communities. For more information, please check our website at *www. wcupa.edu/lgbtqa* or contact us *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or (610) 436-3147

Culturally (q)ueer: Race, Gender and Sexuality

February 12, 2019, 10:00-11:00 AM in Sykes 252A

April 18, 2019, 2:00-3:00 PM in Sykes 252A

Enjoy a full breakfast with employers and This 60-minute training will center and celebrate trans and queer people of color identities and experiences. Participants will be challenged to engage in dialogue about the intersections of race, gender & sexuality. Facilitators will highlight the ways in which systemic oppression impacts QTPOC communities and discuss different strategies for advocacy. To register or for more information, please visit *www. wcupa.edu/lgbtqa* or contact us at *lgbtqa@ wcupa.edu* or (610) 436-3147. *Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy*

Ram I Am: QTPOC Relationships

February 13, 2019, 12:00-2:00 PM in Sykes 250

What's Valentine's Day got to do with it? Come discuss the complexity of developing and maintaining relationships or dating as queer and trans persons of color, as well as specific healthy relationship concerns within the QTPOC community. Come build community, and engage in dialogue as we explore different ways of addressing these parts of identity further. For more information, please visit *www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa* or contact us at *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or (610) 436-3147.

RAMS AFTER DARK & BSU Sadie Hawkins Dance

February 15, 2019, 8:00-11 PM in Sykes Ballrooms

Join Rams After Hours and the BSU as they host the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance, enjoy a night of music and fun. For more information, contact Sarah L McGuckin at (610) 738-0190 or SM916160@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by Rams After Hours and the Black Student Union (BSU).

LASO Gala

February 16, 2019, 7:00 PM in Sykes Ballrooms

Join LASO for their annual LASO Gala! This year's theme is Havana Nights – we'll be dancing salsa, eating delicious Latin American foods,

and recognizing some of our LASO members all for a great cause! For more information, contact *Mr. Matthew Irizarry at MI837584@ wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Latin American Student Organization (LASO)*

Hillel social action trip February 17, 2019 beginning at 9:30 AM

Join Hillel to volunteer at the Jewish Relief Agency in Northeast Philadelphia. Transportation is provided. Follow Hillel on social media for up-to-date information about the Social Action Trip and other events! *Instagram @westchesterhillel or Facebook: West Chester University Hillel.* To register or for more detailed information, please contact Jenn Reiss at *jreiss@westchesterhillel.org. Sponsored by Hillel.*

Aromantic Awareness Week February 18-22, 2019

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we celebrate the spectrum of aromantic (aro) identities, communities and experiences throughout the week. Please note that some of the events for this week may be closed to members of the trans and queer communities. For more information, please visit *www.wcupa. edu/lgbtqa* or contact us *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or (610) 436-3147

Ram I Am: Aro

February 19, 2019, 12:00-2:00 PM in Sykes 250

Sometimes life isn't about finding "the one," so what does it mean to be aromantic in a society that seem to center romantic relationships as a priority? Come build community, and engage in dialogue as we explore different ways of addressing this identity further. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

Teaching Adult Urban Learners: Spring Book Club

February 19, 2019, 3:15 PM at WCU Philadelphia Campus, 8th & Market Streets

March 21, 2019, 3:15 PM at WCU Philadelphia Campus, 8th & Market Streets

As part of the WCU Philadelphia Campus faculty and staff development series, we will hold two book discussion meetings based on the book "Completing College: Rethinking Institutional Action" by Vincent Tinto. All participants will receive a copy of the book and may participate in-person on the Philadelphia Campus or via Zoom (please note that we ask participants to commit to both sessions, if at all possible). *Please RSVP: goo.gl/forms/t7fUjD78XtjPZGNE2.* For more info, please contact Dr. Casey Bohrman at cbohrman@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Departments of Graduate Social Work, Undergraduate Social Work and Management with a University Forum Grant.

Trans Advocacy

February 20, 2019, 3:30-4:30 PM in Sykes 255A

March 26, 2019, 12:30-1:30 PM in Sykes 254

April 22, 2019, 11:00-12:00 PM in Sykes 255A

This one-hour training will review terminology, problematic language, WCU policies, and qualities of an advocate as it relates to the transgender community and experiences. We will also discuss how society interacts with trans folks and what you can do to strengthen your advocacy on campus and within your communities. Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy. To register or for more information, please visit *www.wcupa. edu/lgbtqa* or contact us at *lgbtqa@wcupa. edu* or (610) 436-3147

Graduate Student Social February 21, 2019, 1:30-3:30 PM in Sykes 10A

Come meet and hang out with other trans and queer graduate students. This is a great way to kick-off the start of the fall semester, meet the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy staff and find community. Light refreshments will be provided! For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

Cultivating Change Conference February 23, 2019, 10:30–4:00 PM in Sykes Student Union

Social change doesn't happen alone or overnight. Join us for a special keynote from poet, social justice activist, and anti-oppression educator, Ewuare Osayande as we invite faculty, staff and students to learn about activism opportunities, strategies, and how to create change in our communities – at WCU and beyond. Register online at https://tinyurl.com/ cultivatechange.

RAMping It Up: Trans & Queer Advocacy Training

February 26, 2019, 9:00-12:00 PM in Sykes 255

This 3-hour training will provide participants with the tools to navigate what it means to be an advocate for trans and queer communities. Participants will have the opportunity to examine individual and institutional privilege, explore the complexity of language, and discuss strategies for improving campus climate. This training will deepen your awareness, understanding and knowledge as it relates to being in solidarity with trans and queer communities. To register or for more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

Inclusive Career Connections

Breakfast

February 27, 2019, 9:15-10:45 AM in the Campus Recreation Center

Get a head start in connecting with employers before the Career Fair. Come ready to connect with employers about their diversity initiatives and potential job and internship opportunities. Pre-registration and professional dress required. Co-sponsored by the Twardowski Career Development Center and Center for Women & Gender Equity. Registration is available at *https://tinyurl.com/ICC2019*. For more information, e-mail *womenscenter@wcupa. edu* or *cdc@wcupa.edu*.

Ram I Am: Body, Beauty, and Queerness

February 28, 2019, 12:00-2:00 PM in Sykes 250

What do aesthetics and the perception of beauty have to do with queerness? Some say that it's all a performance, but do the mainstreams conventions of beauty still apply to the trans and queer community? Come discuss the intersections of sexuality, gender and performance. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

Representing the Rwandan Genocide and its Aftermath through Art

February 28, 2019, 3:15-5:15 PM in the WCU Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology in the Old Library Room 102 Lectures by:

- William Snyder III, artist,

800,000: Acknowledge. Remember. Renew.

- Juliana Meehan, curator, Pax Rwanda

This event is part of the closing ceremony for WCU Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's exhibit, Rwanda Nziza: Beautiful Rwanda, artist William Snyder III. The striking 14-foot exhibit-cum-genocide memorial, 800,000: Acknowledge. Remember. Renew has been on display in the Old Library --, and Juliana Meehan, curator of Pax Rwanda, whose embroideries made by genocide survivors, will discuss the lasting effects of the genocide, and the ways in which artwork can serve as a means of awareness-raising and resiliancy in post-genocide reconstruction. Information on the exhibit found at www.wcupa.edu/ *museum.* For more information, please contact Dr. Michael A. Di Giovine, Associate Professor of Anthropology, at (610) 436-2247 or email museum@wcupa.edu.

MARCH: Women's History Month

Ram I Am: Working Queer

March 5, 2019, 1:00-3:00 PM in Sykes 250

What does it mean to be a "career queer", or how do you navigate being queer at your place of work? Come discuss how the intersections of sexuality and gender can impact career exploration. We will discuss navigating "outness" during job searches and in the workplace. For more information, please visit www.wcupa. edu/lgbtqa or contact us at *lgbtqa@wcupa*. edu or (610) 436-3147.

Ethnic Studies Seminar Series: Barriers, Borders, and Immigration Presentation: Mass Imprisonment

in America

March 7, 2019, 3:20-5:40 PM in the Autograph Library, Philips Memorial Building Presenter Sam Mihara from 3:20-4:20 PM Presenter Joe Abo from 4:25-5:40 PM

Sam Mihara, second generation Japanese American (Nisei) interned at the Heart Mountain Japanese Relocation Camp in Wyoming during WWII. He will discuss his experience in the camp and the history of the Japanese American internment. He will also relate his experience to today's imprisonment of Latino undocumented immigrants and the registration of Muslims. Joe Abo, third generation Japanese American (Sansei) was interned at the Tule Lake Relocation Camp in California. He will discuss the legal case won by Wayne Collins for Japanese American renunciants: U.S. citizens who regained their citizenship after being pressured to renounce their citizenship during WWII. For more information, please contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos at mceballos@ wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute.

The National Dance Company of Ireland: Rhythm of the Dance

March 8, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

This two-hour dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of talent derived from all areas of Irish life. The show includes a large cast of step dancers, live musicians, amazing Irish singers and a seanos dancer. The 2019 tour will feature new choreography, new costumes, new music, fresh multi-media. The new show is an inspiring epic, still reliving the journey of the Irish Celts throughout history with a new script. Using the traditional and modern arts of dance (ballet, modern dance, jazz) and music, this richly costumed show marries the contemporary and the ancient. This is a WCU Live event. Purchase tickets by calling 610-436-2266 or visit *www.wcupatix.com*

Queer Media from the Margins

March 19, 2019, 3:00-4:00pm in Sykes 254

April 8, 2019, 12:00-1:00pm in Sykes 209

This one-hour training will provide participants with an opportunity to explore the lack of trans and queer representation within mainstream media. Facilitators will highlight positive LGBTQA+ representation in independent media such as movies, television, comics, video games, cosplay as well as social media. Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy. To register or for more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

Frederick Douglass Institute GOES to Washington, D.C March 22, 2019

For more information and registration details, please contact the FDI at (610) 436-2766 or *fdouglass@wcupa.edu.* Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute.

3rd Annual Brothers of Excellence Conference

March 23, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Sykes Student Union

The goal of this conference is to provide WCU multicultural male students with the knowledge, motivation, confidence, and skills necessary to make positive decisions regarding their personal, professional, and academic growth. Join us for a day of exciting sessions, food, networking, and giveaways! Registration will open February 1st. For more information, contact Jairo Henao at (610) 436-3273 or *jhenao@wcupa.edu*

Trans Visibility Week March 25-29, 2019

Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy as we celebrate the spectrum of transgender and non-binary identities, communities and experiences throughout the week. Please note that some of the events for this week may be closed to members of the trans and queer communities. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

Ram I Am: Trans and Non-binary Wellness

March 28, 2019, 6:30-8:30 PM in Sykes 250

Is visibility enough for trans students? How do we take care of ourselves in our current society? Join us as we discuss concerns and strategies for promoting radical self-care and support of trans and non-binary people, as well as build community as we explore g these parts of identity further. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

WCU Step Show March 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

The Step Show will showcase the Fraternities and Sororities of our National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council. The participating organizations will perform their steps and stroll traditions and provide educational information about their organizations. Sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council. For more information, contact Mr. Hassan Gomes and Ms. Carolin Mejia at wcu.nphc.president@gmail. com and wcu.mgc.president@gmail.com.

APRIL: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness of sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it (National Sexual Violence Resource Center). Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity (CWGE) throughout the month of April as we empower the campus community to recognize that it is on all of us to end sexual violence and support survivors. Follow the CWGE on social media throughout the month to find more information and events for #SAAM. Contact the CWGE at *womenscenter@wcupa.edu* to find out how your organization can support Sexual Assault Awareness Month

3 vs. 3 wheelchair basketball tournament April 3, 2019

Registration period runs from March 18, 2019 through April 2, 2019. For more information, please contact Eric Maki, Sr. Director of Campus Recreation, at *emaki@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by Campus Recreation.*

Ethnic Studies Seminar Series: Barriers, Borders, and Immigration Presentation: Sonora/Sahara/Syria: Immigration and Borders

April 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM in Sykes Ballroom C

This will be a presentation and discussion on borders, barriers, and migration in the Sonora Desert, Sahara Desert, and Syria with Samer Abboud of Villanova University, Edna Pepi of Yale University, and Francisco Robles of the University of Notre Dame. For more information, please contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos at mceballos@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute.

Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming & Dance Troupe April 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM in Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

Nearly 30 drummers and dancers from Tamagawa University, Japan, make a return appearance on our campus for an athletic and graceful performance that includes thundering Taiko drumming and Japanese folkloric dance. As one of the top-ranking taiko groups in Japan, their amazing stage show has received rave reviews from the New York Times and other media. With growing numbers of fans every year, they return to the U.S. to perform at the Cherry Blossom Festivals in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. This is a WCU Live event. Purchase tickets by calling (610) 436-2266 or visit *www.wcupatix.com*.

Ram I Am: Queerness in Sports April 9, 2019, 4:00-6:00 PM in Sykes 250

Does the stereotype that the trans and queer communities exclude athletics hold any weight in today's day and age? Come discuss the intersections of gender and sexuality within sports and athletics. For more information, please visit www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa or contact us at lgbtqa@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3147.

The Clothesline Project April 11, 2019, 11:00-2:00 PM in the Academic Quad

Show your support for survivors of interpersonal violence (sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking). This living arts display was created by WCU students, faculty, and staff impacted by interpersonal violence beginning in the 90's. Walk through the display and/or leave a message to honor and support survivors and their loved ones in our community. E-mail *womenscenter@wcupa.edu* with questions or to get involved.

Rams After Hours and SAGA Drag Show

April 12, 2019, 8:00–12:00 AM in Sykes Ballrooms

Performances by fellow students and a drag queen headliner previous competitor on RuPaul's Drag Race. For more information, please contact Sarah L McGuckin at (610) 738-0190 or SM916160@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by Rams After Hours and the Sexuality And Gender Alliance (SAGA).

Ram I Am: Spiritually II April 24, 2019, 4:00-6:00 PM in Sykes 250

Does queerness exclude faith or does it make it stronger? Join us for a discussion that centers on the intersections of faith, spirituality, gender & sexuality. Come build community, and engage in dialogue as we explore different ways of addressing these parts of identity further. For more information, please visit *www.wcupa.edu/lgbtqa* or contact us at *lgbtqa@wcupa.edu* or (610) 436-3147.

MAY: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Lavender Graduation May 6, 2019

Save the Date! Join Us in celebrating our trans and queer graduates. Lavender Graduation is a special ceremony for LGBTQAI+ graduating undergraduate and graduate students to acknowledge their achievements, contributions, and unique experiences at WCU. For more information and to RSVP, please visit *www. wcupa.edu/lgbtqa* or contact us at *lgbtqa@ wcupa.edu* or (610)436-3147.

Kente Celebration Ceremony May 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Hollinger Field House

Join us for our annual Kente Commencement Ceremony as we drape our graduating multicultural students with a traditional kente stole. An invigorating night where staff, faculty, distinguished guests, family, and friends congratulate the Class of 2019! Free to attend! For more information, please contact Mr. Bryan Pointer at ext. 3273 or *bpointer@wcupa.edu*.



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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.

Please check out the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion website for updates throughout the semester for new programs. New Events are added each week!