



The WCU Celebrates Diversity is sponsored by the Office of Social Equity. We cordially invite you to join us as we continue building our inclusive community. The WCU Celebrates Diversity Series responds to our changing community by providing a series of programs intended to enlighten and empower us as a community. If you would like further information on any of our programs, or if you would like to register for any of the presentations in our series, please call West Chester University's Office of Social Equity at 610-436-2433.

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Please check out the Office of Social Equity website for updates throughout the semester for new programs. New Events are added each week!

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DID YOU KNOW?

HISPANIC
Heritage Month
is September 15
to October 15, 2016

October is
DISABILITY
EMPLOYMENT
Awareness &
POLISH AMERICAN
Heritage Month

November is
NATIVE AMERICAN
INDIAN
Heritage Month

LGBTQA Welcome Back

Monday, August 29, 2016

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Sykes Student Union, Rm 115

Join us! A reception to welcome back all students, faculty, and staff to the fall semester. Meet the LGBTQA executive board, purchase LGBTQA items, and sign up for programs and events.

Sponsored by:
Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)

Contact: Aneesah Smith
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Mocktail Party

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Welcome and Kick-off event to promote safe and alcohol free events. This event will also provide an opportunity to introduce new students to student organizations.

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Affairs
Contact: Jerome "Skip" Hutson
(610) 436-3273

Green Dot @ WCU: Bystander Intervention Training

Faculty/Staff Training: Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 3:15 pm - 5:15pm

Student Training: Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, 1:00 pm - 7:00pm

Sign up for one of our bystander trainings to take the first step in ending power-based personal violence on our campus. At the training you will learn how to recognize Red Dots, how to put Green Dots on our map, and how to spread this movement on our campus. In addition to becoming Green Dot certified, you will receive a t-shirt, lunch or dinner and other Green Dot giveaways. To register, please contact Alicia Hahn-Murphy, director of women's and gender equity, (610) 436-2122

Dog Therapy Opportunities

Monday, August 29, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, August 30, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 6, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, September 15, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 12, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday, October 20, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 9, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday, November 10, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 29, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, December 8, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 14, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sykes Student Union, Sykes Ballrooms

Come get your Mental Health Check-up by completing a brief screening questionnaire. In addition, to screening for students, the event will include therapy dogs, information tables, and giveaways.

Sponsored by: The Counseling Center and Office of Wellness Promotion

Contact: Rachel Daltry
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Trans 101

Monday, September 12, 2016, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 307

Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 307

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Thursday, November 3, 2016, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Friday, November 18, 2016, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Trans 101 is a one-hour presentation facilitated by WCU student peer educators who identify within the Trans community. The session will briefly review gender, sex, and sexuality and will focus on what it means to be transgender and how to support Trans students on campus. Registration is required, but, sessions are open to students, faculty, and staff.

Sponsored by: LGBTQA Services

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LGBTQA 101

Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Friday, November 4, 2016, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Monday, November 14, 2016, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

LGBTQA 101 is a one-hour training session that provides participants with an overview of LGBTQA history, terms, and current issues and all participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Sponsored by: LGBTQA Services

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ASmith4@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-3147

Diversity 411: Open Sessions

Thursday, September 8, 2016, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Sykes 210

Thursday, October 13, 2016, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Sykes 10B

These open sessions provide an opportunity to engage in diversity dialogues and broaden perspectives about diversity.

Sponsored by: LARC

Contact: Kaila Hamdani and/or Patrick Robinson, (610) 436-2187

Bus Trip to Feria Del Barrio in North Philadelphia

Sunday, September 11, 2016

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Enjoy an afternoon with WCU students celebrating family, art, and culture in Latino North Philadelphia. Enjoy live Latin music and dancing, Latino food delicacies, arts, crafts, and much more. This is a collaborative community event organized by Taller Puertorriqueno, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, HACE, Raíces Culturales Latinoamericanas and GALAEI. This event is free, but, registration is required.

Sponsored by: The Office of Social Equity, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and LASO

Contact: Hiram Martinez, hmartinez@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2433

Check Up From the Neck Up

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sykes Student Union, Ballrooms

Come get your mental health check up by completing a brief screening questionnaire. In addition to the screening for the students, the event will include the therapy dogs, information tables, and giveaways.

Sponsored by: Counseling Center and Office of Wellness Promotion

Contact: Rachel Daltry

rdaltry@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2301

Remain & Retain: A Conversation with Dr. John Craig

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Phillips Memorial Building, Library

A discussion on the struggle of being a male of color in college and society.

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Affairs

Contact: Jerome "Skip" Hutson

JHutson@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-3273

LGBTQA ALLY Training

Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Friday, November 11, 2016, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

Monday, November 21, 2016, 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Sykes Student Union, Rm 255

A one hour training session that provides LGBTQ 101 "graduates" with the understanding and resources to be an advocate and ally to LGBTQA students, faculty, and staff. Allies are provided with an on-line manual and a door sticker identifying them as an LGBTQA Ally.

Sponsored by: LGBTQA Services

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Did you know? Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15 – October 15, 2016.

8th Annual WCU Latino Communities Conference - Borders and Migrations: Towards Unity

Thursday, September 15, 2016 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, September 16, 2016 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Join us for two days of presentations from various interdisciplinary areas: Humanities, Education, Professional Services, Social Sciences, and Co-curricular opportunities.

Sponsored by: Latino Communities Conference Committee, LASO, President's Office

Contact: Linda Stevenson, l Stevenson@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-3162

Meet the Greeks

Friday, September 23, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hollinger Field House

The 13 member organizations of the Black and Latino Greek Council will introduce themselves to campus and showcase their talents in a step exhibition performance. Admission is free.

Sponsored by: The Black and Latino Greek Council and Office of Student Leadership and Involvement

Contact: Cara Jenkins

cjenkins@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2117

Todrick Hall Show

Friday, September 23, 2016

9:30 pm

Sykes Student Union Ballroom

With more than 300 million YouTube video views, more than 2 million subscribers and a hyper-engaged, loyal fan base, Todrick Hall has paved his own way as a new kind of star—harnessed by the power of social media—captivating audiences with his incomparable blend of original music, innovative choreography and creative parody.

Sponsored by: Sykes After Dark

Contact: Abby Albright, AA796955@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2984

Campus Climate Survey Open Forums

Monday, September 26, 2016

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm in Sykes Student Union, Sykes Theatre

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm in Sykes Student Union, Sykes Theatre

Join us as we welcome back Dr. Sue Rankin of Rankin & Associates to present WCU's Campus Climate Survey results and discuss strategies for next steps.

Sponsored by: Office of Social Equity

Contact: Lynn Klingensmith, lklingensmith@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2433

The Global Hispanic Film Festival 2016

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 FILM: *3 Beauties* - SPEAKER: Dr. Megan Corbin, Mitchell Hall

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 FILM: *Wilaya* – SPEAKER: Dr. Mahmoud Amer and Dr. Megan Saltzman

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 FILM: *Southern District* –SPEAKER: Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 FILM:
The Second Mother – SPEAKER: Dr. Daniela Johannes

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 FILM:
Mr. Kaplan – SPEAKER: Dr. Jason Bartles

All films are shown in Mitchell Hall, Rm 102, and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. The Global Hispanic Film Festival 2016 hosted by West Chester University will expose students to a wide range of unfamiliar realities concerning Latin America, Spain, North Africa, and Latinos/as in the United States. Five films will address globalization, postcolonialism, social inequality, migration, borders, indigenous cultures, racism, sexism, sexual diversity, family relations, body image, and gender. These diverse themes will be discussed before and after film viewings to draw critical connections to our lives in Pennsylvania. All screenings are free and open to the public. Appetizers served at 7:15pm. All films are subtitled in English. #CineWCU
Organized by Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum and Dr. Megan Saltzman, in collaboration with the Department of Languages and Cultures, University Forum, and the Spanish Club. Made possible with the support of Pragda, The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain, and SPAIN arts & culture.

Contacts: Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum, ipagan@wcupa.edu, and Dr. Megan Saltzman, msaltzman@wcupa.edu.

To Write Love On Her Arms, "WCU Chooses Love and Life": Jamie Tworkowski

Thursday, September 29, 2016

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Sykes Student Union, Ballroom

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people 15-24. But a lot gets lost in the numbers and in the words "suicide prevention." TWLOHA founder Jamie Tworkowski believes what matters most are the people, the real lives and real stories behind the statistics. With honesty and humanity, Tworkowski emboldens audiences with his message to "Please Stay Alive", aiming to break the silence surrounding issues such as depression and addiction while encouraging people to get the help they need and deserve.

Sponsored by: Sykes After Dark, Counseling and Psychological Services, TWLOHA Student organization, Community and Cultural Affairs, the Women's Center, Student Health Services

Contact: Dave Timmann, dtimmann@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2984

PCOHE Student Leadership Development Institute

Friday, September 30 – October 2, 2016
Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel in Harrisburg, PA

Students interested in attending this student leadership development opportunity should contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs to register no later than Friday, September 16, 2016. The SLDI is coordinated by the PA Black Conference on Higher Education (PCOHE). Limited opportunities to attend.
Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Affairs

Contact: Jerome "Skip" Hutson, JHutson@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-3273

Did you know? October is Disability Employment Awareness & Polish American Heritage Month

Man v. Wild Hike

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 | 4:15 pm
Meet outside Sturzebecker

Experience the benefits of a guided hike in the great outdoors. We will meet outside of Sturzebecker and venture to the Gordon Nature Preserve. This program is part of The Masculinity Project. Free snack. Weather permitting.

Sponsored by: Center for Women and Gender Equity, Office of Wellness Promotion, Campus Recreation

Contact: Steve Sassaman, ssassaman@wcupa.edu

International Career Success Workshop

Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Twardowski Career Development Center, Rm 225 Lawrence Hall

The goal of the workshop is to introduce the Career Development Center to the international students, and to assist them with various stages of the career process. Additionally, the workshop will highlight and increase the awareness of The Career Development Center as a resource for international students during the career development process.

Sponsored by: Center for International Programs and The Twardowski Career Development Center

Contact: Diane D'Arcangelo,

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Frederick Douglass Institute: Lunch (En)Counters Series

Thursday, October 13, 2016, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Sykes Student Union, Sykes Theatre

As part of the FDI's Lunch (En)Counters series, Professor Emerita, Carolyn L. Karcher, of Temple University, will lecture on "An Inspiring Alliance in a Dark Time: Albion W. Tourgee, Ida B. Wells, Harry C. Smith, and the Campaign Against Lynching". The lecture is based on her book, *A Refugee from Race: Albion W. Tourgee and His Fight against White Supremacy*.

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. These programs provide an excellent opportunity for faculty and students – and the West Chester community – to engage in conversations about diversity beyond traditional classroom walls.

Sponsored by: Frederick Douglass Institute

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Multicultural Student Leadership Conference

Friday, October 14, 2016 | Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Believe, Speak, Inspire, Be The Voice of Change - To provide leadership training for students to live in a multicultural world.

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Affairs

Contact: Jerome "Skip" Hutson
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Daravann Yi, Author of Salt Seeker

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Phillips Memorial Building, Autograph Library

Yi reflects on his fascinating and harrowing autobiography, *Salt Seeker: When there is life, there is a will to survive*, of life as a young boy in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge genocide. After 40 years his tale of survival continues to resonate in a world filled with war and displacement.

Sponsored by: University Library and History Department

Contacts: Brenda Gaydosh bgaydosh@wcupa.edu and Mame Purce mpurce@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-0734

Dedication Ceremony for the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center

Friday, October 21, 2016

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sykes Student Union, Multicultural Center

If interested, contributions to this effort can still be made through the WCU Foundation website or mailed to the WCU Foundation, P.O. Box 541, West Chester, PA 19381. Checks should be made payable to WCU Foundation and include "Lawrence Dowdy Multicultural Center Endowment" in the memo line. Call 610-436-2868 for more information.

I Love Female Orgasm

Thursday, October 27, 2016 | 7:00 p.m.

Sykes Student Union, Sykes Theatre

Join us to laugh and learn about the "big O." Orgasm aficionados and beginners of all genders are welcome to come learn about everything from multiple orgasms to that mysterious G-spot. Whether you want to learn how to have your first orgasm, how to have better ones, or how to help your partner, they cover it all with lots of humor, plenty of honesty, and an underlying message of sexual health and women's empowerment. Are you coming?

Sponsored by: Center for Women and Gender Equity, Office of Wellness Promotion, AWE, LGBTQA Services, Office of Student Conduct, Women and Gender Studies Department, University Forum Grant

Contact: Libby Thorson ethorson@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2122

*For accommodations or assistance, please contact Libby.

Haunted House

Friday, October 28, 2016 | 9:00 pm

Sykes Student Union Ballroom

Come out for a Halloween haunted house and costume contest.

Sponsored by: Sykes After Dark and the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)

Contact: Abby Albright, AA796955@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2984

Did you know? November is Native American Indian Heritage Month

PASSHE Summit on Inclusive Excellence and International Education

Wednesday, November 2 - 4, 2016

Indiana University of PA (IUP)

Sponsored by: PASSHE Office of the Chancellor

Contact: Hiram Martinez, hmartinez@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2433

Kit Yan performs at WCU

Monday, November 14, 2016

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sykes Student Union, Sykes Theatre

Self-described queer, transgender, Asian-American slam poet Kit Kan will be performing and conducting a slam poetry workshop or students. There is the possibility of an open mic. All are welcome.

Sponsored by: LGBTQA Services

Contact: Aneesah Smith ASmith4@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-3147

Film screening of "The Mask You Live In"

Thursday, November 17, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sykes Student Union, Sykes Theatre

Join us for a screening of "The Mask You Live In," a documentary that follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. Pressured by the media, their peer group, and even the adults in their lives, our protagonists confront messages encouraging them to disconnect from their emotions, devalue authentic friendships, objectify and degrade women, and resolve conflicts through violence. These gender stereotypes interconnect with race, class, and circumstance, creating a maze of identity issues boys and young men must navigate to become "real" men.

Sponsored by: Center for Women and Gender Equity, Counseling Center, Crime Victim's Center of Chester County, Chester County Health Department, West Chester Communities That Care

Contact: Libby Thorson ethorson@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-2122

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Trans Day of Remembrance

Friday, November 18, 2016

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sykes Student Union, Rm 115

The WCU Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) will be honoring the lives of Trans individuals worldwide who were lost this year and lighting candles in their memory. The program is open to all.

Sponsored by: Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)

Contact: Aneesah Smith ASmith4@wcupa.edu | (610) 436-3147

Fall Kente Cloth Ceremony

Saturday, December 10, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sykes Student Union

Sponsored by: Office of Multicultural Affairs

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DIVERSITY SERIES FALL 2016

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available on request by calling the Office of Social Equity 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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