he 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.

**January**

**Parenting Student Open House**

Wednesday January 24, 2024 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Center for Women & Gender Equity Office, Lawrence 214

Want to learn more about the resources available for parenting students on campus and connect with other parenting students? Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity and the Counseling Center to learn about resources, grants/scholarships, and upcoming events. Enjoy some hot cocoa or tea and sweets. No need to pre-register – just join us when you can.

Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity. For more information contact cwge@wcupa.edu.

**Spring 2024 Sustainability Showcase**

Monday, January 29, 2024 | 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

This annual event introduces students, faculty, and staff to the comprehensive work being done to make WCU a more socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable institution. Dozens of campus offices and departments, Sustainability Council committees, student organizations, and academic programs will participate. Come learn about sustainability at WCU, get involved, make new friends, and enjoy free plant-based food! No registration required.

For more information contact the Office of Sustainability at sustainability@wcupa.edu.

**University MLK Commemoration**

January 24 – 29

All events can be found on WCU’s 2024 MLK Commemoration Website
Black History Month 2024
Thursday, February 1, 2024 – Thursday, February 29, 2024
All are welcome to enhance your knowledge through engagement in activities taking place throughout the month-long celebration of people, culture, heritage, history, achievements, and contemporary issues. For the complete calendar of events and more information visit the Dowdy Multicultural Center’s Program and Events page.

Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Spring Informational Fair
Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
102 Old Library Building
Come learn about the minor in Ethnic Studies and the activities of the Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies.
Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies. No advanced registration required
For more information visit www.wcupa.edu/Ethnic-Studies or contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos, mceballos@wcupa.edu

Parenting Student Support Space
Wednesday February 7, 2024 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Center for Women & Gender Equity Office, Lawrence 214
Managing parenting, academics, work and life can be challenging. Come and connect with other parenting students through structured conversations to build community and support. Refreshments provided and facilitated by staff from the Center and the Counseling Center. Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. Registration available via RamConnect here.
Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity and the WCUPA Counseling Center. For more information contact cwge@wcupa.edu

National Student Exchange Program Info Session
Two dates! February 1 & 7, 2024 | 6:00 pm | Virtual
National Student Exchange (NSE): NSE is a low-cost academic program that provides WCU students the opportunity to study up to one year at another member institution. With more than 170 participating institutions, WCU students can study away in 49 states, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Interested in learning more about NSE? Register here to attend one of the following virtual information sessions held on February 1, 2024 at 6:00pm and February 7, 2024 at 6:00pm.
Questions? Contact WCU’s NSE Coordinator, Chasey Page, at cpage@wcupa.edu.

50th Anniversary of Ethnic Studies @ WCU Film Series—The History of Ethnic Studies: 1968-1969 SF State and UC Berkeley Student Strikes
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm | Hybrid: 255 Sykes & Zoom
A presentation of short films on the 1968-1969 student strikes at San Francisco State College and University of California-Berkeley demanding the creation of a School of Ethnic Studies and a Third World College.
Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies. No advanced registration required.
For more information and the Zoom link visit www.wcupa.edu/EthnicStudies or contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos, mceballos@wcupa.edu.
Pools Apart: Swimming in America as Black and White
Thursday, February 8, 2024 | 3 - 4:30 pm
Philips Autograph Library
Join the discussion about the history of racially segregated swimming and its ongoing consequences with Dr. Kodosky, Victoria Frizizza, Project Creator of POOL: A Social History of Segregation, and members of the historic Nile Swim Club’s community. No registration necessary.
Hosted by the History Department. Contact Bob Kodosky: rkodosky@wcupa.edu; x2288

Queer Sexy Bingo – Love Is Love Week
Monday, February 12, 2024 | 7:00 pm
Sykes Ballrooms
Registration is not required but encouraged! Registration available RamConnect here.
This is not your grandparents' bingo! Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fun bingo game to grow your inclusive sex education! Engage in conversations about sexuality and learn about safer sex practices, sexual anatomy, sexual behavior, and pleasure. Winners will be given prizes.
Presented by the Center for Women and Gender Equity, Co-sponsored by the Student Activities Council, Sexuality and Gender Alliance, the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy, and the Office of Wellness Promotion.
For more information, contact cwge@wcupa.edu.

March—Women's History Month
Join us as we commemorate the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity on social media throughout the month to find more information and events for WHM. Contact cwge@wcupa.edu to find out how you or your organization can support Women's History Month at WCU. The Center will host a conversation series with details to follow.

Shaping the Future Together: Women & Femmes of Color Panel and Networking
Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sykes Ballroom
Join us for a panel discussion on the graduate world as a woman of color, dinner, and time for networking and connection with other women and femmes of color here at WCU. Be here to learn and grow, together.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. Registration is available via RamConnect here.
Sponsored by the Center for Women and Gender Equity, the Dowdy Multicultural Center, and others. For more information, contact cwge@wcupa.edu

Lênapeyok Artisans Collective Exhibition
February 28 – April 29
Meet the Artist and Opening Reception: February 28, 3:30-5:00 pm
Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, (Old Library) Lower Gallery
Join the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology for the Opening Reception of the special exhibition, The Lênapeyok Artisans Collective, which will feature a special "Meet the Artist" event with Lenape artist Ben Miller, who will discuss his upcoming work on the Student Union Mural project and his and other featured Lenape artists’ work. On display are a range of traditional and contemporary style works by noted Lenape artists such as fashion, ribbonwork, and beadwork to leather design, and woodworking. The exhibit emphasizes the persistence and vibrancy of Lenape arts and crafts. Along with the Museum, the exhibition and opening event is co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology & Sociology, the Department of Art + Design, Department of Theatre, and the Institute for Race and Ethnic Studies. For more information see the museum’s website at www.wcupa.edu/museum, or contact Dr. Heather Wholey hwholey@wcupa.edu.

March 30, 2024 | 10 am – 4 pm | Sykes Ballroom
Join us to connect and learn with other Men of Color! The annual Brothers of Excellence Conference provides college Men of Color with knowledge and community connections to:
- identify social issues that impacts Men of Color.
- explore their civic leadership roles in connection with their multiple identities.

Innovation in Diversity Grants Applications due March 22, 2024
The Innovation in Diversity & Inclusion Grants Council is pleased to be able to offer the campus community an opportunity to fund projects that promote or advance diversity, inclusion, belonging, student success and a positive campus climate. The Innovation in Diversity & Inclusion Grants Council, with support from the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI), facilitates this competitive Request for Proposal process which awards grant funds to successful proposals annually.
For more information or to apply for a grant, please visit our site https://www.wcupa.edu/innovationGrants/default.aspx or contact Chancey Page (cpage@wcupa.edu) or Dr. Iliana Pagan-Teitelbaum (ipagan@wcupa.edu)

Please check out the Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Diversity Calendar webpage here for updates on new programs throughout the semester.
• recognize resources (including outside resources) and individuals to create a sense of community of support on campus.
• build social capital and networking with other Men of Color.

Lunch and prizes will be available. Space will be limited, and advance registration is required. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. Please be on the lookout for the official campus announcement!

April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), an annual campaign to raise awareness of sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity throughout the month of April as we engage the campus community in advocacy work to end sexual violence in our community and support survivors. Follow the Center for Women & Gender Equity on social media through the month to find more information and events for #SAAM. Contact the cwge@wcupa.edu to find out how you or your organization can support Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Lenape Mural Exhibit

April
Sykes Student Union, 2nd floor lobby

Lenape artist Ben Miller (Delaware Tribe of Indians), graduate from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco will be in residence to create an indoor mural that honors Native American cultures of the region. It’s planned completion and unveiling is late April. The mural project is Sponsored by Sykes Union and Student Activities, the Department of Anthropology & Sociology, the Department of Art + Design, and the Institute for Race and Ethnic Studies. For more information, contact Dr. Heather Wholey, hwholey@wcupa.edu.

50th Anniversary of Ethnic Studies @ WCU Film Series - The Continued Struggles in Support of Ethnic Studies

Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Hybrid: 255 Sykes & Zoom

A presentation of a film on recent protests to defend Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley and a discussion of more recent attacks against Ethnic Studies around the country. No advanced registration required. Sponsored by the Department of Ethnic Studies and WCUPA Counseling Center. For more information and the Zoom link visit www.wcupa.edu/EthnicStudies or contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos, mceballos@wcupa.edu.

Bridge Visit Day

Friday April 5, 2024 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wayne Hall 803

Bridge Visit Day is an informative event designed to introduce prospective students to the Psychology Graduate Programs at WCU, with a focus on supporting groups typically underrepresented in graduate studies. The event offers various perks such as application fee waivers for the graduate programs, refreshments, and giveaways. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the programs, meet faculty and current graduate students, tour the facilities, and participate in workshops geared towards developing a strong application. Advanced registration required, more information to come!

Program Sponsors: The Graduate School and the Psychology Department.
Dr. Stevie Grassetti, the PsyD program coordinator and Psychology Department DEI chair at 610-436-2751 or SGrassetti@wcupa.edu.

Clothesline Project

Wednesday April 10, 2024 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm | The Academic Quad

Stand in solidarity with survivors of interpersonal violence (sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking). This living arts display was created by members of our community impacted by interpersonal violence since the 1990’s. Walk through the display and/or create a shirt to honor your own lived experiences. The Counseling Center and therapy dogs will be present.

Registration not required, more information at the RamConnect here.

Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity and the WCUPA Counseling Center. For more information contact cwge@wcupa.edu.
**What is Health?: Dissecting West African Healing Practices**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2024 | 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm**  
**Sykes 252A**  
Sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology in conjunction with its exhibition, Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Well-Being, this talk will explore spiritual, traditional, and “conventional” sources of healing in West African populations. Dr. Zeinab Baba, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences, discusses the history of these practices, the current state of chronic and communicable diseases, and the evolution of healing in these diverse communities. Co-sponsored by the WCU Anthropology Club. RSVPs preferred: museum@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2247.  
Sponsors: Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology and the WCU Anthropology Club  
[www.wcupa.edu/museum](http://www.wcupa.edu/museum), museum@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2247

**Connect and Learn Meet Up:**  
**A sensory-friendly networking event**  
**Friday, April 5, 2024 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Sykes Ballrooms**  
Hosted by Twardowski Career Development Center, Dub-C Autism Program  
This event is intentionally designed for students who thrive in a sensory-friendly environment, to help them confidently connect with employers to discuss jobs, internships, and other career-related topics.  
For more information, visit [https://wcupa.joinhandshake.com/events/1440623/share_preview](https://wcupa.joinhandshake.com/events/1440623/share_preview) or contact cdc@wcupa.edu.

**The Together Endowment Gathering 2024**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm | SECC 108**  
Join us for the second annual Together Endowment Celebration. This year’s theme is “2024: Affirm Our Common Humanity”  

“The Together Endowment brings people together to share their experiences, feelings, and hope. It combines cognitive knowledge with the affective realm of emotions. There is a recognition that history, both personal and societal, influences what we believe and do; the past is never past.”  
—Senator, Dr. Andy Dinniman

**It’s On Us Week of Action**  
**April 22 - 26th (Various Events)**  
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.

**Amending the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act: human rights, sovereignty, and cultural sustainability**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 12:00 pm –12:50 pm**  
Hybrid: Sykes Student Union 255 A/B & Zoom  
WCU student Madeline Mulcahey (Anthropology ’24), in the final session of the Spring 2024 Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar, speaks to the ways in which the 1990 Native Americans Grave Protection and Repatriation Act can be strengthened to promote cultural sustainability, sovereignty and human rights. Join via Zoom [here](http://example.com).  
Office of Sustainability, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and the Sustainability Council’s Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee. For more information contact the Office of Sustainability at sustainabilty@wcupa.edu

**Take Back the Night – Alternative Community Care Night**  
**Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 5:00 pm | Center for Women & Gender Equity Office, Lawrence 214**  
Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a night of community connection and care, an alternative to the larger Take Back the Night event. The Center recognizes people have different needs on their healing journeys and that a march and speakout may not serve all sensory needs. This Community Care Night includes a hearty meal, calming music, crafting activities and games for participants to be solo or with the group. Registration is not required, but welcomed for ordering food. RamConnect registration is available [here](http://example.com).  
Sponsored by the Center for Women and Gender Equity. For more information contact cwge@wcupa.edu.
Take Back the Night  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Starting at the Rammy Statue, speakout at Ram Park (note: rain location is Sykes Ballrooms)  
Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity, student organizations and campus partners as we support those who have experienced harm, learn about resources, and express our desire for a safer campus community for us all. The event will include a march and speakout for survivors. Registration not required, but welcomed. RamConnect registration available [here](#). More information to follow. To get involved or for more information, contact cwge@wcupa.edu.

A Conversation with Carsten Wergin, Author of Tourism, Indigeneity, and the Importance of Place: Fighting for Heritage at Australia’s Last Frontier  
Monday, April 29, 2024 | 10:00 am – 10:50 am  
Zoom  
Anthropologist Carsten Wergin (Ruprecht-Karls-University, Heidelberg) discusses his new book, Tourism, Indigeneity and the Importance of Place, with WCU Professor of Anthropology, Michael A. Di Giovine. Based on long-term ethnographic research among Indigenous peoples of Western Australia, Dr. Wergin's book examines the largest environmental protest action in Australian history: the Walmadany/James Price Point conflict. The conversation will provide insight on how community members, Indigenous custodians, heritage preservationists, environmentalists and tourists joined forces to successfully oppose the construction of a $45 billion fossil fuel plant on Indigenous land. Part of the Lexington Books' Anthropology Author Conversation Series, moderated by series editor Di Giovine, the Zoom webinar is sponsored by the Anthropology Club and the Office of Sustainability. To receive the RSVP link, contact: LEXTourism@gmail.com or mdigiovine@wcupa.edu  
Co-sponsors: Anthropology Club and the Office of Sustainability

Lavender Graduation 2024  
Thursday, May 2, 2024 | 2:00 pm | Sykes Ballroom  
Save the Date! Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy in a celebration of our trans and queer graduates. Lavender Graduation is a special ceremony for LGBTQIA+ graduating undergraduate and graduate students to acknowledge their achievements, contributions, and distinctive experiences at West Chester University. For more information, contact us at transandqueer@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3147

Save the date: Spring 2024  
Kente Graduation Ceremony 2024  
Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
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. Kente is a tradition that brings together the rich diversity of our community, in recognition of students of color and their accomplishments. Advanced registration is required. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact Chyna Hart at chart@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2505  
More information to come!

Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Wellbeing  
Open all semester; Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), atrium gallery  
The Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology’s latest exhibition, Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Wellbeing, honors the life work of WCU’s renowned anthropologist, Paul Stoller. With rare artifacts from Niger and Ghana, the exhibition examines West African healing practices, including spirit possession, witchcraft and divination, religious devotion, and traditional medicine. A second retrospective gallery looks at the life of Stoller, who trained as a Songhay sorcerer’s apprentice, and is the author of nearly 15 books and the recipient of numerous awards including the Anders Retzius Medal given by the King of Sweden, the highest honor in anthropology. No advanced registration  
Sponsors: Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology  
For more information, please see [www.wcupa.edu/museum](http://www.wcupa.edu/museum) or write museum@wcupa.edu. A virtual exhibition can be found at [www.wcupa.edu/SurroundedByTheSpirits](http://www.wcupa.edu/SurroundedByTheSpirits)

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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