



The WCU Celebrates Diversity Series 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 added each week!

LGBTQA/SAGA Welcome Back

August 28, 2017 4:30 PM

Sykes Student Union
Ballrooms B & C

Come out and join us! Students, faculty, and staff, all are welcome. For more information, please contact Sherry Mendez at SMendez@wcupa.edu or 610-436-0732. Sponsored by LGBTQA Services and Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)

Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center Welcome Reception

August 30, 2017 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Sykes Student Union

Come meet the staff and students of the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center (LDMC). Learn about the programs and activities sponsored

by the Center, and get information about the 30+ organizations under the umbrella of the Multicultural Organizations Advisory Board (MOAB). For more information, please contact Mr. Jerome "Skip" Hutson at JHutson@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center

Brother Outsider

August 30 and 31, 2017 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sykes Student Union Theatre

Kick-off event for a year celebrating Bayard Rustin. For more information, contact Dr. Timothy Dougherty at TDougherty@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2220. Sponsored by Department of English

Queering at WCU

August 31, 2017 5:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 10A

Unsure how to navigate WCU as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, asexual, or queer person? No matter your identity, join us to learn more about being queer at WCU. For more information, please contact Sherry Mendez at SMendez@wcupa.edu or 610-436-0732. Sponsored by LGBTQ Services

Gender and Media Literacy Series

Various Dates and Times

Sykes Theatre

Attend and fill out a questionnaire at the SAC movies Wonder Woman, Spider-Man: Homecoming, and the Center for Women and Gender Equity event, *Sexism+*, on November 8th for a ticket to a free private screening of Thor: Ragnarok and dinner at Movie Tavern on November 9th! Co-sponsored by Office of Student Activities, SAC, and Sykes Student Union (transportation included)

What Should We Do With "Difficult" Monuments?

September 5, 2017 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

Philips Autograph Library

A roundtable discussion on negotiating public history and cultural preservation in the wake of Charlottesville with Dr. Teresita Majewski, Vice President, Statistical Research, Inc., and President of the American Cultural Resources Association; Dr. Michael A. Di Giovine, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, West Chester University, and Convener of the Anthropology of Tourism Interest Group at the American Anthropological Association; and Dr. Janneken Smucker, Associate Professor of History, West Chester University. Sponsored by the Anthropology Club

Student Organization Involvement Fair

September 6, 2017 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Academic Quad

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 Involvement & Leadership

Condom Bingo

September 6, 7:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Ballrooms

This is not your Grandparent's Bingo! Join us for a night of Halloween fun as we play bingo, learn some sexual health information, and win great prizes. Costumes welcome! Co-sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion

College of Business & Public Management Transfer Student Resource and Involvement Fair

September 13, 2017 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Business and Public Management Center,
Room 102

All new transfer students in the CPBM are invited to meet other students and learn about student clubs and campus resources. Sponsored by the Management Department and the Office of New Student Programs

Islamophobia in Perspectives

September 13, 2017 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

PM in Sykes Student Union, Room 115

- *Islamophobia: A Perspective from an American Jewish Activist in the Movement for Justice* by Dr. Donna Nevel

October 10, 2017 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

PM in Sykes Student Union, Ballroom C

- *Understanding and Combating Islamophobia: What History Can Teach Us* by Mr. Lawrence Davidson

November 6, 2017 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

in Sykes Student Union, Ballroom C

- *Islamophobia: What is New and What is Old* by Dr. Muqtedar Khan

For more information, please contact Dr. Tabassum Ruby at TRuby@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2355. Sponsored by the University Forum and Department of Women & Gender Studies

It's On Us: Consent 101

September 13, 7:00pm,

Sykes Student Union, Room 10A

Consent is a whole lot more than "Yes Means Yes" and "No Means No." Help us kick off our It's On Us initiative by digging into consent. We will explore how to practice consent, communicate needs, and respecting boundaries. There will be snacks and giveaways. Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity

Documenting the Migrant Trail: Between Photography and Activism - Photographer Michael Hyatt

September 14, 2017 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM
Philips Autograph Library

Michael Hyatt is an award-winning social documentary photographer living in southern Arizona. As an artist/activist, Michael has devoted his creative time to some of the leading social issues in American life. For him the issue closest to home, since 2001, has been the lives of migrants on the US/Mexico border and efforts to prevent deaths in the Sonora Desert. Through his activism and photographic efforts he works to raise awareness and inspire solutions to the deadly humanitarian crisis along the migrant trail. Visitors are also encouraged to see his collection currently on display in the Old Library Atrium Museum, 775 S. Church Street. For more information, please contact Dr. Michael A. Di Giovine at MDigiovine@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by: Anthropology/Sociology, Anthropology Club, and Ethnic Studies Institute.

Hispanic Heritage Month

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

Meet the Greeks

September 15, 2017 7:00 PM

Hollinger Field House

The 13 member organizations of the Black and Latino Greek Council (BLGC) will introduce themselves to campus. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Mrs. Cara Jenkins at CJenkins@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-2117. Sponsored by the Black and Latino Greek Council and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Title IX Brown Bag Lunch Series

September 18, 2017 at Noon – *What is Title IX?*

September 25, 2017 at Noon – *Scope of Title IX and Getting Support*

October 2, 2017 at Noon – *Sexual Misconduct and Your Organization*

October 16 and 17, 2017 at Noon – *FAQ's for Faculty and Staff*

October 23, 2017 at Noon – *FAQ's for Students*

October 30, 2017 at Noon – *Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Student – What protections does Title IX offer?*

November 6, 2017 at Noon – *Support for Pregnant and Parenting Students*

November 13, 2017 at Noon – *Title IX and Your Syllabus*

Sykes Student Union, Room 209

Bring your lunch and join us for brown bag sessions focused on learning more about

Title IX. Each session will have a different focus. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alina Torres-Zickler at ATorres3@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2433. Co-sponsored by the Office of Social Equity and Campus Sexual Misconduct Advocate

Check-Up from the Neck-Up

September 20, 2017 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Come get your mental health check up by completing a brief screening questionnaire. Arrive early to get your free t-shirt. In addition to screening for students, the event will include the therapy dogs, information tables, and giveaways. For more information, contact Rachel Daltry at RDaltry@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2301. Sponsored by the Counseling Center and Office of Wellness Promotion

Sexism+ : Disability & Gender Bias

September 20, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 115

Maria Lepore-Stevens will discuss the ways people with disabilities experience gender bias in ways that are rarely represented in our larger national dialogue. Bring your lunch; we provide the conversation and dessert. Sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion and Women and Gender Studies Department

Puerto Rican Day Parade in Philadelphia

September 24, 2017

Join the Latino American Student Organization (LASO) at West Chester University to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and participate in the procession at the Puerto Rican Day Parade in Philadelphia. For more information, please contact Angiliska Morel at AM811356@wcu-pa.edu. Coordinated by the Latino American Student Organization (LASO)

Global Hispanic Film Festival

September 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM – *DON'T CALL ME SON*

October 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM – *THE CLUB*

October 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM – *LA SONRISA VERDADERA*

October 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM – *TRUMAN*

October 30, 2017 at 7:30 PM – *LOS BAÑISTAS*

Mitchell Hall, Room 102

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a film! All films are free and open to the public. All films have English subtitles and are held in Mitchell Hall, Room 102. For more information, please contact Dr. Iliana Pagan-Teitelbaum at IPagan@wcupa.edu or Dr. Megan Saltzman at MSaltzman@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the University Forum and Department of Languages and Cultures

One Book Lecture: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

September 27, 2017 7:00 PM

Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

In support of the One Book WCU project focusing on Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, Shirley Lacks and Veronica Robinson will discuss matters of race, gender, and justice surrounding the amazing story of how unauthorized use of cells from family member Henrietta Lacks created a worldwide research network to cure cancer and advance medical science. Event to be followed by a book signing. For more information, please contact Dr. William Lalicker at WLalicker@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2268. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute; Office of Social Equity; College of Arts and Humanities; College of Health Sciences; College of Business and Public Management; University Libraries; Undergraduate Studies and Student Support Services; and the Office of the President

Latino Communities Conference

Sept. 28-29, 2017 9:00 AM

Sykes Student Union

The Latino Communities Conference provides a creative space in which to engage in discussions and to enrich the understanding about the issues and contributions of the Latino community. This year's conference aims to critically address the issue of immigration and the importance of supporting and strengthening our Latino community in the current environment. It includes a wide-range of topics including education, health, social service, culture, art, history, social science, and professional development. For more information, please contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos at MCeballos@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2308 and/or Dr. Daniela Johannes at DJohannes@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Latino Communities Conference

Did you know? October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

In 1988, the United States Congress for declared October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to raise awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities.

Immigration: Stay or Go?

October 2, 2017 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

Main Hall Auditorium, Room 168

As part of the Crime & Justice Lecture Series, join us for a lecture featuring Chief (Ret.) Roberto "Taz" Villasenor of the Tucson, Arizona Police Department. Villasenor was recently appointed to the President's National Task Force on 21st Century Policing. For more information, please contact Dr. Christopher Przemieniecki at CPrzemieniecki@wcu-pa.edu or 610-436-2875. Sponsored

by the Department of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Student Association, Latino Communities Conference, and the Ethnic Studies Institute

LGBTQA 101

October 16, 2017 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

October 27, 2017 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Nov. 14, 2017 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 255

This course is open to all students, faculty, and staff and is a prerequisite to the Ally Training. For more information, please contact Sherry Mendez at SMendez@wcupa.edu or 610-436-0732. Sponsored by LGBTQ Services

Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) Lunch (En)Counters Program – Growth Mindset Predicts Improvement in GPA with Dr. Loretta Rieser-Danner

October 18, 2017 12:00 PM

Sykes Student Union Theatre

Research suggests that students with a Growth Mindset earn better GPAs and better improvement in GPAs over time. They are also more likely to get through difficult courses and semesters more successfully. What is a Growth Mindset and how do you develop one? Learn the research behind the concept of Growth Mindset and the practices associated with it. Learn why it's important to academic and future success for all students, but, perhaps, why it's most important for first-generation and under-represented minority students. For more information, please contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin at EShevlin@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2745 or Dr. Anita Foeman at AFoeman@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2283. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute

Sexism+ : "A Face of Oppression: How Sex(ism) and Rac(ism) Intersects"

October 18, 2017 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 115

Danitra Sherman will facilitate a dialogue on how sexism and racism intersect. Bring your lunch; we provide the conversation and dessert. Co-sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion and LGBTQ Services.

WCU in Philadelphia Human Rights Film Series

October 19, 2017 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM - *American Violet*

Philadelphia Campus, 701 Market St.

Join us for a series of film screenings and discussions of human rights at the intersection of criminal justice, social work, and community health. The event is free and open to all WCU Students. Two additional films will be scheduled in the spring. For more information, please contact Dr. Christina Chiarelli-Helminiak at CChiarelli-Helminiak@wcupa.edu or

Benjamin Morgan at BMorgan@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Department of Graduate Social Work and the Writing Center

Multicultural Student Leadership Conference

October 21, 2017

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Join us for a student leadership development experience for students living in a multicultural world. To register or for more information, please contact Mr. Charles Warner at CWarner@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2117 or Mr. Jerome "Skip" Hutson at JHutson@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3273. Sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement and the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center

Trans 101

October 23, 2017 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

November 3, 2017 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Nov. 21, 2017 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 255

This course is open to all students, faculty, and staff and is a prerequisite to the Ally Training. For more information, please contact Sherry Mendez at SMendez@wcupa.edu or 610-436-0732. Sponsored by LGBTQ Services

Lives Worth Living: The Great Fight for Disability Rights - A Brown Bag Lunch & Learn

October 26, 2017 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 115

Join us for the film screening of Lives Worth Living: The Great Fight for Disability Rights. In just 54 minutes, Eric Neudel's exceptional film provides a concise primer on the history of the disability rights movement in America. WCU's ADA Coordinator, Lynn Klingensmith, will also be on hand to facilitate a short dialogue after the film. Bring your lunch and others! Sponsored by the Office of Social Equity

PBCOHE Student Leadership Development Institute

October 27-29, 2017

Students interested in attending this student leadership development opportunity should contact the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center to register. The SLDI is sponsored by the PA Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE). There are limited opportunities to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Jerome "Skip" Hutson at JHutson@wcupa.edu at 610-436-3273. Coordinated by the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center

Backtrack

October 27, 2017 7:30 PM

Madeleine Wing Adler Theater

Tickets: Adults \$22, Students/Seniors \$17

Business Insider describes Backtrack as one of the "34 up-and-coming YouTube stars you

should be watching right now." Winner of the 2016 YouTube Next Up competition, this a cappella powerhouse has amassed over 7 million views and 85 thousand subscribers. Like their home base of New York City, Backtrack members Andrew, Johnny, Melissa, Mallory, and Jordan proudly represent a melting pot of cultures and heritages, which is evident in the diversity of their song selections and sound. Tickets for all shows can be purchased at: www.wcupatix.com/wculive or by calling the SSI Box Office at 610-436-2266. Sponsored by WCU Live!

Ally Training

October 30, 2017 1:00 - 2:00 PM

November 10, 2017 3:30 – 4:30 PM

November 28, 2017 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 255

Participants to this course must have completed *LGBTQ 101* and *Trans 101* in advance to the Ally Training. For more information, please contact Sherry Mendez at SMendez@wcupa.edu or 610-436-0732. Sponsored by LGBTQ Services

Condom Bingo

October 30, 7:00pm

Sykes Student Union, Ballrooms B & C

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Did you know?

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

On August 3, 1990 President George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

No Shame in the Game

November 1, 7:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 115

How do we experience pleasure? How does society shame people for sexual activity? Help us kick off #NoShameNovember by confronting shame around sexuality and pleasure! Co-sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion and LGBTQ Services

Migration Art Exhibit: Artist, Deborah McCullough

November 3 – 17, 2017

Sykes Student Union, 2nd floor

Deborah McCullough was born in Ohio and was raised in Western Maryland. She is an artist now living and working in Arizona. Her mixed media forms include artifacts left behind on the trails. Experiences in the desert with the people she's encountered have led her to develop a body of work that incorporates items she has found along the trails the migrants walk. She creates these works so others will see beyond the political jargon into

the heart of the suffering that is occurring. She creates them to inspire others to ask. For more information, please contact information: Dr. Michael Di Giovine at MDigiovine@wcupa.edu or Dr. Daniela Johannes at DJohannes@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute

New Faces of Leadership: Women's Leadership Conference

November 4, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Sykes Student Union

Are you the new face of leadership? Build your leadership skills and your network! Register by October 27, 2017 at <https://orgsync.com/123477/chapter>. Co-sponsored by Student Leadership and Involvement and Women's and Gender Studies Department

International Education Week - November 6 - 10, 2017

International Education Week Display

November 6 - 10, 2017

FHG Library

For more information, please contact Mr. Charity Alinda at CALinda@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3515. Sponsored by the Center for International Programs

International Student Country Expo

November 7, 2017 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Join us as WCU International students showcase their countries through a display. This event is free and open to WCU students, faculty and staff. For more information, please contact Charity Alinda at CALinda@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3515. Sponsored by the Center for International Programs

Migration Art Exhibit: Artist, Alvaro Enciso

November 6 - 17, 2017

Sykes Student Union, 2nd floor

Alvaro Enciso is a Tucson (AZ)-based artist and cultural anthropologist. Through his art, Enciso points fingers. By making and planting crosses at the spots migrants have died, he not only calls out those responsible but also honors those who senselessly lost their lives. He and his team of volunteers use a GPS system to find the exact coordinates of where the migrant's body was found, as well as the person's name, age, and year and cause of

death. They plant four crosses each week and are now close to reaching three hundred crosses placed in the Sonoran desert. For more information, please contact Dr. Michael Di Giovine at MDigiovine@wcupa.edu or Dr. Daniela Johannes at DJohannes@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute

Sexism+: Masculinity & Superheroes

November 8, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 115

Superhero movie fan? Ever wonder how gender affects the portrayal of your favorite character? Join us as Barrett McGee and Naquan Redd explore gender stereotypes, masculinity, and saving the day. Bring your lunch; we provide the conversation and dessert. Co-sponsored by Office of Student Activities and Sykes Student Union

Practicing Rights: Human Rights-based Approaches to Social Work Practice by Dr. David Androff

November 9, 2017 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Philadelphia Campus, 701 Market St.

Dr. David Androff, of Arizona State University, will present how human rights align with social work focal issues such as poverty, health, mental health, child welfare, and working with older adults. Two additional speakers will be scheduled in the spring. For more information, please contact Dr. Tina Chiarelli-Helminiak at CChiarelli-Helminiak@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3615. Sponsored by the Department of Graduate Social Work and College of Education and Social Work

Sexism+: Diet Culture & Gendered Oppression = Sexual Shame

November 15, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Sykes Student Union, Room 115

Ever feel shame about the gendered messages society sends around bodies, food, and sexuality? Join us for a conversation with Sonalee Rashatwar. Bring your lunch; we provide the conversation and dessert.

Co-sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion and LGBTQA Services

State System Summit on Inclusive Excellence and International Education

November 16-17, 2017 at 8:30 AM on both days

Sykes Student Union

Join us as we explore this year's Summit theme, Intersectionality: Moving beyond the

Margins. Call for Proposal deadline extended to September 21st. Registration required by October 20, 2017 via the Office of Social Equity webpage. For more information, please contact Mr. Hiram G. Martinez at HMartinez@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2991. Sponsored by the PA State System of Higher Education and West Chester University.

Every Body Yoga

November 28, 7:00 PM

Sykes Student Union, Ballrooms B & C

Join us for yoga and a conversation on body acceptance. All bodies and fitness levels welcome.

Some mats provided-bring your own and a water bottle if you have one! Co-sponsored by Office of Wellness Promotion and Campus Recreation

Kente Ceremony

December 16, 2017 12:00 PM

Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Sponsored by the Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center

MLK, JR. Brunch Celebration

January 25, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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 will be available at the SSI Ticket Office. For more information, visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/mlk/> or contact Mrs. Andria Young at AYoung@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3416.

Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Society MLK Brunch Committee and West Chester University.

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Interdisciplinary Conference & Fourth Annual Frederick Douglass Debate Society System-wide Tournament

April 5-6, 2018

Sykes Student Union, West Chester University
Registration required by January 30, 2018 via the Frederick Douglass Institute webpage. For more information, please contact FDI director, Dr. Chris Awuyah at CAwuyah@wcupa.edu. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Collaborative, WCU Frederick Douglass Institute, and West Chester University

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