

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL



DIVERSITY SERIES | FALL 2024

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.

AUGUST

Big Queer Welcome

Sunday, August 25

12 pm – 2 pm | Location: Sykes Ballroom

Are you a friend of Dorothy? This year's Big Queer Welcome transports you to the Wonderful World of Oz! We'll follow the yellow brick road from Munchkinland to the gleaming Emerald City. Let us introduce our welcoming and diverse body of Trans and Queer students, faculty, and staff to start the semester off right. Join the LGBTQIA+ community at WCU for a mix & mingle event featuring themed mocktails, a bountiful brunch, and fabulous giveaways. We'll introduce LGBTQIA+ resources at WCU and get to know our newest community members. We can't wait to see you over the rainbow! No registration required.

Program Sponsors: Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy, LGBTQIA+ University Caucus, SAGA

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Welcome/Welcome Back Bagel Brunch

Monday, August 26

10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Sykes 10A

Join us for our first Bagel Brunch of the semester! Bagel Brunch is a time that we gather with our Jewish community and friends of the tribe to chat, nosh, and spend time together!

For more information and to register, please see our Instagram @westchesterhillel, website www.wcuhillel.org, or contact our Hillel staff at amalerman@phillyhillel.org

Welcome/Welcome Back Shabbat

Friday, August 30

6 pm – 8 pm | Academic Quad

Join us for our first Shabbat of the semester! Shabbat is our weekly Jewish ritual to bring in the Sabbath, or day of rest. At WCU Hillel we celebrate by saying prayers, hearing a D'Var Torah, or words of wisdom, and joining together to eat a meal in community.

For more information, and to register, please see our Instagram @westchesterhillel, website www.wcuhillel.org, or contact our Hillel staff at amalerman@phillyhillel.org.

SEPTEMBER



Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15

Join WCU as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through various events and activities aimed at honoring the contributions and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

Fall Involvement Fair

Wednesday, September 4

11 am – 2 pm | Academic Quad

The Involvement Fair is one of many opportunities to get involved in campus and student life. Student Organizations set up displays and have members available to talk one on one about what their organization does on campus or in the community. Involvement in co-curricular experiences is an important part of having a successful college career. With over 290 student organizations to choose from, SLI encourages students to pick at least two organizations to actively engage with. Have questions? Stop by and talk to a **leadership consultant** or email us at involvement@wcupa.edu

Women's Commission Open House

Thursday, September 5

2 pm – 4 pm | Club 1871 in SECC

Join us for the Women's Commission Open House! For more information about The Women's Commission, visit their **website**.



D-CAP PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INQUIRY NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 5, OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 7,
DECEMBER 5 | 6 pm – 7 pm
D-CAP Office: 20 Linden Street

These events are an introduction session for prospective students to learn about our D-CAP program and supports from our student ambassadors and staff. Prospective students can be individuals who are not yet WCU students and are looking at autism support programs at different colleges before applying, but they can also be autistic students who are currently enrolled already at WCU and want to learn about and possibly join our program.

Sexy Bingo

Tuesday, September 10
7 pm – 9 pm | Sykes Ballrooms

Join us at a bingo-style event centered around inclusive sexual education trivia (mini-games too) for a chance to win a variety of prizes while empowering students' healthy decision-making. Safer sex supplies and other CW&GE swag will be available at the event, as well as opportunities to connect with partnering student organizations.

No registration required. Contact the Center for Women and Gender Equity at CWGE@wcupa.edu with any questions.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

Study Abroad Fair
Thursday, September 12
11 am – 2 pm | Sykes Ballrooms

Our annual study abroad fair will be held on September 12, 2024! Come see all the ways you can study abroad as a WCU student! Hosted by the Global Engagement Office. Registration is not required. Faculty/staff leading programs who wish to showcase their study abroad, please contact Emily Rooney for more details.

Emily Rooney, ERooney@wcupa.edu 610-436-3515

WCU Jazz Faculty Concert and Jam Session

Thursday, September 12
7:30 pm – 10 pm | Windish Studios
4 W. Prescott Alley
West Chester, PA

Welcome Back Join the Wells faculty in a concert and jam session to kick-off the 2024-25 season, and a new partnership with Windish Entertainment. Located just off High Street in the Prescott Alley, Windish Studios, of Criterions Alum Mike Windish, brings jazz performances to a club atmosphere. Refreshments will be served. Ticket Information: \$2 general admission / \$1 student admission

For more information, please contact Jonathan Ragonese — jragonese@wcupa.edu



National Voter Registration Day and Constitution Day Panel

Tuesday, September 17
12:30 pm – 2 pm | Sykes Theater

The Center for Civic Engagement & Social Impact & the Political Science Department will be celebrating National Voter Registration Day & Constitution Day by hosting a panel of local change-makers to learn more about their journeys into public service and what civic engagement means to them.

Hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement & Social Impact & Political Science Department. No registration required. For more information, contact the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact, wcupa.edu/impact

Building Sustainability Through Conflict Transformation and a Just Peace

Wednesday, September 18
12 pm | Sykes Room 255 A/B

WCU Philosophy Professor Dean Johnson speaks in the Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar on the role of conflict transformation and the creation of just and lasting peace in sustainable development. No registration required.

Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and the Sustainability Council Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee

For more information see the News and Upcoming Events section of the Office of Sustainability's homepage. <https://www.wcupa.edu/sustainability>

Separating Fact from Fiction: Debunking Myths about US Immigrants

Wednesday, September 18
3 pm – 4:15 pm | Location: TBD

There is a widely held perspective by political leaders that immigrants contribute to social problems, such as crime, jobs, and the economy. However, multiple studies have shown that immigrants historically have made a positive contribution to U.S. society. This talk will evaluate some of the commonly held myths about the impact of immigration today in the U.S. Presentation by Dr. Miguel Ceballos, WCU Sociology Department.

UER: Listening about Race

Wednesdays, Sept 18, Oct 9, and Nov. 13, 12-1:30,
Sykes 257

Facilitated by Dr. Michael Burns

A variety of organizations and events on campus aim to offer information and facilitate discussion around issues such as ending racism and related forms of oppression, Gaza and Israel, and the climate emergency. United to End Racism (UER) does not aim to replicate other useful efforts but rather aims to compliment these efforts by holding space for members of our community to process thoughts and emotions with a goal of building solidarity and better aligning our behaviors with the fight to end racism and related forms of oppression.

Brief introductions of participants and guidelines will be followed by holding space for one another to share and process thoughts and emotions related to racism, war, genocide, the climate emergency, sustainability, our shared humanity, and goals of human flourishing. Open to all: students, staff, faculty, community.

Fireside CHAT

Monthly Fireside Chats on Diversity and Inclusion:

Beginning in September, students are invited to join WCU's vice president for the division for diversity, equity and inclusion for conversation. Topics will vary, but all will center on diversity and inclusion at WCU. Seating is limited, so advance registration is required. For more information about this event series and/or to register visit the division's [website](#).

COMING SOON

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION CELEBRATING LATINX COMMUNITIES

Kick-off of the new WCU Certificate & Specialized Courses – Spanish for Health! (You can still enroll! Search using HSP prefix)!

Attend Info Sessions on & Add Latin American & Latinx Studies (LALS) Minor – stop by table at the Involvement Fair!

Latino Luncheon – First Fridays of every month – All Welcome! Network with local Latino leaders and those working with local Latino populations. Volunteer and Internship opportunities abound!

The Increasing Importance and Diversity of 'the Latino Vote' in the 2024 Elections!



Meet the Greeks

Friday, September 20 7pm | Hollinger Gym

Come learn about the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). Each organization will have a table and provide a traditional performance that includes information about their organization. No advance registration. For more information contact Isaiah Rogers Grad Assistant for FSL IR845288@wcupa.edu

WCU Celebration of International Park(ing) Day

Friday, September 20

9 am – 2 pm | Multiple outdoor locations in the block of South Church Street between University Avenue and West Rosedale Avenue

Park(ing) Day is an international celebration to imagine safer, more diverse, and vibrant public spaces. By repurposing parking spaces along public roads, Park(ing) Day installations question how we use urban space and how we can create more equitable, healthy, and beautiful spaces for pedestrians, public transit users, bicyclists, and motorists. Hosted by the Office of Sustainability, The Francis Harvey Green Library Bicycle Lending Library, the Transportation Management Association of Chester County, and more. For more information see the News and Upcoming Events section of the Office of Sustainability's homepage: https://www.wcupa.edu/sustainability

WORKSHOP SERIES

Workshop Series: Navigating Challenging Conversations in Learning Environments

Teaching in Turbulent Times

Wednesday, September 25, 1 pm – 2:30 pm (Virtual) Tuesday, October 8, 2 pm – 3:30 pm (In Person)

Strategies for Facilitating Dialogue Across Difference

Wednesday, September 18, 1 – 2:30 pm (Virtual) Tuesday, October 2, 3:30 – 5 pm (In Person)

Register here

We invite faculty and staff to join colleagues in a two-part workshop series, presented in collaboration by the Teaching and Learning Center, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Faculty Ombuds Office. With the backdrop of the upcoming contentious presidential election and the evolving situation in the Middle East, this workshop series will provide strategies for navigating challenging discussions that we anticipate in our classrooms and other learning spaces this fall semester.

The interactive sessions will have opportunities for you to engage in dialogue and share experiences with colleagues. You will be introduced to practical strategies and resources for planning and creating inclusive, engaging learning environments that encourage respectful and meaningful dialogue across differences.



Women and Femmes Adventure Weekend

Friday, September 20 – Sunday, September 22 | Off-campus event

3-day trip to the Adirondak mountains with activities centering women and femmes in the outdoors, i.e. camping skills, hiking, conversations of inclusivity and identity as it pertains to the outdoor community and beyond.

Program Sponsored by Outdoor Adventure Pursuits (student recreation center) and Center for Women & Gender Equity. To register or for more information, contact: KWalden@wcupa.edu (Campus Rec) or KKannan@wcupa.edu (Center for Women and Gender Equity)

Frederick Douglass Institute Lunch (En)Counters: Make Your Education Translate into Stacking Paper (Money)

Wednesday, September 25 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm | Mitchell 102



As a rule of thumb, women are paid less than men in most fields, including the sciences. In today's economy, multiple household incomes are needed to sustain a lifestyle and actualize dreams. Join this interactive workshop to learn about pay equity, negotiating benefits, workplace advancement, and more. This workshop helps to level the playing field at the start of your career. All students are welcome, no advance registration required.

For more information, contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin, eshevlin@wcupa.edu or Dr. tonya thames-taylor lthames-taylor@wcupa.edu

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

OCTOBER

Public Service and Volunteer Fair

Wednesday, October 2

11 am – 2 pm | Sykes Ballrooms

Join the Center for Civic Engagement and the Twardowski Career Development Center at the Public Service and Volunteer Fair! This is an opportunity to find community engagement opportunities with an emphasis on public service and community good. Network with organizations who have volunteer, internship, and job opportunities and enjoy light refreshments. No registration required. For more information visit the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact, wcupa.edu/impact



Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 2

6 pm – 8 pm

Sykes 10A

Join us as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year! Dinner, challah, and

lots of apples and honey will be provided!

For more information, and to register, please see our Instagram @westchesterhillel, website www.wcu-hillel.org, or contact our Hillel staff at amalerman@phillyhillel.org.

52 Names of God Painting Event

Wednesday, October 9

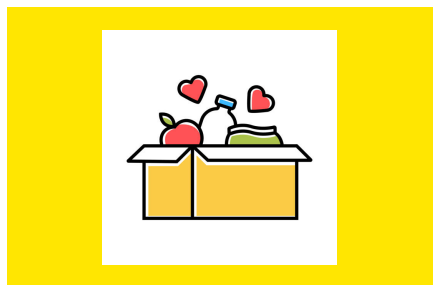
4 pm – 5 pm | Center for Contemplative Studies Classroom

700 S. Church St.

We invite all to come and learn about the 52 names of God in the Bible, along with their meanings and associated scripture passages and then to paint the name of God that most resonates with the individual onto a canvas to take home.

Hosted by Center for Contemplative Studies in partnership with the Interfaith, Spirituality, & Meaning-Making Project. Please register on RamConnect

For more information, contact Dr. Dara Dirhan at ddirhan@wcupa.edu



North Campus Resource Pantry Pop Up

Thursday, October 3

11 am – 2 pm | Academic Quad

The Resource Pantry will hold a free outdoor pantry day for any WCU Student to come and enjoy items. Sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact (wcupa.edu/impact)

A Conversation with Public Safety

October 9

7pm – 9pm | Sykes Theater

Join us for a conversation hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact (CCESI) and West Chester University Public Safety Police, West Chester Borough Police, and West Goshen Police. Students are encouraged to bring questions and concerns about laws in place that protect civilians and learn about the perspective of our campus and borough police. This is an opportunity to explore commonalities and display scenarios students may come across dealing with local law enforcement. No registration required.

America's Alternative: Embracing the Prophetic Possibilities of Frederick Douglass

The Fifth Annual Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste Frederick Douglass Institute Lecture

featuring Rev. Dr. Kyle Boyer

Thursday, October 10

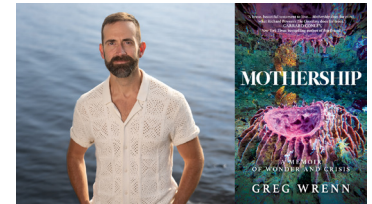
3 pm – 5 pm | Philips Autograph Library

The Fifth Annual Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste Frederick Douglass Institute Lecture — America's Alternative: Embracing the Prophetic Possibilities of Frederick Douglass — will feature distinguished speaker Rev. Dr. Kyle Boyer, Pastor, Mount Carmel Church of God in Christ.

Register [here](#).

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? Contact WCU's NSE Coordinator, Chancey Page, at cpage@wcupa.edu.



A Conversation and Book Signing with Greg Wrenn, Author of Mothership: A Memoir of Wonder and Crisis

Tuesday, October 16

3:30 pm – 5 pm | Philips Autograph Library

Professor Greg Wrenn likes to tell his nature-writing students, "The ecological is personal, and the personal is ecological." What he's never told them is how he's lived out those correspondences to heal from childhood abuse at the hands of his mother. Join us for an exclusive public lecture and book signing by the James Madison University professor of English as he presents his acclaimed debut memoir Mothership. Part queer coming-of-age story and part sustainability elegy, Mothership is a meticulously researched account of how coral reefs and the psychedelic tea ayahuasca helped Greg heal from complex PTSD and pursue wellbeing in an age of environmental crisis.

Co-sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, the Office of Sustainability, the Anthropology Club, The Graduate Certificate Publishing program and the WCU Center for Book History. www.gregwrenn.com/. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Michael Di Giovine at mdgiovine@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2247.



Opening Reception: Friday, October 25 at 5:00 pm | Exhibition open from October 25, 2024 – December 31, 2025
The Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library) | Lower Gallery

Join us for the opening of the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's latest exhibition, Roaring in Secret: Subversion and Change in the 1920s. Explore a recreation of a 1920s apartment, adorned with rare, century-old artifacts that testify to the 1920's subversive nature, particularly towards race, immigration, gender and sexuality. Authentic pieces include radio and Victrolas, musical instruments such as a theremin, flapper dresses and jewelry, first edition books, sports memorabilia, furniture, and even artifacts from the West Chester State Teachers College await. Then, see if you can find a secret passage to our very own interactive speakeasy! The opening reception will include food and prohibition-era drinks from the period, accompanied by music from the Jazz Age.

For more information, please see www.wcupa.edu/museum or write museum@wcupa.edu to RSVP for the event



2024 PASSHE SUMMIT

Theme: Uniting for Inclusive Student Success

A PASSHE Collaboration of Academic Affairs, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Affairs October 28 – 29, 2024

PASSHE Offices of Academic Affairs, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Student Affairs are pleased to announce that the 2024 PASSHE Summit will be held October 28–29, 2024. This year’s Summit theme is “Uniting for Inclusive Student Success” to explore the myriad policies, practices, research, and related matters that impact inclusive student success. The 2024 Summit will be a hybrid conference. In-person sessions will be held at Millersville University and virtual/hybrid sessions will be on Zoom.

Register for the summit here

Request for Proposals Deadline for submissions:

Thursday, September 5, 2024

More information can be found here

The True Nature of the Climate Crisis

Wednesday, October 16

5 pm | Merion Science Center Room 113

Join Zach Brown, PhD – climate scientist, educator, and activist – for a tour of the climate crisis and how to tackle it. Decades of focus on recycling and changing lightbulbs have failed us. Connecting the dots between climate injustice, racial injustice, and economic injustice, Zach will speak on the real tools of the climate move–ment: collective action for systemic change. Hosted by the Office of Sustainability. For more information see the News and Upcoming Events section of the Office of Sustainability’s homepage:

<https://www.wcupa.edu/sustainability>

Sukkot Bagel Brunch in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 17

10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Location: TBD

Join us for a special Bagel Brunch in the Sukkah to celebrate the Jewish holiday, Sukkot! For more information regarding location and to register, please see our Instagram @westchesterhillel, website www.wcuillel.org, or contact our Hillel staff at amalerman@phillyhillel.org.



Reading by New York-based poet Ramya Ramana

Tuesday, October 22

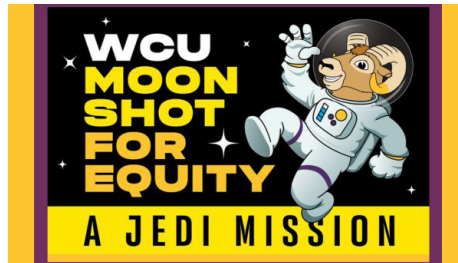
4:30 pm

Philips Autograph Library

2014 NYC Youth Poet Laureate Ramya Ramana shares poetry that addresses issues of race, class, and social inequity. A powerful performance poet, Ramya will share both old and new works inspired by social and environmental sustainability.

Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability and College of Arts and Humanities. No registration needed. For more information see the News and Upcoming Events section of the Office of Sustainability’s homepage:

<https://www.wcupa.edu/sustainability>



Moon Shot Week

October 21 – 24

Join us as we celebrate Moon Shot mission makers and Moon Shot aligned work, provide an update on Moon Shot progress closing institutional equity gaps in student success, and provide equity minded leadership training opportunities. For more information, visit the website <https://www.wcupa.edu/moonshot/>



The Women’s & Gender Studies Collection Launch Party — Keynote Speaker: Ijeoma Oluo

October 24

11 am – 4 pm | Sykes Ballrooms/Conference Rooms

Registration link is here

Join us for a free and open to the public celebration of race, gender, and sexuality studies that will feature student presentations, our last Mellon Foundation Speaker Series keynote, renowned public intellectual, Ijeoma Oluo, AND the launch of The Women’s and Gender Studies Collection, an online, always free, radically open-licensed resource that publishes and provides engaging, scholarly, and accessible education to everyone! Sponsored by The Mellon Foundation, The Women’s and Gender Studies Department, College of Arts and Humanities, Center for Women and Gender Equity, Dowdy Multicultural Center, Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy For more information, contact Nancy Repko, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, Nrepko@wcupa.edu or Kelsey Mattison Kmattison@wcupa.edu

Dr. Kiran Shinde — Cities and Cultural Production in the Developing World: Insights from Pune, India

Thursday, October 24

3:30 pm – 5 pm | Philips Autograph Library

Drawing on his work in Pune, India, architect and geographer Kiran Shinde, Associate Professor at La Trobe University (Australia) will discuss how built-environment professionals can influence the production of visual culture in a city. The Convenor of La Trobe University’s Planning Program, Dr. Shinde will cover topics around grass-root activism, stakeholder engagement, and conceptualizing projects to improve aesthetics in public spaces using public art, and co-creation in cultural production. In particular, he will share insights from the several public projects that we implemented in the public realm in Pune, India. He hopes that the talk will inspire students to take more active role in promoting better visual culture in their cities. Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and the Anthropology Club. For more information contact Michael Di Giovine at mdigiovine@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2247

Annual Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice, and Civic Leadership

Friday, October 25 | Location: TBD

The free event, organized by WCU’s Lawrence A. Dowdy Multicultural Center, aims to foster an educational environment where students, faculty, and staff can engage in meaningful dialogue about racial, cultural, and social issues. The goal is to raise awareness and promote action-oriented dialogue that impacts how participants experience life on campus, in communities, and in society.

More information to come!



OPEN ALL SEMESTER!



SURROUNDED BY THE SPIRITS

PAUL STOLLER & THE SONGHAY JOURNEY TOWARDS WELLBEING

Exhibition open all semester in the 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.

For more information, please see www.wcupa.edu/museum or write museum@wcupa.edu. A virtual exhibition can be found at www.wcupa.edu/SurroundedByTheSpirits.



Global Hispanic Film Festival 2024 - Virtual Edition

September 16 – October 20

Specific Film Dates: (Each film will be available virtually for one week)

Embrace of the Serpent – Week of 9/16 – 9/22

Cassandra – Week of 9/23 – 9/29

Miriam Lies – Week of 9/30 – 10/6

Alegría – Week of 10/7 – 10/13

Parallel Mothers – Week of 10/14 – 10/20

The Global Hispanic Film Festival hosted by West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCUPA) exposes students to a wide range of diverse realities concerning Hispanic cultures of Latin America, Spain, Africa, and Latinx communities in the United States. Five films will address globalization, postcolonialism, social inequality, migration, indigenous cultures, racism, sexual diversity, and religious diversity. Free and open to the public. Online registration required. All films are subtitled in English. #CineWCU Register on RamConnect to receive the virtual screening room link and password.

Organized by Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum and Dr. Jason Bartles in collaboration with the Latino American Student Organization (LASO), the College of Arts and Humanities (CAH), the Department of Languages and Cultures. Made possible with the support of Pragda, The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain, and SPAIN arts & culture.

For more information and to register: <https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/languagesCultures/activitiesFilmFestival.aspx>

Environmental Progress in Chester County: Chester County Commissioners and Sustainability Director talk Environmental Justice, Single Use Plastics, and more.

**Monday, October 28
6:30 pm | SECC Ballroom A**

Chester County Commissioners Josh Maxwell, Marian Moskowitz, and Eric Roe in conversation with Chester County Sustainability Director Rachael Griffith on environmental progress over the past year in Chester County. This year's conversation will focus on environmental justice, single use plastics, and other topics.

Hosted by the Office of Sustainability and the West Chester Green Team <https://wcgreenteam.com/>. No registration required.

Unmasking Implicit Bias: An Interactive DEI Training about Lived Experiences with Justin L. Brown

**Monday, October 28
7:30 pm | Virtual/Zoom**

The DPA Diversity Speaker Series invites you for an engaging and dynamic training session where we tackle the important topics of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) through fun games and activities. "Unmasking Implicit Bias" offers a hands-on approach to exploring implicit bias, diverse perspectives, essential life skills, and microaggressions. Get ready to learn, laugh, and grow as we navigate these crucial subjects together in an interactive and exciting environment! The speaker will be Justin L. Brown, CEO of Diversity Awareness Program

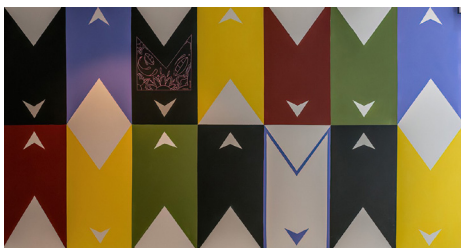
Registration is required: <http://tinyurl.com/47sdeur8>

It's On Us

It's On Us is a national campaign dedicated to preventing sexual violence on campus and cultivating a community of care for those who experience harm, and WCU is part of that movement. Stay tuned for more information about our Fall It's On Us Week of Action this October, in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's On Us Week of Action presented in partnership by the Center for Women and Gender Equity and the It's On Us Student Organization. Join the newly recognized student organization dedicated to this work here or follow them on Instagram @wcuitsonus.



NOVEMBER



Native American Heritage Month Campus Stroll November 2024

This is a design your own, self-catering experience suitable for individuals, groups, clubs, or classes.

Spend time during Native American Heritage Month exploring some of the campus resources developed in partnership with Lenape to honor their homelands.

*Stroll the South Campus Gordon Natural Area's Sipúwas Siputèt interpretive signage walk down Stadium Drive.

*Discover the Maehëlanèn: We Gather Together mural on the second floor of Sykes Student Union. * Explore the interactive, virtual exhibition Lenapeyok: Contemporary Artisans' Works www.wcupa.edu/LenapeyokVirtualExhibition, sponsored by the WCU Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology. For more information, contact Dr. Heather Wholey, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, hwholey@wcupa.edu; Nur Ritter, Gordon Natural Area, nritter@wcupa.edu; Clayton Kolb, Sykes Student Union, ckolb@wcupa.edu; Ann Callahan, Sykes Student Union, acallahan@wcupa.edu.

VOLUNTEER

Frederick Douglass Institute Lunch: Yes, Bias Exists in Science and Technology. Why Does this Matter? Wednesday, November 6 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm | Mitchell 102

In today's diverse world, some professionals, including doctors, believe that African Americans have a higher threshold for pain. This bias led to Black mothers disproportionately dying in childbirth. This crisis encouraged bipartisan (Republicans and Democrats) support of the creation of a Black Maternal Health Caucus in October 2023 in the Commonwealth. Did you know that some facial recognition programs and medical technology have proven to be biased? Why is this important to those in medical services and law enforcement? An engaging panel of professionals will explain why during this interactive program. All students are welcome, no registration required.

For more information, contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin, eshvlin@wcupa.edu or Dr. tonya athames-taylor ltahames-taylor@wcupa.edu

South Campus Resource Pantry Pop Up Thursday, November 7 11 am – 2 pm | Location: TBD

Resource Pantry will hold a free outdoor pantry day for any WCU Student to come and enjoy items on South Campus. Sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact. For more information, visit the center's website: www.wcupa.edu/impact

Homecoming: Alexander Claffy Quartet featuring Seamus Blake, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Dave Kikoski and the Criterions Jazz Ensemble Friday, November 8 7:30 pm | Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

Philips Memorial Building Born and raised in West Chester, bassist Alexander Claffy has become one of the most sought-after creative artists on the international scene. Alex has become a constant on the New York scene. He has performed and recorded with Jimmy Cobb, Louis Hayes, Harold Mabern, Kurt Rosenwinkel and others. He brings with him a high-profile international ensemble with saxophonist Seamus Blake, pianist Dave Kikoski and luminary of the drums, Jeff "Tain" Watts.

For more information, contact: Jonathan Ragonese; jragonese@wcupa.edu

From Trauma to Resilience: Promoting Mental Health Among Immigrants Wednesday, November 13 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Location: TBD

Migration is a process that implies change, and for some uncertainty or insecurity, or even trauma. This panel features WCU professors and students' current work with Latin American immigrant populations who are cultivating resilience, promoting mental health, seeking support, and optimizing life for themselves and their families as they adapt to new challenges and contexts. Following the panel, the audience will be invited to talk together about current events as they impact mental health and discuss available supports. The discussion will be facilitated by doctoral student clinicians. Tacos will be provided!

Women & Femmes of Color Dinner and Panel Wednesday, November 13 5:30 pm – 8 pm | Science & Engineering Center and The Commons (SECC) Ballrooms

Panel and catered dinner intended to create a networking opportunity in addition to conversations relating to success, mentorship, and celebration of women and femmes of color at WCU and beyond.

Program Sponsors: Center for Women and Gender Equity, Dowdy Multicultural Center

For more information, please email: CWGE@wcupa.edu



International Education Week November 18 – 22

Various locations across campus

West Chester University joins various colleges, universities, embassies, and community organizations around the world to celebrate International Educational Week (IEW). This year, International Education Week at WCU will be commemorated from November 18 – 22, 2024. Certain events may have pre-registration requirements or capacity limitations. For more information, contact Emily Rooney, Erooney@wcupa.edu 610-436-3515

DID YOU KNOW?

WCU's Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion maintains a *religious holidays calendar*? Click on [this link](#) to learn about a variety of holidays and religious observances that may have work restrictions throughout the year. This resource is meant to aid staff, faculty and supervisors with scheduling major exams, events, and special activities. This calendar is updated annually.

Ken Bouyer, National Leader in DEI, Speaker

Thursday, November 21
6 pm | BPMC Room 101

Ken says "I try to build a better, more inclusive working world every day. ... I visit college campuses nationwide and meet with deans to help them make their campuses more inclusive; and I speak to young people regularly to inspire them to lead us into a future where all differences are valued and where all workplaces foster a sense of belonging."

Sponsored by: Beta Alpha Psi and NABA. For more information contact: Dr. Peter Oehlers, Accounting Department, CBPM, (610) 738-0562, poehlers@wcupa.edu. No registration required.

DECEMBER

Urban Sustainable Neighborhoods: HOPE VI Revitalization of Sheppard Square in Louisville, KY

Wednesday, December 4
12 pm | Sykes Student Union Room 255 A/B

WCU Public Health Sciences Professor Ramona Stone speaks about HOPE VI, a HUD urban redevelopment program that replaced inner city distressed public housing developments with new mixed-income neighborhoods. Residents were relocated to safer neighborhoods and received comprehensive case management services to address their socioeconomic and health needs. Social and health issues were addressed while developing sustainable urban housing.

5. Office of Sustainability, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Sustainability Council Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee

Social Workers and Community Role in Disrupting the Criminal Justice System

Tuesday, December 10
Delaware County Community College
Marple Campus, Academic Building,
Large Auditorium | Livestream

This event will include an introduction by Shuja Moore, director of the documentary, and a Q&A following the documentary screening

Having a criminal record as a returning citizen can feel like a life sentence. Discriminatory practices against people who have been impacted by the criminal justice system has been a human rights issue for far too long. Help us raise awareness on Human Rights Day by joining us for the documentary "Pardon Me," providing a comprehensive look at how a pardon can serve as a powerful legal mechanism to erase a person's criminal past. Through personal narratives, "Pardon Me" highlights the broader societal implications, including the collateral consequences that affect thousands of families and communities across the United States.

For those attending virtually, please register in advance for this webinar: [Registration Link](#) - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Co-sponsored by West Chester University Graduate School, Department of Graduate Social Work and Department of Social Work. WCU contact: Tina Chiarelli-Helminiak cchiarelli-helminiak@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3615

SAVE THE DATE!



Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week
January 22 – 28, 2025

35th Annual Jazz Festival the Many Worlds of Steve Wilson
March 19 – 22, 2025

Join the Wells School of Music for 4 days of concerts featuring world-renowned artists and students and faculty of the school. Not to be missed! For more information: <https://www.wcupa.edu/music/jazzFest.aspx>

Fall 2024 Kente Graduation Celebration

Date: 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. 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

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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