



OMA News

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As we prepare for the 2005 - 2006 academic year, I commend you on your on-going efforts to incorporate diversity into your classroom and student groups. I encourage you to think about ways to expand diversity awareness into your classroom, office, and/or student organization.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs places student development at the center of its focus when designing and developing programs to enhance learning. Respecting each student as an individual, we play a key role in providing opportunities for them to learn and become an effective and engaged citizen for our diverse society. This newsletter highlights a broad based programming structure which OMA develops to assist students in building the skills needed to be successful graduates.

To be an effective and informed citizen in today's diverse society, students must possess the ability to communicate effectively and appropriately in a variety of cultural contexts. This requires culturally sensitive knowledge and a motivated mindset. To prepare our students in this arena, OMA sponsors and co-sponsors a blend of cultural celebrations, diversity workshops and Brown Bag lecture series.

Please contact me with questions about events sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs 402-375-7749 or clkaise1@wsc.edu.

--Clarissa Kaiser, Director, Wayne State College Multicultural Affairs

Mark Your Calendar for Multicultural Events Throughout the Year

Events celebrating diversity will be held throughout the year. Featured months include: Hispanic Heritage Month (October), Native American Heritage Month (November), Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration (January), Black History Month (February), Women's History Month (March) and Diversity Month (April).

September

Brown Bag Series - Ricardo Garcia
"The Art & Practice of Hispano
Storytelling"
Tuesday, September 13, 12:30 p.m.,
Niobrara Room
Funding provided by the Nebraska
Humanities Council.



Mary Pipher, Ph.D.
Author of **In the Middle of
Everywhere**
Wednesday, September 14,
3:30 and 7 p.m.
Frey Conference Suite
Sponsored by the President's
Council for Diversity



October - Hispanic Heritage Month

Ms. Jan Wahl presents "From Mexico to Nebraska"
Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.
Frey Conference Suite
Funding for this speaker provided by the Nebraska
Humanities Council.

Brown Bag Series Seville Lee, WSC Alumnus,
"Social Entrepreneur"
Tuesday, October 11, 12:30 p.m., Niobrara Room

Open House
Office of Multicultural Affairs
Wednesday, October 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Multicultural Center

Meet Eleanor Roosevelt
Ms. Elena Dodd presents "Advocate for Universal
Human Rights"
Tuesday October 25. 7:00 p.m.
Frey Conference Suite

November - Native American History Month

Garan Coons & John Beranek
"When Boots Meet Moccasins"
Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
Frey Conference Suite

December

Brown Bag Series
Sandra Braasch & Kenn Hallgren, Romania
Tuesday, December 6, 12:30 p.m., Niobrara Room

January

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.
Frey Conference Suite

Brown Bag Series
Dr. Werner Kitzler, University of South Dakota
Germany
Thursday, January 26, 12:30 p.m., Niobrara Room

February - Black History Month

Brown Bag Series
Joe Smith, WSC alumnus
"Leadership: What is it and Why you NEED It"
Wednesday, February 8, 12:00 p.m., Niobrara Room

Galen, Master Flutist & Lecturer,
Flute Juice Productions
Monday, February 13
12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Notes at Noon
Cat's Corner/Lower Food Court
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., "Express Yourself" - Jazz Poetry
Slam, Frey Conference Suite

March - Women's History Month

Kandra Hahn presents "It All Started When They
Taught Us to Read: Women in America"
Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.,
Frey Conference Suite
Funding provided by the Nebraska Humanities
Council.

Brown Bag Series
YaMika O'Neal, WSC graduate student,
Women & Leadership
Tuesday, March 14, 12:30 p.m., Niobrara Room

April - Diversity Month

Brown Bag Series
Dr. Meena Dalal
India
Wednesday, April 5, 12:00 p.m., Niobrara Room

Please watch your e-mail for updates on calendar items through **Campus at a Glance** and **The Bulletin**. For more information about these events, please call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 375-7749.

Resource Corner:

Many of you read **The Chronicle of Higher Education**. I encourage you to read, and reflect upon, "Whose Culture Is It, Anyway?" by Elizabeth A. Reyes at <http://chronicle.com/weekly/v51/i04/04b00501.htm>. She shares a personal account from a student's perspective.

Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. houses the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia. The Jim Crow Museum of racist memorabilia is a 4000-piece collection of racist artifacts. The museum uses items of intolerance to teach tolerance. Jim Crow's museum is a fast paced tour through the continuum of anti-black material items produced in the past and present. Often disturbing, this flow of images and commentary is designed to remind the audience of the causes and effects of racism. Curator Dr. David Pilgrim has created a virtual tour of the museum available at www.ferris.edu/jimcrow. Dr. Pilgrim was interviewed by National Public Radio in 2003. That interview can also be heard through the NPR website. In addition, WSC's Conn Library has a DVD available about the museum.

The June 2005 Brown Bag presenter was Dr. Sharat G. Lin, who presented "Oil, Religious Fundamentalism, the Dollar, and War in the Middle East" at Gardner Hall. As a Middle East scholar and journalist, he says the real reasons for the U. S. invasion of Iraq were economic, based on the need for stable governments in the oil exporting countries bordering the Persian-Arabian Gulf. Mike Marek, Mass Communication/Radio Broadcasting, interviewed Dr. Lin for NET Radio. To listen to Dr. Lin's comments, please visit: http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/nprn/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=782456



About the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Wayne State College recognizes diversity to be at the core of its aspirations, values and beliefs. The Office of Multicultural Affairs provides an environment for WSC students, faculty and staff to gather and celebrate diversity. It is the mission of the OMA to promote a variety of cultures in and around campus and the communities it serves.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs not only serves under-represented groups but also invites everyone to participate in activities of the office. There are specific events that engage discussions on issues relating to academia, career development, educational support services, social interaction, mentoring and study groups.

How Can You Get Your Students Involved in Multicultural Projects on Campus?

Send them to the Multicultural Center!

- 1) Volunteers are needed to help with events and activities,
- 2) Volunteers are needed for cultural visits to area elementary, middle, junior high, alternative or high schools,
- 3) OMA can provide information about the many multicultural organizations at WSC,
- 4) OMA can guide students to resources for diversity projects.

Multicultural Student Organizations at Wayne State College

● **Africans Linking in Friendship Everywhere:** ALIFE was formed by WSC students born in Africa as a forum to celebrate and embrace common cultures.

● **International Club:** The International Club at WSC is open to both international students and domestic students interested in international education. Its purpose is to promote the interaction between international students and the general student body.

● **Latinos Uniting.** The mission of Latinos Uniting is to promote education and diversity while creating awareness and support for Latin culture.

● **Minorities in Accordance Coming Together.** The MACT mission is to work effectively with the campus and broader community to establish respect for diversity.

● **Native American Student Alliance.** NASA was organized to bring Native American students at WSC together.

● **PRIDE.** PRIDE is a WSC student organization that is dedicated to exploring and understanding issues which affect the gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender community.

● **Xi Tau Zeta** is a multicultural fraternity formed to bring together students of different cultures to work and socialize on-campus and within the community.

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