

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL



DIVERSITY SERIES | FALL 2023

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



Mono + Mural Exhibit

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 – Friday, October 13, 2023 |
The John H. Baker Gallery

Mono + Mural is a collaborative initiative, sponsored by the Annual Latinx Communities Conference, the Department of Art and Design and the Baker Gallery featuring Alejandro 'Mono' Gonzalez, a renowned Chilean artist and main representative of muralism in Chile. The John H. Baker Gallery is located in the E.O. Bull Center for the Arts. See other dates on the calendar of events for the artist talk and mural in Sykes Student Union.

SEPTEMBER

Virtual Fall Involvement Fair on RamConnect

Friday, September 1 through 30, 2023 |
RamConnect

The Virtual Fall Involvement Fair on RamConnect is a great way to explore WCU student organizations and involvement opportunities at your own pace. Log on to RamConnect to check it out! Sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement. For more information, call 610.436.2117 or email involvement@wcupa.edu.



Student Interfaith Action Committee Meetings

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Tuesday, October 31, 2023
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
All meetings 7:00 PM | SECC 106

Join the Student Interfaith Action Committee meetings for student-led interfaith inquiry, dialogue, and other programming open to anyone of any religious identity, philosophy, or worldview! Together, we build cultural competence around the diverse ways people make meaning within our world. Interfaith, Meaning-Making, and Spirituality Project; Honors Student Association. To join, email Gabi Steffy (GS993634@wcupa.edu). For more information, see www.wcupa.edu/interfaith.

STOP BY THE Fall Involvement Fair!

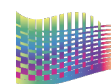
Fall In-Person Involvement Fair
Wednesday, September 6, 2023 | Academic Quad |
11:00 AM- 3:00 PM

The Fall Involvement Fair is a great opportunity to learn about the ways you can get engaged on campus this academic year. We encourage you to stop by to meet WCU student organizations! Sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement. For more information, call 610.436.2117 or email involvement@wcupa.edu (In case of inclement weather, the rain date for this event is September 13th)

Narratives, Poetry, and Mural-Making: How Creative Approaches Can Enhance Our Practice

Monday, September 11, 2023 | 5:55 PM – 8:00 PM
Live Via Zoom

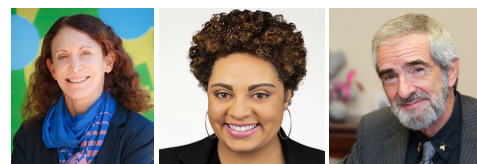
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EPIC

Education and Programming
for Integrated Care

Panelists: Dr. Meagan Corrado, Jane Golden, and Dr. Nicholas Mazza.



The EPIC Trainings Series is an online four-part training program presenting practical evidence-based research on integrated care and interprofessional collaboration for those working with Children, Adolescents, and Transitional-Aged Youth. Trainings are created for professionals, students, faculty, and community members and are free and open to all. This presentation highlights the experiences of three professionals who use storytelling, mural-making, and poetry to creatively support traumatized populations. Through this presentation, participants will be exposed to innovative ways to incorporate creativity into their own practice. They will

Queerly Chronicle

Do you want to stay in the loop about what's going on with LGBTQIA+ folx, CTQA, and WCU? Sign up for our monthly newsletter to get the CTQA Scoop. CTQA training and education opportunities are available too! To stay connected, check out our Ram Connect, or our website, or contact us, 610.436.3147!

also explore key questions related to scope of practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and measurement of therapeutic outcomes.

To learn more, please see the **event flyer** or go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/epicprogram/trainings#h.4we1pzaopf6x>

To register, please go to: https://wcupa.co1.qual-trics.com/jfe/form/SV_6RIEmNhwAJd4lm0. **Registration will close on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 5pm.**



Fall Community Festival

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
| Sykes Ballroom DMC

Fall Community Festival welcomes students back to campus and encourages them to develop relationships with peers across a variety of cultural backgrounds. The event serves as a space to foster a sense of belonging and connection among WCU students. It will also be a means to introduce students to the Dowdy Multicultural Center (DMC), its programs and resources, as well as multicultural organizations. Participating student organizations must register in advance to participate. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact Chyna Hart, 610-436-2505.

2023 Sturzebecker Lecture Series “One Step after Another: Towards Challenging Ableism and Unlocking Possibilities”

Friday September 15, 2023 | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
| Philips Autograph Library



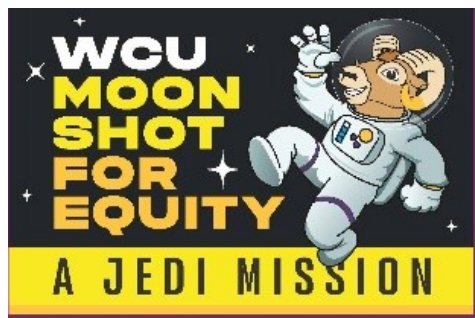
Dr. Yoosun Chung will openly share her unique journey, both personally and professionally, as a user of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) living with cerebral palsy.

Through her firsthand perspectives, she will highlight the need to identify and tackle ableism in our society, a crucial step in creating enhanced opportunities for all. The event registration is https://wcupa-college-of-health-sciences.ticketleap.com/dr-yoosun-chung/dates/Sep-15-2023_at_1000AM For more information, contact Sojung Kim, the Chairperson of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, at 610-436-2367 or skim@wcupa.edu.

Meet the Greeks

Friday, September 15, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Hollinger Gym

Come learn more about our culturally based fraternities and sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council. There will be performances showcasing the traditions of each organization. Program Sponsor(s) National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) Please follow us on instagram @nphc_wcu @wcu_mgc to stay informed about upcoming events!



Rethinking Student Success with Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | 4:30 PM | Sciences & Engineering Center and The Commons (SECC) 108

In support of WCU's Moon Shot for Equity and commitment to student success, we welcome Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart to campus on September 20 at 4:30p in SECC 108. Dr. Lowery-Hart's keynote will discuss how to rethink student success through privileging the student voice, removing barriers, and committing to a culture of caring. He will draw from his experience shaping Amarillo College's enrollment, advocacy, and resources to increase retention and persistence rates while serving as the president and previously, the vice president for academic affairs. Sponsored by WCU's Moon Shot for Equity. For more information contact moonshot@wcupa.edu.

Garry Dial & Dick Oatts:

A Friendship

Friday, September 22nd, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Emilie K. Asplund Concert Hall

In the Criterions' season opener, the band is joined by two of New York's musical sages, pianist Garry Dial and saxophonist Dick Oatts. This celebration of their friendship will include works from Brassworks, Dial & Oatts, Rediscovered Ellington, and That Music Always Round Me. For more information contact Jonathan Ragonese, Director of Jazz Studies: jragonese@wcupa.edu

Traditional Lenape Bean Dance

Saturday, September 23, 2023 | 1:45 PM | Gordon Natural Area, R Lot

As part of the 50-year anniversary celebration for the Gordon Natural Area (GNA) and the unveiling of new cultural awareness signage in the GNA, members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians will demonstrate the traditional Bean Dance. Participation in the dance is welcome and open to all. Sponsored by Gordon Natural Area, the Office of Sustainability, the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, and Office for Diversity Equity and Inclusion. No advanced registration is required. Open to the campus and surrounding community. For more information contact Dr. Heather Wholey, Department of Anthropology & Sociology at hwholey@wcupa.edu.

The John H. Baker Gallery Artist Lecture (Mono + Mural Exhibit)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 | 12:30 PM |
The John H. Baker Gallery
Open to the public. Limited Seating Available.

Mono + Mural is a collaborative initiative, sponsored by the Annual Latinx Communities Conference, the Department of Art and Design and the Baker Gallery featuring Alejandro 'Mono' Gonzalez, a renowned Chilean artist and main representative of muralism in Chile. Mono will visit West Chester University on September 26th to give a public lecture, install an original mural, and conduct a master class to students in Art + Design, Latin American Studies, and related fields. Sponsored by the Department of Art + Design, the Latin American and Latinx Program, and the John H. Baker Gallery Endowment. For more information contact Dr. Daniela Johannes Associate Professor of Languages & Latinx Studies djohannes@wcupa.edu or David Jones, Associate Professor of Art+ Design djones2@wcupa.edu

MASTERCLASS

PRINTMAKING MASTERCLASS (Mono + Mural Exhibit)

Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 | 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM |
The John H. Baker Gallery

Masterclass for ART241 students or by invitation.

See the program description above.



Latinx Heritage Month - Café + Pan (Study Abroad Info Session)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 | 12pm - 1pm | DMC - Sykes 003

Join the Dowdy Multicultural Center and the Global Engagement Office for some Pan Dulce and coffee while learning about study abroad funding and upcoming study abroad opportunities in Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center and the Global Engagement Office. No Registration Required. For more info, contact Chyna Hart, 610-436-2505

Latinx Communities Conference - 15th Annual Commemorative Mural (Mono + Mural Exhibit)

Thursday, September 28, 2023 | 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM | Sykes Student Union 2nd Floor Lobby

While in residence, and with occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Latinx Communities Conference, as well as the 50th year since the Chilean Coup d'Etat, Mono and his assistant will perform an indoors mural in Sykes Student Union, which will live in the building as a local cultural heritage and a homage to Latinx cultures at WCU and in the region. In addition, a planned exhibition, will take place in Baker's Gallery, sponsored by the Baker Arts Endowment. Program Sponsor(s): Latinx Communities Conference, Art+Design, Baker Gallery Endowment, DEI, CAH. Contact person name or department, phone, email, or website: Daniela Johannes, djohannes@wcupa.edu, David Jones, djones2@wcupa.edu,

<https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/languagesCultures/LatinoConference/>



15th Annual

LATINAXO

Communities Conference
West Chester University

LATINAXO COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE KEYNOTE

Thursday, September 28, 2023 | Sykes Student Union Building

Each year, this interdisciplinary conference provides a creative space to enhance the understanding of Latina/o/x culture and contributions, as well as historical and emerging issues, serving as a link between academic and local communities, institutions, and organizations. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in the conference, as it celebrates an important milestone this year. For the conference schedule and to register visit: <https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/languagesCultures/LatinoConference/>

NEW EXHIBIT

Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Wellbeing Exhibition

Friday, September 29, 2023 - December 2024
See the related program description below.

Opening Reception: September 29, 2023 6:30 p.m. Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), Atrium Gallery



Join us for the opening of the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's latest exhibition, *Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Wellbeing*, honoring 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. The exhibition

does not require advanced registration, however the reception does. For more information, please see www.wcupa.edu/museum or write museum@wcupa.edu to RSVP. Sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology. For more information, please see www.wcupa.edu/museum, email museum@wcupa.edu, or call 610-436-2247.



WCU Live! Presents Jay Pharoah

Saturday, September 30, 2023 - 8:00 PM | Emily K. Asplundh Concert Hall

Actor and comedian Jay Pharoah is one of the industry's most sought after leading men. Best known for his spot-on impressions, Pharoah spent six seasons as a cast member on NBC's Saturday Night Live. Recently, Pharoah was seen in *The Blackening*, one of the biggest purchases out of the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival, and in the starring role of Cecil Holmes, the right-hand man of 1970s record producer and co-founder of Casablanca Records, Neil Bogart, in *Spinning Gold*. Pharoah continues to headline comedy clubs across the country throughout the year.

Tickets available at wcupatix.com/wculive

OCTOBER



It's On Us Week of Action October 2023

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 and Gender Equity@wcu_cwge on Instagram or @wcuCWGE on Facebook for more information or to get involved.

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



4th Annual Dr. Clifford DeBaptiste-Frederick Douglass Institute Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Brenda Allen

Literacy Versus Orality or Orality Supports Literacy: The Power of Culture in Producing Educational Equity

Thursday, October 5, 2023 | 3:00 PM | Philips Autograph Library



In a fitting tribute to the great abolitionist, orator, and statement, this annual lecture examines issues of social justice to improve the present by learning through the past. This year's distinguished guest speaker is Dr. Brenda Allen, President of Lincoln University. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute. Advanced Registration Required. Please RSVP [here](#). This event is free and open to all students, faculty, staff, and the general public. For more information, please contact The Frederick Douglass Institute at 610-436-2766 or fdouglass@wcupa.edu

3rd EPIC Symposium

Friday, October 6, 2023 | 8:55 AM-11:00 AM | Virtual

The EPIC Trainings Series is an online four-part training program presenting practical evidence-based research on integrated care and interprofessional collaboration for those working with children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth. Trainings are created for professionals, students, faculty, and community members and are free and open to all. The EPIC Symposia are held every two years and cover a variety of topics related to integrated care and interprofessional collaboration. Advanced registration is required and the deadline to register is October 4th at 5 PM. For the conference schedule and to register click [here](#).

John Thomas Memoirs: 50 years of the American Indian Movement

Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 3:30 PM
Philips Autograph Library



John Thomas is a Delaware/Shawnee activist who has spent years fighting for the rights and protection of indigenous people here and internationally with the American Indian Movement

(AIM) and the International Indian Treaty Council. To mark the 50-year anniversary of AIM, he will discuss its history and share his memoirs related to these efforts. This event is free and open to all. The program is sponsored by the Department of Anthropology & Sociology, Anthropology Club, Department of Political Science, Department of History, and Department of Philosophy. For more information, contact Heather Wholey, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, hwholey@wcupa.edu or 610-436-2400.

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

FDI Annual Fall Student Bus Trip—Harlem, USA

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – (All day event) 7:30 AM- 7:00PM

The mission of the Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) at West Chester University of Pennsylvania is to maintain the legacy of the great abolitionist, orator, and statesman Frederick Douglass before the campus community, local community, region, and the nation through the highest quality of academic programming that promotes excellence in scholarship, teaching, and institutional advancement. Consistent with its mission, and with the mission, vision, and values of the university, FDI is an educational and cultural resource for advancing multicultural studies across the curriculum and for deepening the intellectual heritage of Frederick Douglass, a formerly slaved distinguished orator, journalist, author, and statesman. Advanced Registration is Required. The tentative itinerary includes Schomberg Center for Research in Black Culture, Apollo Theater, & Striver's Row. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute. For more information, please contact The Frederick Douglass Institute at 610-436-2766 or fdouglass@wcupa.edu

Annual Title IX Open Forum

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 | 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM | Held via Zoom Webinar

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs/ activities that receive federal funds. This dictates how the University addresses, investigates and adjudicates sexual and interpersonal violence and harassment. Join us in a discussion about WCU's Sexual Misconduct (Title IX) policy and procedures. Please register in advance to attend [here](#). We invite you to submit questions in advance of this meeting when you register or anonymously through a link included in the registration confirmation and reminders. Please submit questions at least 3 days in advance of the event. Details about the policy and resources are available on the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's [website](#). We hope you join in the discussion. For more information contact Steph Caloiaro at scaloiaro@wcupa.edu.

Wisdom from the Edge: Writing Ethnography in Turbulent Times: A Lecture and Book Signing with Paul Stoller

Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:30 p.m. Philips Autograph Library

Join the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology for a special lecture, reception and book signing by WCU Professor of Anthropology Paul Stoller. A renowned scholar of Africa and the African Diaspora, whose 30-year career with the Songhay of Niger focuses on spirit possession and wellbeing, Stoller will read from his newest book, *Wisdom from the Edge*. Stoller focuses on how anthropologists and other social scientists can contribute to the social and cultural changes that shape a social future of wellbeing and viability. These insights are filled with West African wisdom on how ecological and social sustainability is central for our future survival. A reception and book signing, sponsored by the Anthropology Club and the Office of Sustainability, will follow. This in-person event will be livestreamed; please contact museum@wcupa.edu for the Zoom link. Sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology; Anthropology Club; Office of Sustainability. For more information, see www.wcupa.edu/museum, email museum@wcupa.edu or call 610-436-2247.

A Conversation with Frances Julia Reimer, Author of Re-Centering Women in Tourism: Anti-Colonial Feminist Studies

Friday, October 20, 2023 | 10:00 AM- 10:50 AM | via Zoom

Anthropologist Frances Julia Reimer (Northern Arizona University) discusses her new volume, *Re-Centering Women in Tourism* with WCU Professor of Anthropology, Michael A. Di Giovine. Drawing on her long engagement with feminist tourism studies, she addresses tourism as simultaneously empowering women and reproducing colonial hierarchies and provides insight on how to reframe traditional presuppositions on which tourism development is founded to create a more sustainable and equitable alternative. Part of the Lexington Books' Anthropology of Tourism Author Conversation Series, moderated by series editor Di Giovine, the Zoom webinar is sponsored by the Anthropology Club and Department of Women's and Gender Studies. Please write LexTourism@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom link. Sponsored by the department of Anthropology and Sociology; Department of Women's and Gender Studies. For more information, contact LexTourism@gmail.com or Dr. Di Giovine at mdigiovine@wcupa.edu, 610-436-2247. The book can be found here: <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666901061/Re-Centering-Women-in-Tour-ism-Anti-Colonial-Feminist-Studies>



West Chester University Annual Women's Entrepreneurship Conference co-hosted by The Cottrell Entrepreneurship Center and SCORE of Chester & Delaware Counties

Friday, October 20, 2023 | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM | WCU Foundation

Advance registration is required.

There is no charge for WCU students, alumni, faculty and staff to attend.

The Annual WCU Women's Entrepreneurship Conference is an educational conference focused on how to face challenges, seize opportunities, find support and grow your business or professional career. The keynote speaker for this year's conference is Ruth Rathblott who is an expert on diversity and inclusion. The conference is an engaging experience and an excellent networking opportunity for WCU students. Presenting sponsor is Citadel Credit Union, Gold Sponsor Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry and Stefano & Slack LLC. For additional information please contact Pattie Diggin, pdiggin@wcupa.edu or visit www.wcupa.edu/cottrellcenter

Department of Art+Design presents (Exhibit) My Ukraine

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Saturday,

December 9, 2023 | John H. Baker Gallery

See the related theatrical performance taking place November 16-19, 2023.

Opening Reception October 27, 2023 | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

This exhibit was curated by Igor Roussanoff. See the related event taking place on November 16-19, 2023.



Fall Diversity Dialogue: Affirmative Action in Higher Education College Admissions

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | 3:00 PM-4:30 PM |
Held via Zoom Webinar**

This discussion will provide an overview of the history of Affirmative Action in Higher Education college admissions, address myths and miseducation, and discuss perceptions and reactions to the recent Supreme Court decision. Advance registration requested. Please register in advance to attend [here](#). We invite you to submit questions in advance of this meeting when you register or anonymously through a link included in the registration confirmation and reminders. Please submit questions at least 3 days in advance of the event. Sponsored by the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. For additional information call 610.436.2433 or email diverserecruitment@wcupa.edu.

Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice & Civic Leadership Saturday, October 28, 2023 | 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM | Sykes Student Union

The Dowdy Multicultural Center's Ruby Jones Conference on Race, Social Justice, & Civic Leadership is designed to create an educational environment where students can engage in learning that will raise awareness and promote action-oriented dialogue about racial, cultural, and social issues that impact how they experience life on campus, in communities, and in society. Advanced registration is required via Ram Connect. All students are welcomed. Sponsored by Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more information visit the DMC's [webpage](#), email multicultural@wcupa.edu, or call 610.436.3273.

NOVEMBER

(Tentative Title) Integrated Care With First Responders and Hospitals in Burn Recovery.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023 | 5:55 PM-8:00 PM
| Live via Zoom**

Part of the EPIC Training Series, this event will feature Christen Bradbury, CTRS, CCLS - Board Certified Recreational Therapist, Child Life Specialist. Christen Bradbury spent her formative years in England, Brazil, and South Africa, and returned to the US to attend Ithaca College where she graduated with a degree in Recreation Therapy. During her

career, she has worked in stroke/traumatic brain injury, pediatric behavioral psych, special education, pediatric burn care, international disaster relief, management, clinical research, program development, and international clinical supervision. Christen currently provides domestic and international consultancy services with the main objectives of providing large-scale advocacy for children and vulnerable populations through the development and implementation of innovative and culturally aware programming, curricula, and resources.

K-Sound Festival of Traditional and Contemporary Korean Music at WCUPA

**Friday, November 3, 2023 | 7:30PM | K-Art Song
Recital Ware Family Recital Hall, Swope Music
Building**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023 | 7:30PM | K-Sound
Festival Main Concert | Madeleine Wing Adler
Theatre Performing Arts Center**

A magnificent celebration of Korean culture through mesmerizing music and captivating performances from local and international guest artists and the Wells School of Music faculty and students. No advanced registration is required. Sponsored by the Wells School of Music. For more information see www.wcupa.edu/music, call 610.436.2739 or email musicinfo@wcupa.edu

PERFORMANCE

The Criteria featuring Alex LoRe & Weirdar

**Friday, November 3, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Madeleine
Wing Adler Theater**

Join the illustrious big band as they team up in a new venture with an exciting quartet from New York City. Alto saxophonist Alex LoRe, "making connections of about 70 years-worth of players" (NY Times) brings his ensemble Weirdar, performing stellar compositions from his albums Evening Will Find Itself and Karol. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some of New York's most promising musicians: Glenn Zaleski (piano), Desmond White (bass), and Allan Mednard (drums). For more information contact Jonathan Ragonese, Director of Jazz Studies at jragonese@wcupa.edu

EXPLORE
JOY THROUGH MUSIC



FDI Lunch (En)Counters Series featuring Dr. Emily J.M. Knox

Virtual Talk on Banned Books

Monday, November 6, 2023 | 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM|
Zoom Webinar

Advanced registration required by this link:
bit.ly/3KJyZyb

Banned Books Panel Discussion

Wednesday, November 8, 2023| 3:30 PM to 4:30
PM | Special Collections, Francis Harvey Green
Library, Room 615 and Via Zoom

Advanced registration required for virtual
participation via this [link](#):

Noted scholar on the banning of books, Dr. Emily Knox will deliver a talk and serve on a panel discussion on the current explosion to remove diverse works, especially ones whose content addresses LGBTQ+ and/or race--from public libraries and schools. A Q&A with Dr. Knox and discussion with attendees will follow her remarks. Join us for what promises to be a lively, and timely discussion. Professor Knox is the author of *Book Banning in 21st Century America* (Rowman & Littlefield) and the prize-winning *Foundations of Intellectual Freedom* (ALA Neal-Schuman), editor of the *Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy*, and member of the board of the National Coalition Against Censorship. For more information on Dr. Emily Knox visit <https://emilyknox.net/>. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute. For more information about this event contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin at 610-436-1628 or eshevlin@wcupa.edu or the Frederick Douglass Institute at 610-436-2766 or fdouglass@wcupa.edu

Native American Heritage Month – Social Justice Education Conversation Series

Tuesdays – November 7th to 28th |
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM |

Dowdy Multicultural Center – Sykes 003

Join us for a series of conversations about various social justice issues impacting Native American communities. No registration is required. Prizes will be provided. Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. For more info, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center, 610-436-3273.

2023 PASSHE Hybrid Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Summit:



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: Uniting to Amplify Voices and Foster Well -Being

Wednesday, November 8- Friday, November 10,
2023 | In-Person or Virtual

This year's theme is "The Power of Community: Uniting to Amplify Voices and Foster Well-Being." In centering the power and importance of community, the 2023 PASSHE DEI Summit aims to highlight the necessity and importance of uniting and working collectively to improve campus experiences and promote well-being for all. Working in community requires valuing both individuals and collectives; celebrating both our similarities and our differences; fostering both reflection and action. The DEI Summit supports the State System's five mission-driven DEI priorities, which were affirmed by the Board of Governors in April 2021: (1) Faculty, Staff, and Student Diversity; (2) Equitable

Student Outcomes; (3) Inclusive Communities; (4) Curriculum Diversity; and (5) Enabling Infrastructure. This annual Summit reflects the State System's commitment to building and maintaining a diverse, equitable, and inclusive space for faculty, staff, and students to thrive. This conference is free to all WCU students, faculty, and staff to attend in-person or virtually. In-person offerings will take place at Shippensburg University Student Union Building. Advanced registration is required to attend virtually or in-person. Visit <https://www.passhe.edu/inside/BOG/IE/Pages/2023-dei-summit.aspx> for complete details and to register.

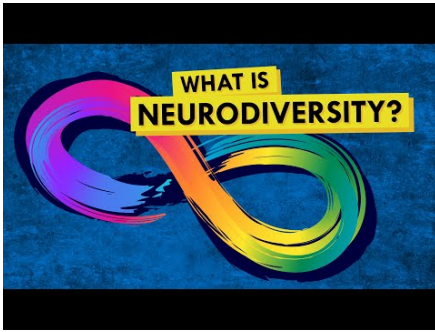


International Education Week

Monday, November 13 – Friday, November
17, 2023 | Various Campus Locations

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 13-17, 2023. International education advances cultural understanding and the protection of cultural heritage while also preparing individuals to work in a global society. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. Sponsored by the Global Engagement Office. For more information visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/international/educationWeek/> or contact Emily Rooney, Associate Director of International Programs at ERooney@wcupa.edu or 610-436-3515

UNITING TO AMPLIFY VOICES AND **FOSTER WELL-BEING**



Disability Justice & Neurodiversity in Schools

Monday, November 13, 2023 | 12:00 Noon | via Zoom

A conversation with WCU College of Education alum, Dr. Marisa Kofke, Assistant Professor of Special and Inclusive/Disability Studies in Education at SUNY Brockport. This event is open to all. Visit bit.ly/DrKofke23 to RSVP. Sponsored by the Department of Educational Foundations & Policy Studies. For more information contact Dr. Dana Morrison at dmorrison@wcupa.edu

Latin Jazz & Vocal Jazz Ensembles Dr. Ryan Kelly leads vocalists from the Wells School of Music covering repertoire written for jazz choir.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 | 8:15 PM | Madeleine Wing Adler Theater

This event features a premiere of the new work by Darmon Meader (New York Voices) of Cab Calloway's Everybody Eats when They Come to My House, commissioned by the ensemble. Closing the evening is the highly esteemed Latin Jazz Ensemble directed by Dr. Marc Jacoby performing works spanning the history of Afro-Latin musical traditions. For more information contact Jonathan Ragonese, Director of Jazz Studies: jragonese@wcupa.edu

Me, War and Toy Grenade
A U.S. premiere by Ukrainian playwright Nina Zakhozhenko
Thursday, November 16, 2023 | 7:30 PM
Friday, November 17, 2023 | 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 18, 2023 | 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 2:00 PM
J. P. Adler Studio Theatre, E.O. Bull Center for the Arts

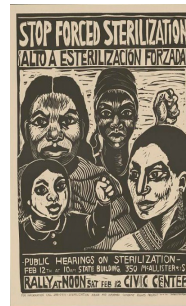
Since the Russian invasion of February 24, 2022, the lives of the Ukrainian people have changed fundamentally. Me, War and Toy Grenade is a series of vignettes about people who are looking for ways to adapt to a new reality. Each of them faces a choice: go or stay, fight or hide, save yourself or help your neighbor. These are stories from "the rear": from the depths of the Kharkiv metro, from roadblocks in the capital's sleeping areas, from the occupied suburbs, from telegram chats and conversations with the dead. These are stories about love and jealousy, about care and helplessness, about confusion and hope that "in this new world in which we find ourselves, we can also play football, eat peaches and smile." Sponsored by the Department of Theater and Dance. Presented in collaboration with "My Ukraine" design exhibit in the John H. Baker Gallery. (Note: This event is a part of the fundraising project to help victims of the war in Ukraine.)

Eugenics Forum

Date TBD
Held via Zoom Webinar

A history not studied is bound to repeat itself. Have you ever heard the term, "eugenics?"

This program will explore the foundations of the eugenics movement in the U.S. as well as its connection to the West Chester State Normal School. WCU professors will discuss the impact of this history in various fields of study. More information coming soon!



DECEMBER

Fall 2023 Kente Graduation Celebration

Thursday, December 14 | 6pm – 7pm | Hollinger Fieldhouse

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

JANUARY

SAVE THE DATES



Wednesday, January 24-Monday, 29, 2024

WCU Annual

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Campus Commemoration Events



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