

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

# CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL



DIVERSITY SERIES | SPRING 2025

The *WCU Celebrates Diversity for All* calendar of events is a compilation of diversity-related programs and events sponsored and coordinated by WCU faculty, staff, and University departments. You are cordially invited to engage in these offerings 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.



## University MLK Commemoration January 22–29

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 | 3 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**Student Panel: “Through Our Eyes”**  
**Location: Mitchell Hall 203**

As part of the MLK Celebration, join us for the student panel event themed “Through Our Eyes.” This powerful discussion will feature multicultural students at WCU sharing their unique experiences, challenges, and triumphs. Panelists will explore what it means to navigate campus life and how the community can better support and celebrate their identities. Don’t miss this opportunity to gain insight, foster understanding, and be part of an important conversation.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 | 10 AM - 3 PM**  
**Service Event: Toy Cleaning & Bouquets for Seniors**  
**Sykes Ballroom A&B**

Join the Center for Civic Engagement for a day of service in Sykes Ballrooms from 10 am – 3 pm. We will be sanitizing the toys from St. Agnes’ Day Room and providing bouquets to local senior centers in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy of community support. No pre-registration required!

Hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement & Social Impact

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 | 10 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**MLK Awards Ceremony**

Join us for the annual MLK Awards and Ceremony as we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This inspiring program will feature a performance by the WCU

Gospel Choir, along with the presentations of the Drum Major for Justice Award, the Society Student Service-Leadership Award, and the Larry Dowdy Community Service Award – recognizing individuals who embody Dr. King’s values of service, justice, and leadership. A reception will follow the ceremony. The event is free, but registration is required to attend – Click [here to register](#). Don’t miss this meaningful celebration of community and excellence!

Hosted by The Society

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**Movie Monday: Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Join us as we commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through the power of film. We’re encouraging everyone to explore thought-provoking movies that highlight themes of equality, justice, and resilience. Check out this curated list of **10 Movies to Watch in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** on A.Frame and reflect on the impact of his vision for a more just and compassionate world.

Whether you’re gathering with friends or watching solo, let these stories inspire meaningful conversations about civil rights and social change. Make your Monday a moment of reflection and celebration!

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**  
**Trivia Tuesday: Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

As you go through the day, explore the life and legacy of Dr. King through trivia. Did you know that Dr. King graduated from high school at the age of 15? Which three U.S. presidents did Dr. King meet? What does the eternal flame at the King Center symbolize? Check out reputable trivia sites like Parade Magazine’s **30+ Fascinating Facts About the Civil Rights Icon**.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 | 4 PM - 5 PM**  
**Closing Keynote with Dr. Shaun Harper**  
**Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall**



Dr. Shaun Harper, a nationally recognized expert in diversity, equity, and inclusion, is a Provost Professor and founder of the USC Race and Equity Center. Author of 12 books and over 100 papers, his groundbreaking work in education

and social justice has been featured in the Washington Post, Forbes, and Rolling Stone. Don’t miss this opportunity to commemorate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and learn from one of today’s most influential voices in higher education.

While registration for the event is not required, it is encouraged as it helps us better prepare and ensure a smooth experience for everyone. Click [here to register](#)

All events can be found on WCU’s 2025 MLK Commemoration [Website](#)



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 –  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**Black History Month 2024**

All are welcome to enhance your knowledge through engagement in activities taking place throughout the month-long celebration of people, culture, heritage, history, achievements, and contemporary issues. For the complete calendar of events and more information visit the **Dowdy Multicultural Center's Program and Events page**.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 | 2 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**Manager Training**  
**Sykes 10A**

As a manager, have you experienced a difficult situation and you wished you knew more?

Beyond laws and policies, sexual misconduct and discrimination are extremely damaging and impacts all involved, including eroding the workplace environment. Together, we will learn to embrace compliance and learn valuable skills to support members of the WCU community. After taking this course, faculty and staff should be able to recognize, prevent,

and respond to sexual misconduct and discrimination on campus. **Register Here**

**FEBRUARY**

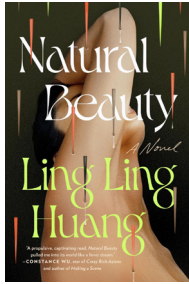
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | 3 PM**  
**National Student Exchange Information Session**  
**Mitchell Hall 203**



NSE is a low-cost academic program that provides WCU students the opportunity to study for a semester or a 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. Eligible students select their top institutions and which payment plan best meets their needs.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 3 PM**  
**CWGE Book Club**  
**Main Hall Room 20**



It's again time for Book Club at the Center for Women and Gender Equity! This spring, we'll be reading "Natural Beauty" by Ling Ling Huang! Join us weekly, starting Monday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m. in Main Hall Rm. 200 for lively discussion and book-based community!

Refreshments and snacks will be provided, and the first 15 attendees will receive a free copy of the book! The author, Ling Ling Huang, will be this year's keynote speaker at the Center for Women and Gender Equity's Gender Justice Conference on 4/2! For more information see out Ramconnect or email [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu) with any questions.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | 7 PM**  
**Queer Sexy Bingo**  
**Sykes Student Union Ballrooms**

Join us for a night of sexual education in the form of bingo! Our goal is to create a light-hearted and shame-free space to discuss consent as a part of sex education because education helps improve health and wellbeing outcomes! For more information, contact [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu), or see more information on the Center for Women & Gender Equity's Ramconnect!

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 12 PM – 1:30**  
**United to End Racism Listening Session**  
**Sykes 010B**

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just world. Dr. Michael Burns will facilitate this listening session, in which brief introductions, overview, and guidelines, will be followed by holding space for processing thoughts and emotions. United to End Racism No For more information, contact Dr. Ellie Brown ([ebrown@wcupa.edu](mailto:ebrown@wcupa.edu)) or United to End Racism at [uer@wcupa.edu](mailto:uer@wcupa.edu). For an introduction to the work of United to End Racism, see <https://youtu.be/5c96A4vsVbo>?

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 | 2 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**Sykes 10A**  
**Manager Training Moving Forward: Supporting your teams**

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 7 PM**  
**On Revolution and Change: A Conversation with Scott Kurashige**  
**Main Hall 168**



A conversation about the philosophies of James and Grace Lee Boggs as well as the history and philosophies of Asian American

political organizing throughout the Twentieth and Twenty-first centuries. Hosted by the Philosophy Department, Political Science Department, The Honors College, The Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, and the Great Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium. No registration required. For more information, contact Dean Johnson, x4423, [djohnson4@wcupa.edu](mailto:djohnson4@wcupa.edu)

**D-CAP INFO**

**FEBRUARY 6, MARCH 6, APRIL 3, AND MAY 1 | 6 PM**  
**D-CAP Prospective Student Inquiry Nights**  
**Office located on 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 at WCU and want to learn about and possibly join our program.

For more information please contact Amanda Martin, Assistant Director of Campus and Community Engagement for the Dub-C Autism Program (D-CAP) via phone 610-436-3150 or visit our webpage at <https://www.wcupa.edu/deputy-provost/dcap/>.



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 11 AM – 2 PM**  
**Public Service, Sustainability, & Volunteer Fair**  
**Sykes Ballrooms**

Join the Center for Civic Engagement and the Twardowski Career Development Center and the Office of Sustainability at the Public Service, Sustainability, & 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 with us on February 13th 11am – 2pm in Sykes Ballrooms. For more information, please check Handshake

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 12 PM – 2 PM**  
**Monthly Multicultural Mixer**  
**Dowdy Multicultural Center**

Join us for a vibrant Multicultural Mixer in celebration of Black History Month, honoring the rich history, achievements, and contributions of the Black community. This gathering provides an opportunity to connect, reflect, and engage in meaningful conversations about Black culture and heritage. For more information, follow us on Instagram at @dowdymc\_wcu or email the Dowdy Multicultural Center at [multicultural@wcupa.edu](mailto:multicultural@wcupa.edu)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**  
**Equalitea's Speaker with Andi Koch**  
**Virtual**

Join us in our Equalitea Speaker Series with Andi Koch to discuss creating queer-conscious environments within education. For more information, email [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu) or find more information on the Center for Women & Gender Equity's Ramconnect.

**FEBRUARY 22 - 24**  
**Into the Woods with CWGE & OAP**  
**Adirondack Park, NY**



Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity and Outdoor Adventure Pursuits and head into the woods! On this 3-day trip, we'll cultivate community care, share outdoor adventure skills, and enjoy a beginner-friendly snowshoeing adventure. Registration is open now at [bit.ly/WCUoapRegistration](http://bit.ly/WCUoapRegistration)

For questions, contact Center for Women & Gender Equity, Outdoor Adventure Pursuits, or email [kwalden@wcupa.edu](mailto:kwalden@wcupa.edu)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 11 AM – 1 PM**  
**Study Abroad Day**  
**SECC & Sykes**



In collaboration with the Institute of International Education, the Global Engagement Office will be celebrating Study Abroad Day with information about study abroad and giveaways at

**QUEENS & BEANS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 12 PM – 2 PM & 7 PM – 8 PM**  
**QT-Market and Queens and Beans**  
**Sykes Ballroom**

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Queens and Beans fundraiser, sponsored by CTQA, CCEI, and SAC during Love is Love Week 2025! Join us for two events, the QT Mart and the Rams After Hours (RAH) Drag Show. The QT Mart will feature games, opportunities to learn about campus and local resources, and a recipe competition highlighting the low-cost pantry powerhouse: Beans! Later, arrive

early for one of Love is Love Week's signature events, the RAH Drag Show. Celebrate queens, beans, and love of all kinds while supporting the mission of the WCU Resource Pantry. For more information, email [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu). Students should register on RamConnect.



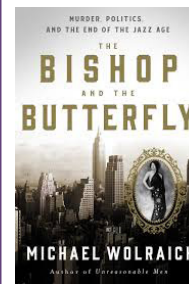
their tables in the SECC & Sykes on February 24, 2025. Our goal is to bring awareness to Study Abroad and its lasting impact on campuses and the global community. For more information contact Emily Rooney at [ERooney@wcupa.edu](mailto:ERooney@wcupa.edu) or 610-436-3288

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 2 PM – 3:15 PM**  
**FDI Lunch (En) Counters Series:**  
**Forgotten or Purposely Marginalized? The Radicalism of Anna Murray Douglass Matters**  
**Virtual**

Married to human rights activist Frederick Douglass for over 40 years and the mother of his five children, why is Anna Murray Douglass marginalized in his narrative and legacy? What does Murray-Douglass' story tell us about gender expectations and the lore of the self-made man? Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute and the African American Studies program. Attendees should use the online registration link: <https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/9211111111>

For questions, contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin ([eshevlin@wcupa.edu](mailto:eshevlin@wcupa.edu)) or Dr. Tonya Thames-Taylor ([lthamestaylor@wcupa.edu](mailto:lthamestaylor@wcupa.edu))

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | 3:30 PM**  
**A Lecture and Book Signing with Michael Wolraich, Author of The Bishop and the Butterfly**  
**Philips Autograph Library**



Join us for an exclusive public lecture and book signing by Michael Wolraich, author of the new critically acclaimed book, *The Bishop and the Butterfly: Murder, Politics, and the End of Jazz Age*. He relates the incredible history of New York in the Roaring 20s, famous for excess—from drunken

revelries to brutal gang wars. The city's appalling corruption is less well-known. In 1930, a state investigation uncovered a shocking NYPD conspiracy to frame innocent women for sex crimes. One of the whistle-blowers, a prostitute and blackmailer named Vivian Gordon, was strangled to death days after meeting with investigators. Wolraich's book recounts the gripping murder investigation and its explosive consequences—revealing a trail of corruption that led all the way to the mayor's office. A reception and book signing sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology and the Anthropology Club follows. For more information, contact [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu). Anthropology Club and the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology No RSVPs welcome. Please contact Prof. Michael A. Di Giovine at [mdigiovine@wcupa.edu](mailto:mdigiovine@wcupa.edu) or 610-436-2247

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE DIVERSITY CALENDAR WEBPAGE HERE FOR UPDATES ON NEW PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER.**



## Innovation in Diversity & Inclusion Grants

The Innovation in Diversity & Inclusion Grants Council is pleased to be able to offer the campus community an opportunity to fund projects or programs that promote a positive campus climate for all WCU students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The Innovation in Diversity & Inclusion Grants Council, with support from the Office for Equal Opportunity and Compliance, coordinates throughout the year to facilitate this competitive Request for Proposal process which awards grant funds to successful proposals annually.

Information Sessions are being held virtually the following days:

**February 5, 2025 | 11:00am - [Link](#)**

**February 18, 2025 | 12:30pm - [Link](#)**

**March 3, 2025 | 9:00am - [Link](#)**

**The deadline to apply is 11:59pm on Monday, March 25, 2025**

Interested applications can also reach out to Chancey Page ([cpage@wcupa.edu](mailto:cpage@wcupa.edu)) or Dr. Brie Radis ([bradis@wcupa.edu](mailto:bradis@wcupa.edu)).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 6 PM – 8 PM**

### Open Mic Night – Music Therapy Club



Join us for a special Open Mic Night hosted by the Music Therapy Club! This event celebrates

diversity and neuro-inclusivity, creating a welcoming space for all to share their voices, talents, and creativity. Whether you want to perform or just enjoy the show, everyone is invited to take part in this inspiring evening of connection and expression.

Stay tuned for the flyer and event link on RamConnect under the Music Therapy Club. For more information, contact us at [ai1020920@wcupa.edu](mailto:ai1020920@wcupa.edu).

## MARCH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 | 10 AM**

### 1st Annual Sisters of Excellence Conference

SECC



The mission of the Sisters of Excellence Conference is to create a transformative space where women and femmes of color can come together to connect, cultivate a sense of belonging, and receive the support they need to thrive. We are committed to empowering one another through shared experiences, fostering personal growth, and promoting community care as a cornerstone of well-being. Our goal is to inspire and uplift,

ensuring that every participant leaves feeling more confident, supported, and equipped to excel in all areas of their lives. Sponsored by The Dowdy Multicultural Center and The Center for Women and Gender Equity. For more information contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at [multicultural@wcupa.edu](mailto:multicultural@wcupa.edu)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 | 9 AM – 10:30 AM**

Sykes 10A

### Manager Training Moving Forward: Supporting your teams

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 4 | 3:30 PM**

### The Heat - Cold Illness Complex in Niger: The Quest for Balance and Well-Being in a Turbulent World Philips Autograph Library

Sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology in conjunction with its exhibition, "Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Well-Being," this talk by Scott Youngstedt, Professor of Anthropology at Saganaw State University examines wellbeing in Niger. The most common health problems in Niger involve an illness complex centered around the imbalance between "heat" and "cold." Dr. Youngstedt's discussion of heat – cold will illustrate gender divisions and complementarity as well as ideas about sexuality; show that diffuse understandings of the etiologies and symptoms and overall complexity of heat – cold necessitate pluralistic therapeutic approaches; and argue that prevalence of heat – cold illnesses plays an important part in the endurance of the traditional medical sector. A tour and closing reception for the exhibition follows. Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, and the Anthropology Club. For more information, email [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu) or 610-436-2247.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 11 AM – 12 PM**

### Interactive Session: Allyship is Leadership

Zoom

How might we lead more effectively? How do we move beyond awareness to effective allyship? We invite faculty and staff to discuss these topics and more in a virtual interactive session, "Allyship is Leadership." This session is presented in collaboration with the Multicultural Faculty Commission, Faculty Ombuds Office, and the Teaching and Learning Center.

Facilitated by Janet Chang (chair of MFC) and Joan Woolfrey (Faculty Ombuds), this interactive session will discuss strategies and challenges for promoting effective allyship. This session will also provide opportunities to discuss **Stories from the Front of the Room**. This book focuses on BIPOC faculty experiences, the ways in which they are challenged, and how they thrive at academic institutions. If you would like to participate in this session, a complimentary copy of this book is available from the Teaching and Learning Center. Please complete the [registration form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Janet Chang](#) or [Joan Woolfrey](#).

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – MONDAY, MARCH 31**

### Women's History Month 2025

Celebrate Women's History Month with us as we honor the incredible accomplishments, stories, and legacies of women past and present. Throughout the month, there will be opportunities to engage in meaningful events and activities that spotlight women's contributions to society, their diverse cultures, and the challenges they continue to overcome. Everyone is invited to join in and be part of this inspiring celebration.



**CLOSING RECEPTION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4 | 5 PM**

**Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Wellbeing**  
Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), Atrium Gallery



Last chance to see the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's exhibition, *Surrounded by the Spirits: Paul Stoller and the Songhay Journey Towards Wellbeing!* This intriguing exhibition 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. The closing reception follows a lecture by Dr. Scott Youngstedt, an expert on Niger's Hausa culture, at 3:30 in Philips Autograph Library. For more information, please see [www.wcupa.edu/museum](http://www.wcupa.edu/museum) or write [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu). A virtual exhibition can be found at [www.wcupa.edu/Surrounded-ByTheSpirits](http://www.wcupa.edu/Surrounded-ByTheSpirits).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 | 12 PM**  
**Diversity Dialogues**  
Location: TBD



Diversity Dialogues: Celebrating Women's Voices Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations. Hosted by The Society. For more information, contact Yessica Gutierrez, [ygutierrez@wcupa.edu](mailto:ygutierrez@wcupa.edu)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 | 12 PM**  
**Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar: Fostering and Understanding Diversity: Within the Ant Microbiome and Our Research Group**  
Sykes Student Union Room 209 and Zoom

Dr. Manu Ramalho, Biology, presents research on the ant microbiome and connections to fostering diversity in the weekly Sustainability Research and Practice

Seminar. Visit [wcupa.edu/sustainability](http://wcupa.edu/sustainability) to learn more. For more information, please contact: Calli Lambard, [clambard@wcupa.edu](mailto:clambard@wcupa.edu)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 | 12 PM – 1:30**  
**United to End Racism Listening Session**  
Sykes 010B

United to End Racism (UER) aims to hold space for members of our community to process thoughts and emotions in relation to various forms of oppression, with a goal of building solidarity and better aligning our behaviors to zestfully face the challenge of bringing about a more just world. Dr. Michael Burns will facilitate this listening session, in which brief introductions, overview, and guidelines, will be followed by holding space for processing thoughts and emotions. For more information, contact Dr. Ellie Brown ([ebrown@wcupa.edu](mailto:ebrown@wcupa.edu)) or United to End Racism at [uer@wcupa.edu](mailto:uer@wcupa.edu). For an introduction to the work of United to End Racism, see <https://youtu.be/5c96A4vsVbo?si=iZR5vGm-LXGcxDvtM>

**MONDAY, MARCH 17 – FRIDAY, MARCH 21**  
**Moon Shot Week**



Moon Shot Week is a dedicated time to support WCU's commitment to eliminating equity gaps and creating a more inclusive campus. This week highlights the importance of removing barriers to student success and fostering systemic change. Through events, discussions, and collaborative efforts, Moon Shot Week empowers our community to reimagine higher education and work together toward equity for all students. Let's dream big and take bold steps to build a brighter, more inclusive future! For more information, visit the website <https://www.wcupa.edu/moonshot/>

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18 | 12 PM – 3 PM**  
**South Campus Pop-Up**  
Outside Sturzbecker Building



Resource Pantry will hold a free outdoor pantry day for the WCU Community to come and enjoy free food items. This event will be held on South Campus outside of Sturzbecker on the lawn. Hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact. Please email [pantry@wcupa.edu](mailto:pantry@wcupa.edu) or check the pantry Instagram @wcupantry for more details!

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 | 12 PM – 2 PM**  
**Monthly Multicultural Mixer**  
The Dowdy Multicultural Center

Join us for a Multicultural Mixer to celebrate diversity and foster connections across cultures. This event provides a relaxed atmosphere to engage with others, share experiences, and learn from different cultural perspectives. For more information, follow us on Instagram at [@dowdymc\\_wcu](https://www.instagram.com/dowdymc_wcu) or contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at [multicultural@wcupa.edu](mailto:multicultural@wcupa.edu)



**SATURDAY, MARCH 22 | 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**9th Annual Brothers of Excellence Conference**  
Sykes Student Union

The Brothers of Excellence Conference aims to equip college Men of Color with the knowledge and connections to address social issues impacting their communities, access resources for campus support, and explore their civic leadership roles through their unique identities. It fosters a sense of community and empowerment among participants. For more information, follow us on Instagram at [@dowdymc\\_wcu](https://www.instagram.com/dowdymc_wcu), contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at [multicultural@wcupa.edu](mailto:multicultural@wcupa.edu) or register on RamConnect.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 | 12 PM**  
**Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar: "For All Its Problems, It's Mine": Writing and Sustaining Queer Appalachian Stories in Youth Literature**  
Sykes Student Union Room 209 and Zoom

Join Dr. Jason Vanfosson for a presentation on his research in queer Appalachian youth literature in the weekly Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar. Visit [wcupa.edu/sustainability](http://wcupa.edu/sustainability) for more information. For more information, please contact: Calli Lambard, [clambard@wcupa.edu](mailto:clambard@wcupa.edu)





## Autism Acceptance Month Moon Shot Week

**STARTS ON APRIL 1 AND RUNS FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL.**

According to the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2024), the purpose of Autism Awareness Month is to “raise awareness to promote autism acceptance, celebrate neurodiversity and individual differences, and continue to advance inclusivity and connectedness throughout the community”. Join WCU as we recognize Autism Acceptance Month.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month 2025 Moon Shot Week

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## APRIL

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 | 9 AM 5th Annual Gender Justice Conference Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Come As You Are: Autonomy, Joy, & Resistance: SAVE THE DATE for the 5th Annual Gender Justice Conference on April 2nd, 2025. This student-focused conference, led by the Center for Women and Gender Equity, provides the WCU community an opportunity to engage in gender equity work while celebrating student scholarship. This year’s theme, “Come as You Are: Autonomy, Joy, & Resistance”, will explore the intersection between autonomy, joy, and resistance in relation to gender equity work.

For more information, or to register, contact the Center for Women and Gender Equity and/or visit Ramconnect: <https://cglink.me/2f3/r2263828>

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 | 12 PM – 1:30 PM United to End Racism Listening Session Sykes 10B

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### TUESDAY, APRIL 8 | 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM FDI Lunch (En) Counters Series: How Does Bias Impact the Prenatal Care, Delivery Care, and Postpartum Care of Black Women? Mitchell 202 and Virtual

Following up on the success of the panel discussion, “Why are Black Women Rightfully Suspicious of the Healthcare Industry?”, this panel of experts and health-care activists will analyze how media, class, access, and

insurance foster a culture of misunderstanding that contribute to health disparities, racialized motherhood, and the criminalization of self-advocacy of Black women. Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute and the African American Studies program. Virtual Attendees should use the online registration link: [https://wcupa.zoom.us/meeting/register/o9v6FWT2Tfgez-frN\\_JhSdw](https://wcupa.zoom.us/meeting/register/o9v6FWT2Tfgez-frN_JhSdw). For more information, please contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin ([eshvlin@wcupa.edu](mailto:eshvlin@wcupa.edu)) or Dr. tonya thames-taylor ([ltthamestaylor@wcupa.edu](mailto:ltthamestaylor@wcupa.edu))

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8 | 7:30 PM Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming & Dance Troupe Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall



Nearly 30 drummers and dancers from Tamagawa University make a return appearance on

our campus for an athletic and graceful appearance that includes thundering taiko drumming and Japanese folkloric dance. WCU is excited to welcome Tamagawa back for their 13th year! Hosted by the Department of Languages and Cultures. For tickets, visit WCU Live! <https://www.wcupa.edu/OCA/wcu-Live/>

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 | 12 PM Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar: On Environmental Debts, and Debt Abolition to Fight the Climate Crisis Sykes Student Union Room 209 and Zoom

Dr. Jason Wozniak, Educational Foundations & Policy Studies presents research on environmental debts and debt abolition in the weekly Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar. Visit [wcupa.edu/sustainability](http://wcupa.edu/sustainability) to learn more. For more information, please contact: Calli Lambard, [clambard@wcupa.edu](mailto:clambard@wcupa.edu)

## PRESIDENT’S SPEAKER Series

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 7 PM President’s Speaker Series Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall

Robin Roberts is co-anchor of ABC’s “Good Morning America,” which has won multiple Emmy Awards and the 2017 People’s Choice Award for Favorite Daytime TV Hosting Team. She joined GMA in 1995 and became co-anchor in 2005. Previously, she hosted ESPN’s “SportsCenter” and contributed to “NFL PrimeTime.” Roberts battled breast cancer in 2007 and MDS in 2012, earning recognition for her strength and courage throughout her lifetime. In 2014, she launched Rock’n Robin Productions, with current series including “Thriller Thursday,” “Robin Roberts Presents” on Lifetime, and “Turning the Tables” on Disney+. Her third book, *Brighter By The Day*, debuted in 2022.

For more information, visit [wcupa.edu/wculive](http://wcupa.edu/wculive)



THURSDAY, APRIL 10 | 2 PM

**Equalitea's with Bridgette Stumpf & Lindsey Silverberg from the Network for Victim Recovery of DC Virtual**

Join us for our Equalitea speaker series with staff from the Network for Victim Recovery of DC. Hosted by the Center for Women & Gender Equity. For questions, email [cwge@wcupa.edu](mailto:cwge@wcupa.edu)



**2025 Nobel Forum**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Tawakkol Karman will visit campus and give a public lecture. Tawakkol Karman is known for her work as a Yemeni journalist advocating for women's rights. She was the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize from the Arab world. For more information, contact Dr. Tim Jussaume, Honors College Director, [jussaume@wcupa.edu](mailto:jussaume@wcupa.edu).

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 | 3 PM

**Teddy Diskin University's 15th Annual Spring Show**

Sykes Student Union Theater



Teddy Diskin University proudly presents the 15th annual spring show spectacular,

"The Play That Goes Wrong". Sponsored by Teddy Diskin University in partnership with Dub-C Autism Program (D-CAP). For more information, please contact Teddy at [TeddyDiskinUniversity@outlook.com](mailto:TeddyDiskinUniversity@outlook.com).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 | 6:30 PM

**Empowering Communities for Environmental Justice: Strategies for Advocacy and Action**

Location: TBD

Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop designed to introduce college students to the fundamentals of environmental justice and the urgent need for climate action. Led by nationally recognized community activist Zulene Mayfield of Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL). This session will focus on the power of grassroots organizing and the tools needed to address environmental burdens in marginalized communities. Hosted by The Society. For more information, contact Thom Nixon, ASA College of Education and Social Work, [tnixon@wcupa.edu](mailto:tnixon@wcupa.edu), 610-436-3408.

will answer: What are the long-term impacts of describing many areas predominately occupied by Blacks as hoods/ghettos, food deserts/swamps, environmental hazards, and fitness-free zones? How do these characterizations foster and continue the legacy of redlining, economic divestment, and racial bias?

Sponsored by The Frederick Douglass Institute and the African American Studies program. Attendees should use the online registration link: [https://wcupa.zoom.us/meeting/register/qTB44pdWROK1BtCb\\_ZKOVg](https://wcupa.zoom.us/meeting/register/qTB44pdWROK1BtCb_ZKOVg)

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 | 12 PM – 2 PM

**Monthly Multicultural Mixer**  
Dowdy Multicultural Center

Join us for a vibrant Multicultural Mixer in celebrating Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) History Month, a time to honor the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of the APIDA community. This event provides an opportunity to connect, learn, and reflect on the rich traditions and experiences that shape the APIDA identity. For more information, follow us on Instagram at [@dowdymc\\_wcu](https://www.instagram.com/dowdymc_wcu) or contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at [multicultural@wcupa.edu](mailto:multicultural@wcupa.edu)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 | 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

**FDI Lunch (En) Counters Series: Don't Believe the Hype: Why the Orchestrated Narrative about Sustainability and Race Matters**  
Ruby Jones 001 and virtual option

Out of wisdom and necessity, Black people, for generations, have lived sustainable lives. Yet, the prevalent narrative is they do not. A panel of environmentalists

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 | 12 PM – 3 PM

**North Campus Pop-Up**  
Academic Quad

The Resource Pantry will hold a free outdoor pantry day for the WCU Community to come and enjoy free food items. This event will be held on North Campus on the academic quad.

Hosted by The Center for Civic Engagement and Social Impact. Please email [pantry@wcupa.edu](mailto:pantry@wcupa.edu) or check the pantry Instagram [@wcupantry](https://www.instagram.com/wcupantry) for more details!

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 | 6 PM

**The 6th Spirituality and Sustainability Colloquium**  
Phillips Autograph Library



Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim, the author of 24 monographs, will be delivering a lecture titled "Earthbound: Theology at the Intersections of Climate and Justice."

This event is part of the Democracy, Spirituality and Sustainability Project, sponsored by the Office of Sustainability, the Philosophy Department, the W & G Department, and GPPC. This event is being hosted by the Philosophy department, co-hosted by the Office of Sustainability, the W&G Department, and GPPC. For question, contact Jea Sophia Oh in Philosophy, [joh@wcupa.edu](mailto:joh@wcupa.edu) or Calli Lambard in the Office of Sustainability, [clambard@wcupa.edu](mailto:clambard@wcupa.edu)

LAVENDER Graduation

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 | 6 PM  
**Lavender Graduation**  
Sykes Ballroom

Save the Date! Join the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy (CTQA) in a celebration of our trans and queer graduates. Lavender Graduation is a ceremony for LGBTQIA+ graduating undergraduate and graduate students to acknowledge their achievements, contributions, and distinctive experiences at WCU. For more information, contact us at [transandqueer@wcupa.edu](mailto:transandqueer@wcupa.edu) or 610-436-3147. Registration will be available on Ramconnect





### Roaring in Secret: Subversion and Change in the 1920s

Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), Lower gallery Visit Roaring in Secret: Subversion and Change in the 1920s, the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's most interactive and ambitious exhibition yet! 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! Admission is free and open to the public. For more information and hours, please see [www.wcupa.edu/RoaringInSecret](http://www.wcupa.edu/RoaringInSecret) for opening hours and a 3D virtual version, or write [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu). Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology No [wcupa.edu/RoaringInSecret](http://wcupa.edu/RoaringInSecret); [museum@wcupa.edu](mailto:museum@wcupa.edu) or 610-436-2247



**May**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

**Save the date**

#### **Kente Graduation Ceremony 2025**

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. More information to come!



Please check out the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance Diversity Calendar webpage [HERE](#) for updates on programs throughout the semester

This calendar serves as a snapshot of the diverse events happening across campus. The calendar highlights a wide range of activities, programs, and initiatives organized by various campus departments and organizations, showcasing the vibrant and inclusive campus community.



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