VUSN Diversity in Action
Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

February 2016

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion - Diversity in Action at VUSN is updated monthly. The page features a rolling collection of all advertised University, School of Nursing and local cultural events along with national and international nursing conferences having a diversity and inclusion emphasis. In addition, there is a list of current ethnic-minority nursing organizations as well as other nursing organizations, whose focus is on culture, diversity and inclusion as relates to nursing education, practice and research. Explore the monthly announcements and find out what’s going on in the area of diversity and nursing.

Enjoy.

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**International Lens “Living Downstream”**

Biologist Sandra Steingraber defines “understanding the public story of cancer” as her life’s work. She calls public attention to the role of environmental pollutants in causing cancer even as she confronts her own diagnosis with the disease in a compelling environmental documentary that interrelates the personal, the scientific, and the political. English. Unrated. 85 minutes.

**When:** Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 PM  
**Where:** Sarratt Cinema

*Presented in collaboration with the EOS Project*

For more information on International Lens, please visit the website:  
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/internationallens/

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**Women in the Academy: Negotiating the Academy with Your Hair on Fire: Where Scholarship and Activism Meet**

This is part of “Women in the Academy,” a program sponsored by the Graduate School and coordinated by the Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center. Women in the Academy offers Ph.D. students who identify as women a chance to reflect on the ways that gender affects their experience as they begin their professional journey in the academy.

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 3, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
**Where:** Sarratt Student Center, Room 331

In this workshop, the Rev. Dr. Emilie Townes, Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School, will talk about combining scholarship and activism in an academic career. For more information, please visit http://www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter/. For the Women in the Academy schedule, visit https://events.vanderbilt.edu/uploads/WITA%20Poster%20EMAIL%20BLAST%20FINAL.jpg.
Annual Black Atlantic History Lecture

Film Screening of They Are We

When: Monday, Feb. 8, 4:00-6:00 PM
Where: Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center Auditorium

This year's Black Atlantic History Lecture series will offer a screening of the critically acclaimed documentary They Are We, the story of a remarkable reunion, 170 or so years after a family was driven apart by the ravages of the transatlantic slave trade. The director, Australian historian Emma Christopher, will present the film with a reception afterward.

The film screening and reception are sponsored by the Robert Penn Warren Center's Circum-Atlantic Studies Seminar, the Center for Latin American Studies, and the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Recovering Lost Voices: Robert Penn Warren and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement

When: Wednesday, February 10, 4:00 PM
Where: Sarratt Cinema

A panel discussion will take place in honor of Vanderbilt alumnus Robert Penn Warren’s 1965 publication Who Speaks for the Negro? Speakers include two civil rights activists who were interviewed by Warren for the volume, Ruth Turner Perot and Robert Moses, as well as Reverend Kelly Miller Smith, Jr., whose father was interviewed by Warren. A reception will follow. The event is co-sponsored by the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, the Office of Inclusion Initiatives and Cultural Competence, the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, and Warren College. For more information, please visit https://events.vanderbilt.edu/index.php?eID=72177.
Please join the Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health and VUSM for World Health Week Lectures.

Undergraduates, graduate students, medical students, faculty, and students from other schools are all welcome.

Monday, February 8, 12:00-1:00 PM (Light Hall 411 A-D)
“Who’s Taking Care of the Palestinians: Health Systems Issues in Israel and Palestine” presented by David McRay, MD

Tuesday, February 9, 12:00-1:00 PM (Light Hall 407)
“Social Enterprise Solutions to Chronic Childhood Malnutrition: Maní+ in Guatemala”

Wednesday, February 10, 12:00-1:00 PM (Light Hall 202)
“Creating a system of collaboration between traditional practitioners and clinicians to improve health outcomes in rural Mozambique”
by Dr. Carolyn Audet

Thursday, February 11, 12:00-1:00 PM (Light Hall 415)
“Keep It Simple, Stupid: Development of Low Resource Diagnostics”
by Dr. David Wright

Friday, February 12, 12:00-1:00 PM (Light Hall 208)
Panel discussion with leaders from the World Health Organization, Partners in Health, Center for Disease Control, and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

For more detailed information and lecture descriptions, please visit http://globalhealth.vanderbilt.edu/2016/01/world-health-week-2016/.

Sponsored by the VUSM Global Health Organization. Lunch provided on a first come, first served basis.
Meet peers from across the state to share resources, develop leadership skills, and foster a strong community of LGBTQIA+ and allied student leaders.

When: Saturday, Feb. 27

Where: Sarratt/Rand

OUT in Front is open to any currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students at a two- or four-year institution and folks enrolled in both traditional and trade school programs. The conference is free to attend.

The mission of OUT in Front is to engage students, faculty, and staff from across the region in issues relevant to the LGBTQIA+ community and society at large. Each year, the conference strives to connect both individuals and communities with resources that will help to enrich the lives of LGBTQIA+ and Allies in the South/Southeast. OUT in Front strives to enhance leadership development for LGBTQIA+ and allied students and is free to attend. Please visit http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi/programs/out-in-front for more information.

This year’s theme is (de)constructing: intersections, self, and society. The goal is to explore the idea of queerness as a construction, established by our world, within oneself, and everywhere in between. By engaging in introspection and sharing with others in the community, participants will learn how to deconstruct their identities and (re)build a positive intersection between one’s definitions of oneself and those determined by society.
February

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Celebrates Black History and African American culture in the United States.

February 1 CLEAN MONDAY • Eastern Christian
The beginning of Great Lent for Eastern Christian churches, which starts 40 days before Orthodox Easter (Pascha), counting Sundays.

February 1 NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY
Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865.

February 8 LUNAR NEW YEAR
On this day Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese New Year are celebrated.

February 9 SHROVE TUESDAY • Western Christian
A day of penitence as well as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Also known as Mardi Gras.

February 10 ASH WEDNESDAY • Western Christian
The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.

February 14 RACE RELATIONS DAY
The National Council of Churches in recognition of the importance of interracial relations and learning.

February 15 SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY
Birthday of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906), a pioneer in the Women’s Rights Movement.

February 15 NIRVANA DAY • Buddhist
Celebrates the day when the historical Buddha achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body. Sometimes celebrated on February 8.

February 15 PRESIDENTS’ DAY
Honors all past presidents of the United States of America.

Feb. 26-March 1 AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS • Baha’i
The Ayyám-i-ha, or “Days of Ha” are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity and gift giving. They are celebrated the four days, five in leap year, before the last month of the Baha’i year.
Conferences

2016 Asian American / Pacific Islander Nurses Association Conference at Sea
March 4-7, 2016
3-day Baja Mexico Cruise on Carnival Inspiration
Port: Los Angeles, CA at Long Beach
http://memberarea.aapina.org/event-1964947

26th National Native Health Research Conference
June 5-8, 2016
Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort
Cherokee, NC
http://www.nativeresearchnetwork.org/#!nrn-2016-conference/c1u6l

2016 National Association of Hispanic Nurses Annual Conference
July 12-15, 2016
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL
https://aws.passkey.com/event/14059097/owner/2135/home

44th National Black Nurses Association Annual Institute and Conference
August 2-7, 2016
Sheraton Downtown Hotel
Memphis, TN
http://www.nbna.org/annual