VUSN Diversity in Action
Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

September 2017

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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Brandyn Lau to Deliver LGBTI Health Grand Rounds on September 26

The Vanderbilt Program for LGBTI Health will host Brandyn Lau, MPH, CPH, Assistant Professor of Radiology & Radiological Science and Health Sciences Informatics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, on Tuesday, Sept. 26 to deliver LGBTI Health Grand Rounds.

Lau will discuss patient-centered approaches to collecting sexual orientation and gender identity. Objectives of his lecture include:

- comparing opinions from LGBT patients, cisgender heterosexual patients, and clinical providers about collection of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) information;
- assessing barriers and facilitators to collecting SOGI information in emergency department settings; and
- describing effective, patient-centered methods for SOGI information.

LGBTI Health Grand Rounds will take place in 202 Light Hall from noon until 1 p.m. We will provide lunch for the first 50 people who register [here](#).
Join Our Team for the Nashville AIDS Walk

The Vanderbilt Program for LGBTI Health is very excited to partner with the Vanderbilt HIV Vaccine Program as sponsors of the Nashville AIDS Walk & 5K Run, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Public Square Park.

The event, now in its 26th year, is a fundraiser for Nashville CARES, an agency that provides support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, as well as education to prevent the spread of HIV.

Let's show Nashville our VUMC spirit! Join our team as we help Nashville CARES reach its goal of raising $200,000. To sign up for our team, click here. You'll be able to create your own profile, set your own goal, and rally friends and family for support. Be sure to join us the morning of the event as we enjoy the 5K course and celebrate accomplishments toward ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Middle Tennessee. Please note: If you want to run the course, you'll be asked to pay an additional registration fee.

For more information, email us at lgbti.health@vanderbilt.edu.

Nashville PrEP Summit - August 28

Join the Black AIDS Institute and its partners, the Vanderbilt HIV Vaccine Program, Greater Than AIDS, Meharry Community Wellness Center, Walgreens, and Nu Phi Zeta Fraternity Inc. for a one-day training. The Nashville PrEP Summit will take place on Monday, August 28 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Lentz Public Health Center.

Summit attendees will discuss issues affecting PrEP education and implementation in black communities, paying for PrEP, overcoming medical racism and mistrust, and biomedical research related to the advancement of PrEP.

For additional information and to register for the event, click here.
WHO ARE WE? IDENTITY AND THE CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT

Andres Serrano (American b. 1950)
"Jewel-Joy Stevens, America's Little Yankee Miss," 2003
Digital chromogenic print
24" x 20"
Gift of Melissa and Scott Tannen, BA '99
Courtesy Andres Serrano

Opens Monday, September 04, 2017 through December 7, 2017 • Free and Open to the Public
Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery • 1220 21st Avenue South • Nashville, TN 37203
Contact Email: gallery@vanderbilt.edu Phone: 615-322-0605
Website: http://as.vanderbilt.edu/gallery
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday 11am - 4pm, Weekends 1-5pm

The photographic portrait, with its roots in early nineteenth-century France, has continually challenged how we view ourselves. The actual practice has become increasingly fluid over time and almost as difficult to grasp as the nature of identity itself. These portraits, in their early form, insisted on their realism, a mirror within the context of traditional painting. As Susan Sontag observed in her seminal collection of essays on photography, “photographs furnish evidence.”*

The contemporary photographic portrait, as explored in this exhibition, is diverse, yet tends to incorporate a common thread: the desire to say something about us as people. Some artists approach the medium as a means to tell a larger story, as seen in two portraits by Shirin Neshat that she made in response to the Arab Spring and, specifically, to the harsh reality of displacement. Other artists featured, such as Andres Serrano, use the photographic portrait as a strategy to explore American identity. Still others, such as the photojournalist Donna Ferrato, use photography as an agent for social change, in this instance, her crusade against domestic violence. In Kiki Smith’s Las Animas, the artist mines the relationship between the representations of her body while alluding to what lies beneath.

Portraits, in all their diversity, serve the needs not only of the sitter and artist, but also the viewer. We look for clues in them to who we are as humans and the possibilities of what we could become—often trying out multiple identities, especially when on the cusp of adulthood. The reliance on photography in our own lives increasingly presents questions about representation and identity that artists continue to navigate in surprising ways.

The first in a three-part series on portraiture, Who Are We? Identity and the Contemporary Photographic Portrait is organized by the Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery and curated by Joseph S. Mella, director, with support provided by The Ingram Commons and Leslie Cecil and Creighton Michael, M.A.’76.
THE MARGARET CUNINGGIM WOMEN’S CENTER, PROJECT DIALOGUE, AND THE WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM present

LEAH LAX
Author of

Uncovered
How I left Hasidic life and finally came home

Thursday, September 14, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Black Cultural Center

FREE and open to the public
Book signing to follow

Co-sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, the Office of LGBTQI Life, the Jewish Studies Program, and the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality.
BEING BLACK AT VANDY

Thursday, 9/7/17 • 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM • BCC
(Lunch refreshments served)
For more info contact 615.322.2524 or go to
https://www.vanderbilt.edu//bcc/
Co-sponsors: Black Student Association, Caribbean Student Association, African Student Union.

What is it like to be a black student at Vanderbilt University? Where do I find resources and a sense of community? How do I not only survive but thrive as a student of color? In this polarizing period of our history, students of color at predominantly white institutions are confronting increased micro and macro aggressions, alienation, and an ever more evident cultural void on their campuses. Still, others are finding that sense of community and positive relationships all across campus. Come out for lunch and an informative discussion led by Dr. Rosevelt Noble and both undergraduate and graduate students as we explore “Being Black at Vanderbilt.”
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Peabody College to Host Vigil: Celebrating Our Shared Humanity

At 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. All members of the Vanderbilt community are invited to attend.

Recent events on college campuses and in cities across the nation have highlighted a rise in racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance and hatred. Vanderbilt is an institution where ideals of equality, inclusion, pluralism, free speech and nonviolence are honored and celebrated.

Peabody College Dean Camilla Benbow will host the event, which will feature students, faculty, staff and alumni seeking to offer light instead of darkness, reason instead of ignorance, civility instead of rancor, and love instead of hate.

All who wish to participate are welcome to meet on Magnolia Lawn near Edgehill Avenue and march up the Peabody esplanade to the front of the Wyatt Center, where the brief program will take place.

Contact: Monique Robinson-Nichols, (615) 343-6947
monique.robinson-nichols@vanderbilt.edu

Black Excellence: An Evening with Black Male Leaders

Thursday, September 07, 2017, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
At the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center

Join the Revitalizing and Empowering Vanderbilt’s African-American Male Population (REVAMP) Executive Board as we welcome successful Black men from the greater Nashville area to share their stories of education, work, setbacks, and triumphs. These men represent multifarious fields, but their commitment to giving back is mutual. This is sure to be a night of great insight and growth!

VUSN Family Weekend Open House

Friday, Sept 15th in the VUSN Living Room, 11-12 p.m.
Black Cultural Center Family Weekend Open House

Friday, September 15, 2017, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- **Location:** Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center • Black Cultural Center Building • Nashville, TN 37235
- **Room:** Auditorium
- **Contact:** Jeff S. King
- **Email:** jeff.s.king@vanderbilt.edu
- **Phone:** 6153222524
- **Website:** [https://www.vanderbilt.edu/bcc](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/bcc)

Please join us for light refreshments, tours of the BCC, and meet our professional and student staff. Co-Sponsored with BSA.

Diverse 'Dores Day: Center for Student Wellbeing

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Location:** Center for Student Wellbeing

Join us for Diverse 'Dores Day 2017 on Wednesday, September 20th from 2-6 p.m. It’s an opportunity for Vanderbilt faculty, staff, and students to visit 9 identity spaces on campus, meet the staff, get free food, and learn more about the services/programs each space has to offer marginalized community members and their allies. Folks who fill their map with stamps from the spaces can then screen print their own #diversedores t-shirt in the Sarratt Student Center Gallery.

*Inclusion Initiatives & Cultural Competence* – Sarratt Student Center Room 335

*Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center*

*Center for Student Wellbeing* – 1211 Stevenson Center Lane

*University Chaplain & Religious Life*

*International Student & Scholar Services* – Student Life Center Room 109

*Transition Programs* – Sarratt Student Center Room 315

*Project Safe Center for Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response* – 304 West Side Row, Cumberland

*Office of LGBTQI Life* – 312 West Side Row, Euclid

*Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center* – 316 West Side Row, Franklin
Inclusive Excellence 101: Unconscious Bias – A New Look at an Old Dynamic! (Two hours)

Unconscious bias (or implicit bias) is commonly defined as a prejudice or unsupported judgment in favor of or against a thing, individual, or group as compared to another in a way that is typically considered unfair. Unconscious bias occurs automatically as the brain makes quick judgments and takes short-cuts. This signature workshop focuses on ways to identify and address unconscious bias for better professional relationships and communication. Common types of biases and creative solutions are presented. Workshop materials and snacks will be provided.

Tues., August 29, 2017, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Wed., September 13, 2017, 9 – 11 a.m.
Tues., October 10, 2017, 1 – 3 p.m.
Tues., December 5, 2017, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
All workshops will be held at the Kissam Center, C210 Multi-Purpose Room
Click here to register

Get it Together (with Love)

Friday, September 01, 2017, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: K.C. Potter Center

Get it Together (with love) is all about setting up a successful semester of accountability, making deadlines, and knowing what's up with your academics and study skills. Grab your syllabi and your planner (or any kind of calendar/schedule you keep) and come over to the K.C. Potter Center for a couple of fun hours of planning and organizing! We will have Samantha York (she/hers), the Academic Skills Coach of the Center for Student Wellbeing, by our side guiding the way to success with neat study skills tips. This program is open to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Brain food and community provided!

We will have a follow-up program at the end of the semester to ensure you feel ready to tackle your finals! Be on the lookout for more information on our website at www.vanderbilt.edu/lgbtqi
September Study Skills and Time Management

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Center for Student Wellbeing classroom

Study all night for that test and feel like you still don’t remember anything? Not getting enough sleep because you don’t feel like you have time to study? This workshop explains foundational learning theories and introductory time management and gives you an opportunity to see how they might work together in your favor.

Our Study Skills and Time Management workshops are designed to assist students who may be having difficulties with classes, wish to improve grade point averages, or who would simply like to enhance study techniques for university work. While these workshops are very helpful to students who are experiencing academic difficulties, including balancing hectic schedules, they are also beneficial to anyone who wishes to become a more efficient learner.

PRIDE Training

Wed Sep 27, 2017 2pm – 5pm Central Time

Rand Hall, Room 308

The P.R.I.D.E. (Pursuing Respect, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity) program aims to create a visible network of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) individuals and their allies by providing an avenue through which any member of the Vanderbilt Community can show their support. The training is 3 hours and happens 2-3 times per semester.

By participating in the P.R.I.D.E. Training, participants are showing their support for people of all genders and sexualities and are committing to develop allyship skills through the following actions:

Engaging in ongoing education about gender, sexuality, and intersecting identities.

Continuously working to recognize oppression, privilege, and the ways they impact marginalized communities.

Providing referrals, support, or resources on and off campus as necessary.

Fostering an equitable environment for people of all genders and sexualities, inclusive of their intersecting identities.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the P.R.I.D.E. Program, please contact Program Coordinator, Roberta Robison (They/Them) at roberta.l.robison@vanderbilt.edu
CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES SEPTEMBER 2017

September 2 EID AL-ADHA • Islamic The “Feast of Sacrifice” concludes the Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca)

September 4 LABOR DAY • Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.

September 8 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY • Call to action for universal literacy.

September 15– October 15 Full Month NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

September 17 GANESH CHATURTHI • Hindu Celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the elephant-deity.

September 17 CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.

September 21– 22 ROSH HASHANAH • Jewish Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.

September 21– 29 NAVARATRI • Hindu Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil and marks the start of fall.

September 22 AUTUMNAL EQUINOX • The date when night and day are nearly of the same length. It marks the first day of fall.

September 22 MUHARRAM • Islamic The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year. It also marks the beginning of the ten-day Shi‘ite Remembrance of Muharram

September 30 YOM KIPPUR • Jewish The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.

September 30 DASSERA • Hindu Anniversary of the day when Rama killed the evil demon Ravana. Also known as Durga Puja, which celebrates the goddess Durga.
GLMA Annual Conference
The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) will hold its 35th Annual Conference on LGBT Health on Sept. 13-16 in Philadelphia, PA.

GLMA’s Annual Conference educates practitioners, policy advocates, educators, administrators, researchers and students—from across the health professions—about the unique health needs of LGBT individuals and families. The conference is a forum for discussion and exploration of how best to address these needs as well as the needs of LGBT health professionals and health profession students. GLMA’s Annual Conference also reports on research into the health needs of LGBT people. Vanderbilt will be well represented at this year’s conference and our collaborative research will be featured in several sessions throughout the meeting. For more information and to register, visit this link.

PREVAIL
Women’s Leadership Development Conference
Sunday, September 24th from 11am-4pm in the Student Life Center
Applications will be available soon!
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/leadership/programs/prevail

35th Global Nursing Care and Education Conference
September 25-26, 2017 Atlanta, Georgia
Theme: Nursing Care-Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow
http://nursingcare.nursingconference.com/

43rd Annual Conference Transcultural Nursing Society
October 18-21, 2017
Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter
New Orleans, LA