VUSN Diversity in Action
Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

April 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. Explore the monthly announcements and find out what’s going on in the area of diversity and nursing.

Enjoy.

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The April issue of 'EDI Connect,' the official newsletter of the Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is also available here.
Africa Week Set for April 2-7; First-Time Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt hosts this first-time event to raise awareness of university opportunities to engage with Africa.

Open to Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff as well as members of the Nashville community, Africa Week will also include several cultural activities, including performances by Sory Diabate, a drum clinic and African dance lessons. All are designed to raise awareness about African cultures, challenges and prospects to Vanderbilt and the community. A special “Taste of Africa” dining menu will be served at The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons throughout the week.

Find specific event information here. Sponsored by the Trans-Institutional Program Africa at a Crossroads and organized by the history and political science departments.

An evening recognizing VU’s LGBTQI+ and allied graduating students
Forbidden: Queer & Undocumented in Rural America

This documentary film follows the personal transformation and activism of Moises Serrano, a young, undocumented and queer immigrant living in rural North Carolina.

When: Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 PM
Where: Sarratt Cinema

It is anticipated that Mr. Serrano will be in attendance at the screening. English. 90 min. DVD. Presented in collaboration with the Center for Medicine, Health, & Society; The Latino & Latina Studies Program, and LGBTQI Life.

Unconscious Bias Workshops

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 often occurs automatically as the brain makes quick judgments based on past experiences, stereotypes, and personal background. Come learn about ways to identify and address unconscious bias for better professional relationships and communication as Vanderbilt University launches these campus-wide educational opportunities.

Workshops are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 9-11 a.m. at Kissam Center C210 Multi-Purpose Room
- Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 1-3 p.m. at Kissam Center C210 Multi-Purpose Room
- Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 9-11 a.m. at Kissam Center C210 Multi-Purpose Room
- Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 1-3 p.m. at Kissam Center C210 Multi-Purpose Room

Please RSVP at least one week prior to your selected session.
Diversity Day

Monday, April 10, 2017
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Godchaux Hall Living Room

Celebrate diversity and learn about different cultures from VUSN students!

Create a poster board display of your culture or a culture of interest to you!

There will be poster prizes, door prizes and refreshments!

For more information, please click here.
Global VU, Vanderbilt’s international affairs journal, aims to highlight global health work being done at Vanderbilt and by international partners in an effort to connect faculty, students, and staff interested in global health, as well as to raise awareness of issues impacting the health of people around the world. The Global Health Field Notes section includes recent blog posts authored by members of the Vanderbilt community. Read the latest blog posts here.

Vanderbilt students, staff and faculty are encouraged to contribute to this new global health section. Click here to submit information.
April Calendar of Observances

April is GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH
A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to commemorate and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities.

April 9 PALM SUNDAY • Christian
Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

April 11–14 THERAVADA NEW YEAR • Buddhist
In Theravada countries the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.

April 11–18 PASSOVER/PESACH • Jewish
The eight-day “Feast of Unleavened Bread” celebrates Israel’s deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

April 13 HOLY THURSDAY • Christian
Also known as Maundy Thursday, it is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.

April 14 GOOD FRIDAY • Christian
Known as Holy Friday in Eastern Christianity, it commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha.

April 14 VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi) • Sikh
The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsas.

April 16 EASTER • Christian
Known as Pascha in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

April 21 DAY OF SILENCE
Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.

April 21–May 2 FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN • Bahá’í
Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá’u’lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá’í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed His mission as God’s messenger for this age. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Bahá’í’s suspend work.

April 23 YOM HASHOAH • Jewish
“Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.
Conferences

Global Health & Innovation Conference 14th Annual Conference
April 22-23, 2017
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference/

2017 Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association, Inc.
Annual National Convention
June 17-19, 2017
Minneapolis, MN
http://nanainanurses.org/?page_id=353

2017 National Association of Hispanic Nurses Annual Conference
July 18-21, 2017
Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, AZ
http://www.nahnnet.org/docs/Save_the_Date_Flyer.pdf

Philippine Nurses Association of America, Inc. 38th Annual National Convention
Aboard Royal Caribbean
July 23-30, 2017
http://www.mypnaa.org/

National Black Nurses Association, Inc.
July 30-August 4, 2017
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino
Las Vegas, NV
http://www.nbna.org/conf

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