VUSN Diversity in Action
Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

August 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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Black Cultural Center Welcome and Reception

Saturday, August 19 at 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Students and families are invited to learn about the history and purpose of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center (BCC). This event will include a tour of the facility, a discussion about BCC programming, and a question and answer session. Also, during this time, students and families will have the opportunity to meet and greet several of the BCC's campus partners and student organizations. Open to all.
The Work–Life Workshops for faculty, staff, and graduate students is a lecture-based lunch program that covers a blend of self-care and professional development topics such as navigating organizational politics, mindfulness and stress management, salary negotiation strategies, and more.

WLW Schedule: Fall 2017 can be found here
Lunch will be provided at all programs.

Questions?

Please contact the Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center at womenctr@vanderbilt.edu or at 419.322.4843.
Hundreds of Ways to Kneel and Kiss the Ground

Rev. Sherry Cothran & Rabbi Rami Shapiro
Concert and Workshop, Scarritt Bennett Center
Aug. 25th & 26th, 2017

Concert Only (Pay at the Door): $10
Workshop Only: $45
Combo Concert & Workshop: $50
Overnight Lodging +Concert & Workshop: $110
To make a reservation visit http://bit.ly/kisstheground2017

Rev. Sherry Cothran is a rare combination...an artistic/spiritual trifecta, a first rate singer/songwriter, a dynamic performer and a trained theologian.” –Brian McLaren

www.sherrycothran.com

Rabbi Rami Shapiro is the author of over 30 books, hilarious, insightful and a keeper of multiple Wisdom traditions. Dubbed “John Stewart’s spiritual double,” he combines spiritual insight, grounded theology and inspired living.

CONCERT: Fri. Aug 25th, 7 p.m., Harambee Auditorium:
Sherry Cothran in concert. Cothran’s Americana style songs explore core ancient wisdom from many traditions including the Sufi poetry of Rumi & Hafiz, Egyptian prose, Writings from Job, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, Native American Holy Men and Women and her own hard knock wisdom from working as a Christian pastor in an urban setting with homeless, refugees & immigrants. Through the common pathway of Wisdom, Sherry seeks to break down barriers between people of difference, put a sacred face on homelessness, and create pathways of peace we can all walk together.

WORKSHOP: Sat., Aug 26th, 9 a.m. – Noon International Room:
Rabbi Rami & Rev. Sherry present a creative, interactive workshop, applying core wisdom from ancient traditions to our lives. Wisdom helps us break down the barriers within religion, spirituality and the chaos of modern life to reveal purpose and meaning at the core of the human experience. Texts and themes are: “Finding Purpose in a Meaningless World” (Ecclesiastes); “Where the heck is God?” (Job) “Fear of the Unknown & the Afterlife” (Egyptian Wisdom Text); “The Field Beyond Right and Wrong” (Rumi) “Seeing the Sacred in the Stranger”
August 1 TISHA B’AV • Jewish Mourning of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and 70 CE.

August 7 RAKSHA BANDHAN • Hindu Also called Rakhi, this festival celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters.

August 9 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES • Celebrates the richness of indigenous cultures and recognizes the challenges indigenous peoples face today, ranging from poverty and disease to dispossession, discrimination and denial of basic human rights.

August 12 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY • Celebrates young people and the integral role they play in helping to create a world fit for children.

August 15 KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (Also known as JAYANTI) • Hindu Celebrates Krishna's birthday, Vishnu's eighth incarnation on earth.

August 23 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION • Memorializes the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade, coinciding with the anniversary of the uprising in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated its abolition.
Conferences

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

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

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