

# *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

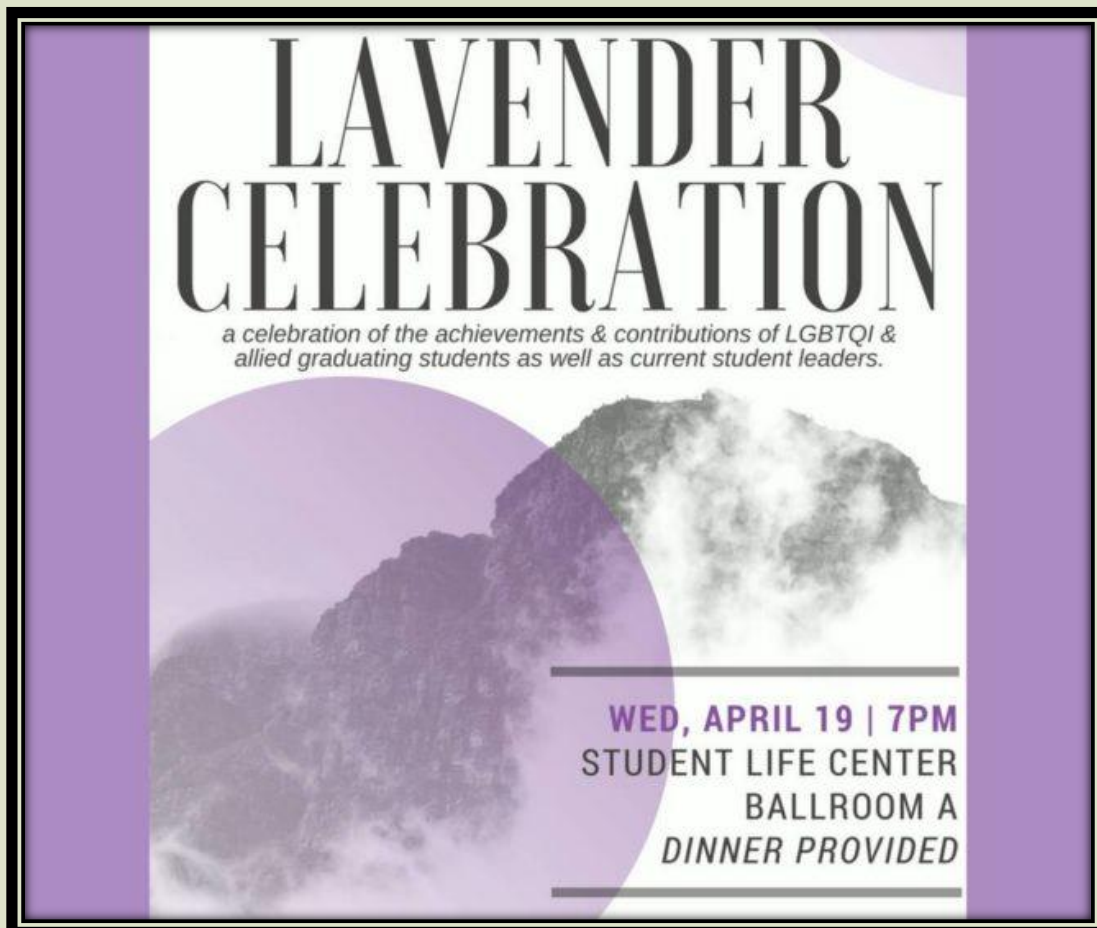
Vanderbilt hosts this first-time event to raise awareness of university opportunities to engage with Africa.

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



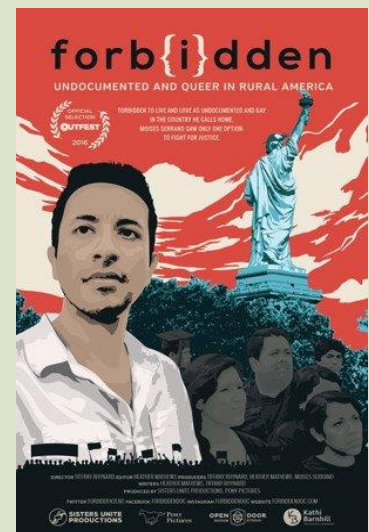
## Forbidden: Queer & Undocumented in Rural America

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.](#)**

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Black Student Nurses' organization and Iota chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International presents:



# 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!

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

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There will be poster prizes, door prizes and refreshments!

For more information, please click [here](#).

# GLOBALVU

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 Khalsa.

### **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://nanainurses.org/?page\\_id=353](http://nanainurses.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](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>

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference Transcultural Nursing Society**

**October 18-21, 2017**

**Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter**

**New Orleans, LA**

<http://www.tcns.org/files/2017TCNSNewOrleansCallflyer.pdf>