VUSN Diversity in Action
Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

October 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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Rosa Parks, the woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, sparked a historic boycott and launched a nationwide civil rights movement.

Rhea McCauley had been trying to save her aunt’s crumbling Detroit house for more than a decade, to no avail. The black and white clapboard house was beyond repair -- the roof had collapsed and although the façade was still standing, the entire back wall had fallen away, exposing the living room, kitchen and bedrooms to the open air.

It was slated to be demolished, just one of 80 thousand derelict homes blighting Detroit. If Rosa’s house could not be restored how could it be saved? The answer came in an unlikely form -- Ryan Mendoza, an American artist living in Berlin.

"All of my work deals with things and people who have been forgotten on some level." Mendoza explains. "Detroit is one of the most vulnerable cities in the U.S. right now and real estate prices are so low that when we had this idea -- Let's bring this house from the United States, cut it up in pieces and ship to Europe.

It took 18 days to dismantle Parks' house. They began with the roof and worked their way down to the wooden floorboards. After chipping away decades of built-up linoleum and paint, Mendoza smoothed out the original floorboards and imagined how they might be lit in an installation.

More than four thousand miles from Detroit, a shipping container filled with roof tiles, windows, and doors sat next to his Berlin studio. Slowly, Mendoza put this piece of American history back together. Now wants to bring it back to Detroit. “If you look at the current situation in America, you have all of these monuments to the Confederacy — which are monuments to slavery,” the 45-year-old artist said i “There are very, very few monuments to the civil rights movement, which is antithetical to that.” So far one foundation, the Nash Family Foundation, based in New York, has committed up to $40,000 to ship it back to the U.S., and dozens of museums he has contacted have been receptive to his appeals to display it.

But where should the house spend its third life? There is much interest in the home but Juanita Moore, president and chief executive of the Wright Museum, is adamant. The house belongs in Detroit. “Rosa Parks is really held in high esteem here,” she said. “The house represents her life in Detroit. As an actual artifact, it lends itself to the larger conversation about what we’re dealing with racism in this country today. Ms. Moore said, the museum was “enthusiastic.” and “We absolutely are discussing it with him.”

For now, the house sits in Mr. Mendoza’s garden, like a portal to another time. White paint stains the bottom part; the top is black. He is working on the interior. “I’ve been put in the position of taking care of a national monument,” he added. “I believe it should be put behind bulletproof glass.”
This program coordinated by the Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center and sponsored by the Graduate School and the Vice Provost for Academic and Strategic Affairs offers Ph.D. students a chance to reflect on the ways that gender affects their experience as they begin their professional journey in the academy.

**Getting to the Ph.D.: What I Know Now that I Wish I’d Known Then**

Brittany Allison, SyNERGI Postdoctoral Fellow, The Graduate School
Amanda Clayton, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Jessie Hock, Assistant Professor of English
Thursday, October 19
12:00–1:30 Buttrick 123
The Parent and the Professional
Monday, October 23 Noon
Sarratt 216/220
Otis McGresham, Prevention Educator and Victim Resource Specialist, Project Safe Center
Ghina Nakad, Graduate Student, School of Engineering
Wil De Los Santos, Program Coordinator, Student Organizations
Rory Dicker, Director, Margaret Cuniniggim Women’s Center

Kitchen Table Series (KTS) is a peer-facilitated discussion for undergraduate students about current gender-related topics such as sexual health, feminism, body image, women in politics, and other issues related to social justice. All genders, gender identities, and gender expressions are encouraged to join our KTS conversations.

Feminism and Religion
Wednesday, October 25 - 5 PM
Sarratt Student Center 363
Multicultural Lounge located in Sarratt 335
615-322-5089 (p) iicc@vanderbilt.edu

**OCTOBER**

- Resilience 101, Tuesday, 10/3, 3-4pm
- Introduction to Mindfulness, Wednesday, 10/4, 3-4pm
- Study Strategies for Exam Prep, Friday, 10/6, 11am-noon
- Host Responsibility Training, Thursday, 10/19, 12:15-12:50pm
- Financial Stress & Wellbeing, Thursday, 10/26, 6:30-7:30pm

**Inclusion Initiatives & Cultural Competence**

Let Your Anchor Down Dinner Series
October 18th- Not in my Backyard, The Importance of Student Activism

End Of The Month Kickbacks
October 31st- Halloween/Dia de los Muertos

Talk About it Thursdays
October 5th
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., 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

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 Shop” is a unique opportunity for students of color to engage in dialogical exchange of wisdom with pastors, activists, professors, and elders from the greater Nashville community concerning the trending cultural topics that impact the lives of people of color. These conversations will focus on the intersections of Black spirituality, faith, and activism and will give students of color the opportunity to explore faith from different perspectives. In addition, “the Shop” will offer cultural meals from local restaurants owned by persons of color.

Each gathering at “the Shop” features a guest who is able to engage from a pre-selected topic in conjunction with a relevant, trending article from the news and/or social media. Topics will include (but are not limited to): intersections of gender, race, sexuality, spirituality, mental health, faith, activism, the role of the Black Church, and interfaith dialogue. These conversations will help guests and students engage in the constructive work of developing self-awareness and create meaningful dialogue as to how we live moral, ethical, and spiritual lives in the midst of various lived experiences as people of color.

October 18, 12:00pm, OUCRL Fireside Lounge
Pastor John Faison, Sr.
The Relevance of the Black Church

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**CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES OCTOBER 2017**

**October Full Month LGBT HISTORY MONTH**  Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender people in the United States

**October Full Month NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**
Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities

**October 1 ASHURA • Islamic**  A day of fasting observed on the 10th day of the month of Muharram to celebrate Moses’ exodus from Egypt. For Shi’a Muslims, it also marks the climax of the ten-day remembrance of Muharram, which mourns the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Kerbala in 680 CE

**October 5–11 SUKKOT • Jewish**  The week-long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land
October 9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY (Native American Day) Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture. The second Monday of October is also marked as a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many people are opposed to the celebration of a man who led and committed atrocities against Indigenous people. Some states and cities in the U.S. have officially changed the day to Indigenous People’s Day. Similarly, it is celebrated as Día de la Raza, “Day of the Race”, in Spanish-speaking countries and communities

October 12 SHEMINI ATZERET • Jewish “The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukko.

October 13 SIMCHAT TORAH • Jewish “Rejoicing in the Torah” celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch and its beginning anew

October 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.

October 19 DIWALI • Hindu Also, called Deepavali, “Festival of Lights”, it celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.

October 19 BANDI-CHHOR DIWAS • Sikh A commemorative occasion having no fixed date which occurs in October or November and celebrates the release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment and coincides with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

October 20 BIRTH OF THE BÁB • Bahá’í observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of Siyyid, “the Báb,” the prophetherald of the Bahá’í Faith, in Shiráz, Persia.

October 20 GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB • Sikh Since 1708, Sikhs have accepted Sri Guru Granth Sahib as their eternal Guru that holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs. They consider Guru Granth Sahib to be a spiritual guider not only for Sikhs but for all mankind; it plays a central role in guiding the Sikhs’ way of life.

October 24 UNITED NATIONS DAY Commemorates the founding of the world organization in 1945

October 29 REFORMATION DAY • Christian Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517

October 31 HALLOWEEN The eve of All Saints’ Day

36th Annual GAPNA Conference
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
October 4-7, 2017 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN
Improve patient care and connect with other nurses who share your compassion and commitment
• Click here for more information and register now!
National Conference for Nurse Practitioners 2017
October 10-13 The Mirage Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada
The conference offers you educational sessions that will enhance your skills to improve the overall quality of patient care. Over the course of this 4-day conference, you’ll find a terrific forum for evidence-based educational sessions, hands-on workshops, and skill-building sessions that will deliver comprehensive, results-oriented patient care strategies. A significant amount of CE and Rx credit will also be awarded. Register Now!

38th International Conference on Nursing & Healthcare
Oct 16-18, 2017 New York, NY
Theme: Exploring the Current Challenges and Possibilities in Nursing and Healthcare
- About Conference
- Session and Tracks
- Market Analysis
- Register now

43rd Annual Conference Transcultural Nursing Society
October 18-21, 2017
Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter
New Orleans, LA
- Discuss transcultural nursing strategies that promote population health
- Examine the relationship between transcultural nursing and social determinants of health
- Explore nursing theories that address health care to diverse populations
- Apply best practices in transcultural nursing to the assessment of community needs
http://www.tcns.org/ConferenceInformation.html

Project Nightingale presents:
"Collaborate for Success: How to Be An Effective Member of Your Team."
21 October 2017 — Colfax, North Carolina
By attending this event, nurses will discover important tips on how to prevent and recover from burnout and compassion fatigue, while learning about Project Nightingale's 15 Universal Laws of Teamwork in the most lively and interactive setting. Nurses will gain valuable information on how they can display behaviors and attitudes that can greatly improve the social dynamics of healthcare and contribute to greater patient safety by our panel of dynamic speakers and educators. Coupled with acapella music, breakfast, lunch, and a cocktail reception in the evening, experience a nursing education conference like you've never experienced before. Nurses, allow us to pay you the tribute that you deserve, and show you just how much we care. Being in attendance at the event for at least 85 percent of the day qualifies you for 6.5 contact hours.
For more information, visit http://www.ourprojectnightingale.com/
5th Annual Nursing Innovation Summit: Nursing Innovation for Transformational Care
23 October 2017 — Cleveland, Ohio

Nursing innovation is often the catalyst to creating value in healthcare, value that improves patient outcomes and healthcare costs. Nurses are at the frontline of healthcare delivery and can take the lead in transforming patient care. The 5th Annual Nursing Innovation Summit will help nurses lead in the creation of innovative solutions that keep pace with a constantly changing healthcare environment. The Nursing Innovation Summit is intended for all nurses, no matter the work role or job title. Read more here.

Equity & Inclusion in Healthcare Conference
Friday, Oct 27th - Saturday, Oct 28th
Rochester, MN

Those interested in advancing health equity and diversity and inclusion in health care, including physicians, nurses, and other health care providers, social workers, HR professionals, talent acquisition and development professionals, supervisors, hospital leadership and administrators, and diversity and inclusion practitioners. Learn more and register.