VUSN Diversity in Action

Cultural Diversity Calendar of Events

MAY 2019

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 is going on in the area of diversity and nursing.

Enjoy.

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Equity, Diversity and Inclusion launches new Strengthening the Ties blog

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion has launched Strengthening the Ties, a new blog designed to elevate awareness of the myriad diversity-related resources, events, educational opportunities, initiatives and more at Vanderbilt.

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2019 VUSN DEAN'S DIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES

Nursing at the Crossroads: The Future of Health Care

Monday, May 13, 2019
12 - 1 p.m.
Nursing Annex Room 161

As president of the American Nurses Association, Ernest Grant oversees the nation’s largest nursing organization, which represents 4 million registered nurses. He has more than 30 years nursing experience and is internationally recognized as a burn-care and fire-safety expert. In 2002, President George W. Bush presented him with a Nurse of the Year award for his work treating burn survivors of the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attack. An engaging and prolific speaker, Grant is frequently sought out for his expertise as a clinician and educator. He is the first man elected as president of the ANA.

Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN
President, American Nurses Association
Faculty Discussion

Duke University School of Nursing and Diversity: Considerations for VUSN

MAY 14, 2019
3:30 pm. to 4:45 pm.
Nursing Annex 167

All VUSN Faculty are invited to attend
**VUSN Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS)**

**Monday, May 06, 2019, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Location: Student Life Center Ballroom A  
Contact: Carolyn Schettler  
Email: carolyn.schettler@vanderbilt.edu  
Phone: (615) 343-3241  
Website: https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu  
Audience: Faculty and Staff only

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of the Senior Associate Dean of Academics invite VUSN faculty and staff to walk a mile in the shoes of those facing poverty by participating in the Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS). This three-hour experience provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. During the simulation, participants must provide for their families and maintain their homes for one month during the course of four 15-minute “weeks”. The simulation enables participants to rethink the challenges that millions of low income individuals must face and discuss the potential for change within their local community.

VUSN Faculty and staff participation in the Poverty Simulation is required. This is the first of two offerings in 2019 for VUSN faculty and staff.  
Registration: https://vusn6.vanderbilt.edu/machform/view.php?id=75747

**Commencement Event - The Party**

**Wednesday, May 08, 2019, 9:00 PM - 11:59 AM**

Location: Commons Lawn  
Website: https://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/  
Ticket required for guests - students free with ID. Party for degree candidates, their friends and families; Vanderbilt community, their friends and families.  
Visit the Commencement Office online, https://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/.

**Latinx Graduates Recognition Ceremony**

**Thursday, May 09, 2019, 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

Location: Vanderbilt Central Library Community Room  
Central Library Community Room  
MANDATORY REHEARSAL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8  
2:00–4:00 p.m.

The Latinx Graduates Recognition Ceremony is held by the Latinx community at Vanderbilt. Its purpose is to celebrate the achievements and highlight the success of the Latinx undergraduate and graduate classes of 2018. It is also a unique space for students to pay homenaje to family, friends, faculty, staff, and administrators who have supported their journeys.
VUSN Pinning

Thursday, May 09, 2019, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Scarritt Bennett Center • 1027 18th Ave S • Nashville, TN 37212
Contact: Sarah Ramsey
Email: sarah.ramsey@vanderbilt.edu Phone: 615-343-3334 Website: https://nursing.vanderbilt.edu
Audience: Open to Public Ticketed Event

Dean Linda Norman and the faculty of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing request the pleasure of your company for the presentation of the VUSN Pin to Masters of Science in Nursing Graduates and for the recognition of Doctor of Nursing Practice and Post-Master's Certificate Graduates
Reception to follow at School of Nursing.

Please RSVP or contact Sarah Ramsey to RSVP by email at sarah.ramsey@vanderbilt.edu or by calling 615-343-3334.

Commencement Event - Graduation ceremony

Friday, May 10, 2019, 12:00 AM

Ceremony on Alumni Lawn. Visit the Commencement Office online, https://www.vanderbilt.edu/commencement/.

David and Gail Williams to be honored with Francis S. Guess Bridge to Equality Award

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee will present the fourth annual Francis S. Guess Bridge to Equality Award to Gail Williams and the late David Williams II at a luncheon on Thursday, May 23.

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In an effort to further support faculty, the Office for Inclusive Excellence will host a series of writing sessions this semester. Our goal is to provide faculty with a supportive writing environment by providing a designated space, breakfast, and the companionship of others pursuing writing endeavors. While the majority of the event will be devoted to individual writing time, we would like to support our early-career faculty by beginning some sessions with remarks on the writing process from a successful mid- to advanced-career faculty member.

All of the sessions will be held on Friday mornings in Kissam C210. Breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m., occasional brief remarks from a guest faculty member may occur at 9 a.m., and the session will conclude at 11 a.m.

May 3  
May 17  
Registration not required, but appreciated. Register Here

Open Space  
UCC @ IICC Open Space
The office has partnered with the University Counseling Center to openly engage in dialogue around what it means to be a student of color on this campus. Every Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., we invite students to unwind and connect in the Multicultural Lounge to gain tips on managing stress and identity development throughout one’s lifetime.

Talk About it Thursday
The IICC “Talk About It Thursdays!” Professional Development Series is a monthly, brown bag lunch, professional development, and educational series that creates an opportunity for the Office of the Dean of Students to engage and explore strategic areas around diversity, inclusion, social justice, and cultural competence. This program will help staff leverage the impact of personal storytelling to develop a broad and comprehensive understanding of ways in which they can assist in creating a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable campus for all.
Serving the religious, social, & educational needs of the undergraduate & graduate Jewish-student communities.

What's Going on at Hillel? See the full calendar

Graduate Student Programming Learn More Here

Welcome to Jewish Nashville  Learn More Here
The Jewish community in Nashville is an exciting, dynamic and friendly community. Our outreach services will connect you to the community resources you are looking for. Contact us for more information at outreach@jewishnashville.org, or at (615) 354-1696.

We are grateful for the support from the National Council of Jewish Women, Nashville Section for helping us offer free Shabbat meals to students on Vanderbilt’s campus. See the Full Calendar Here

Commencement Open House / Brunch
Friday, May 10 1:00 – 2:00pm
Vanderbilt Hillel
We warmly invite you to an open-house bagel brunch honoring our graduating students. Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life Friday, May 10, 2019 1:00pm. For more information or to RSVP please call Debby at 615-322-5042 or email hillel@vanderbilt.edu, vandyhillel@gmail.com

Learn more about Vanderbilt Program for LGBTI Health here  https://vanderbilthealth.com/lgbtihealthprogram/
Calendar of events

Vanderbilt University Medical Center is committed to a welcoming and supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) patients. We've earned a 100% rating on the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Index for the past 6 years.

Our Vanderbilt Program for LGBTI Health connects patients with specially trained LGBTI providers and helps ensure outstanding medical care in an atmosphere of compassion and respect.

LOCATE LGBTI-COMPETENT PROVIDERS within Vanderbilt University Medical Center and our affiliated clinics. Call (615) 936-3879 to reach one of our team members.
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Life at Vanderbilt University is a cultural center and a place of affirmation for individuals of all identities, and a resource for information and support about gender and sexuality. LGBTQI Life serves all members of the Vanderbilt community — students, faculty, staff, and alumni — by creating educational, cultural, and social opportunities. The office also supports and advises LGBTQI-related campus groups and activities.

Support & Community

Resources for LGBTQI Vanderbilt Students

Warren Center Seminars Here

Programs and Events Here

The Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center is an affirming space for women and for all members of the Vanderbilt community that actively resists sexism and all forms of oppression by providing resources and educational programming.

The Margaret Cuninggim Women’s Center and the Program in American Studies invite Vanderbilt faculty, graduate and professional students, postdoctoral fellows, and staff to apply for an upcoming two-day workshop administered by the OpEd Project on the Vanderbilt University campus.
The nonprofit OpEd Project is a social venture founded to increase the range of voices and quality of ideas we hear in the world. In particular, the OpEd Project is committed to increasing the number of women thought leaders contributing to key public forums through their writing. The two-day workshop, called “Write to Change the World,” will explore the source of credibility and how to establish it; how to present ideas quickly and powerfully under pressure; the components of powerful, evidence-based argument; the difference between being “right” and being effective; and strategies for making a greater impact in print, including how to escape a pigeonhole, how to preach beyond the choir, and how to frame an argument as part of a bigger picture—and yourself as part of a larger public conversation. Participants leave with an outline of an op-ed in hand and access to OpEd Project journalist mentors for individual follow-up.

The workshop dates are Monday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The application is available here. Please note, only those who can attend the entire two-day workshop will be eligible for a spot. The application deadline is Friday, March 15. Notifications of acceptance will be issued by Monday, April 1.

See all the Women’s Center Programs

- Kitchen Table Series
- Work–Life Workshops
- Women in the Academy
- Vandy Sex Ed
- Salary Negotiation Workshop
- Feminism 101
- Cuninggim Lecture on Women in Culture and Society
- PREVAIL
- Women’s History Month

Programs

- Chaplain’s Speaker Series
- GriefNet
- the Shop
- Bridge Building
- Food For Thought
- Science & Religion
- Faith Traditions
Vanderbilt University Medical Center has launched the Flexner Discovery Lecture Series featuring the world's most eminent scientists, who will speak on the highest-impact research and policy issues in science and medicine today. See Upcoming Lectures

Mission Statement
The mission of the Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is to intentionally foster institutional equity, diversity and inclusion by creating educational opportunities, raising awareness and providing strategies and tools to bring to life the vision of inclusive excellence, both on our campus and in our city.

Vision Statement
The Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion endeavors to help make Vanderbilt University a leading learning institution where achieving equity, diversity, and inclusion are its highest priorities as it trains global citizens who will contribute to the development of a better nation and world.

Unconscious Bias Defined Here

Our Vanderbilt – Community Stories

Celebrate the stories of our diverse Vanderbilt University community! Each month, the Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will share profiles that amplify the voices of Vanderbilt community members, increasing visibility of the experiences and efforts that impact diversity and inclusion on campus. We invite you to engage these stories and critically self-reflect on how diverse community stories challenge what you thought you knew about your own.

Read their stories here
Diversity and Cultural Events in Nashville

**Martinis & Jazz** presented by First Tennessee Bank

Join Nashville Pride for their Martinis & Jazz fundraiser
Tuesday, May 21, 2019,
6:00pm to 8:00pm
East Ivy Mansion
209 South 5th Street
Nashville, TN 37206.

The event, presented by First Tennessee Bank, includes a silent auction featuring fantastic items from around the region paired with signature martinis and live music. Martinis & Jazz is 21-and-over event.

[Purchase Ticket Here]

**TOUR: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AT THE NASHVILLE ZOO**
by Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society of Nashville
Free
Sat, May 18, 2019
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT
Nashville Zoo at Grassmere
3777 Nolensville Pike
Nashville, TN 37211

The Mortons, an African-American family that worked on the Grassmere Farm from 1919-1973, made important contributions to the success of the farm.

Join us on May 18th for an on-site tour of the site and learn more about the Morton family exhibit currently in the planning and details about the creation of the interpretive text for display for site visitors. Tori Mason, Historic Site Manager at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere will be our tour guide as we learn more about this important history.

**TIMBG's 2019 "Taste From Around the World"**
Equipping and Empowering All Ethnic Chambers of Commerce Tennessee
Immigrant and Minority Business Group

"Taste from Around the World" TIMBG’s annual multicultural food tasting and discussion

Keynote speaker: Stu Grimson, former NHL player

Food tables from: China, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, USA
Cost: $15 per person/$120 per table, RSVP: John Mickner, john@universalhealthadvisors.com Phone: 615-321-8881

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm
Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
4304 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, 37215, TN
CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES
May 2019

May Full Month ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH • Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

May Full Month JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH • Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.

May 1 INTERNATIONAL WORKER’S DAY • Also known as May Day, it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a workers’ strike for an eight-hour work day.

May 2 YOM HASHOAH • Jewish “Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.

May 3 WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY • Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

May 5 CINCO DE MAYO • In 1862 Mexican forces defeated French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla.

May 6–June 4 RAMADAN • Islamic Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur’an to the Prophet Muhammad.

May 12 MOTHER’S DAY • Children of all ages show appreciation for their mothers and mother figures.

May 18 VISAKHA PUJA • Buddhist Also known as Vesak or Buddha Day, it marks the birth, spiritual awakening and death (nirvana) of the historical Buddha.

May 21 WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY • Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.

May 23 LAG B’OMER • Jewish Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and/or Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva’s lifetime (died c. 135 CE).

May 24 DECLARATION OF THE BAB • Bahá’í Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá’í Faith, announced in Shíráz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.

May 27 MEMORIAL DAY • A federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country’s armed forces.
"Critical Conversations with Psychiatric Nurses: Preparing for the Next Decade."
May 29-June 1, 2019
Charlotte, NC

10th Annual Native American Healthcare Conference
June 10th-11th, 2019
Pechanga Resort & Casino
Temecula, CA.

39th International Conference on Nursing & Healthcare
July 05-06, 2019
Columbus, Ohio

30th International Nursing Research Congress
July 25-29, 2019
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

NBNA 47th Annual Institute and Conference - "Advancing Nursing Practice: Innovation, Access and Health Equity"
July 23rd - July 28th,
New Orleans, LA

Future of Aging and Gerontology Theme: Overcome Challenges of Aging in Current Society
August 02-03, 2019
Chicago, USA

2019 AAPINA & TWNA Joint International Conference Changes in Nursing research, Education, and Practice: From Local to Global
August 16-17
Splendor Hotel
Taichung City, Taiwan

Nursing 37th GLMA Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, LA | September 11-14. 2019

Annual Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Psychotherapists and Nurse Practitioners Meet
Theme: Diversity and Interventions towards Wellness, Resilience and Healthcare
October 21-22, 2019
Vancouver, Canada
Ethnic-minority nursing organizations & websites

American Association of Indian Nurses - New Jersey
DiversityNursing.com
Ethnic Minority Fellowship Program
MinorityNurse.com
National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association (NANAINA)
National American Arab Nurses' Association
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Indian Nurses of America
National Black Nurses Association
National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations
Philippine Nurses Association of America
Association of American Colleges
American Association of Colleges of Nursing