



The Intercultural Center Newsletter

The Intercultural Center newsletter includes insights, events, and initiatives that promote intercultural education at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

We are releasing our newsletter a little later than usual this month, but the line up of events is looking fantastic! Be sure to check out the events in honor of Pride month and in celebration of Juneteenth below!

2021 Presidential Core Value Award



We won an award!

As part of the Intercultural Leadership and Engagement unit, we are honored to have received the 2021 Presidential Core Value Award for Excellence along with our colleagues, **Gregory Brightbill**, **Cyndi Rice**, **Jole' Ruff**, and **Mark Dixon**.

[Read the ELM story here.](#)

UMB Food Pantry



The UMB Food Pantry will be distributing 30-pound boxes of shelf stable food on **Wednesdays** starting next week, **June 9th**. The boxes will be available for pick up from the **SMC Campus Center lobby**.

Please contact **Jole' Ruff** at jruff@umaryland.edu to setup a pick up time.

Learn more about food access initiatives and resources on [our webpage](#).

Honoring Pride Month



In 2016, president Barack Obama declared that June of each year will be known as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. Join us here at UMB as we celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride with events that will focus on LGBTQ+ identity, history, current issues, and best practices for health care practitioners!

The Pride month events listed below are a collaborative effort from the Intercultural Center, Division of Student Affairs, UMB; Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, School of Nursing.



The Table: LGBTQ+ Pride Month Edition

June 4 | 12 PM |

[Register](#)

Join the Intercultural Center for an engaging dialogue on Queer identities and the history of Pride month.



Gender and Sexual Identity Development

June 8 | 12 PM |

[Register](#)

Learn more about gender identity and sexual identity in early childhood and adolescence and how LGBTQ+ affirming care can support the identity development of young Queer individuals.



Safe Space Training Part I

June 9 | 12 - 1:15 PM |

[Register](#)

Come learn about LGBTQ+ allyship and best practices. Participants will become Safe Space certified and receive a Safe Space certificate and sticker to show their support of LGBTQ+ individuals at UMB.



Untangled Book Discussion with the Author

June 16 | 12 PM |

[Register](#)

UMB School of Social Work's very own Victoria Stubbs shares her new book, *Untangled: A Black Woman's Journey to Personal, Spiritual, and Sexual Freedom*.



Black LGBTQ+ Pride in Baltimore City

June 17 | 12 PM |

[Register](#)

Join Jabari Lyles for an engaging presentation on Black LGBTQ+ Pride and how the intersections of race, gender, and sexuality converge in Baltimore City.



Building LGBTQ+ Inclusive Curriculum

June 23 | 12 PM | [Zoom](#)

Presented by Dr. Sandra Quezada and Dr. Elizabeth Lamos, this session will focus on how they have infused LGBTQ+ inclusion into the academic curriculum within UMSOM.



LGBTQ+ Sports Trivia

June 24 | 1 PM |

[**Register**](#)

Join us on Wednesday, June 24th at 1pm for LGBTQ+ Sports Trivia! The trivia questions will be surrounding LGBTQ+ athletes. All are welcome to join!



Anti-Transgender Legislative Overview with Free State Justice

June 25 | 12 PM |

[**Register**](#)

Join C.P. Hoffman, the Legal Director of Free State Justice, to learn about recent anti-transgender legislation introduced and passed in multiple states throughout the U.S. during 2021.



Gender Affirming Surgeries Q&A with Fan Liang, MD

June 28 | 12 PM |

[**Register**](#)

Hear from UMSON's Fan Liang, MD, as she shares her experience offering gender-affirming surgical procedures to transgender and non-binary patients. This event will be a safe space for participants to learn more about gender-affirming healthcare, surgical procedures, and to learn about emerging best practices for transgender-inclusive care.

Safe Space Part II

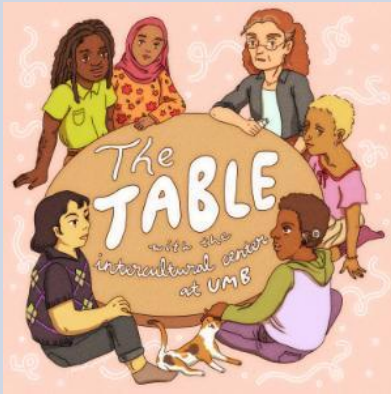
June 29 | 12 - 1:15 PM | [**Register**](#)

This will be the second session of the Safe Space series and will explore gender identity and the Transgender experience.



Honoring Pride Month

In honor of Pride month, we are releasing a special episode that provides a brief history of Pride, its roots in the Stonewall uprising against police, and the present-day struggles



that LGBTQ+ people experience, particularly Trans Women of Color. We also invited three staff members at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, **Gregory Brightbill, MEd, MBA**, associate director for student leadership and involvement in the Intercultural Leadership and Engagement unit, **Zanne Gogan**, testing center coordinator for Educational Support and Disability Services, and **Mishawn Smith, MPA**, executive administrative assistant at the School of Nursing's diversity and inclusion office, to share what Pride means to them.

If you're interested in learning about additional LGBTQ+ resources, be sure to check out the transcript of this episode for a list of local and national LGBTQ+ activists and organizations.

Check out the episode on [our webpage!](#)

Celebrating Juneteenth



On June 19, 1865, two years after the emancipation proclamation, federal troops arrived at Galveston, Texas to declare that enslaved

people were free from slavery. We observe Juneteenth to remember this history and to celebrate Black freedom. We invite you to partake in a series of events in celebration of Juneteenth at UMB!

The Juneteenth events listed below are a collaborative effort from the Intercultural Center, the School of Social Work, and the Community Engagement Center.



Juneteenth: Black History... Continued
June 14 | 12 - 1:30 PM
[Register Here](#)

Chanel Compton, the Executive Director of the Banneker-Douglass Museum, will discuss Black History post enslavement and the strides that were made to obtain full physical and financial autonomy.



The Black Diasporic Experience: Are We All Seeking Collective Liberation?
June 15 | 12 - 1:30 PM
[Register Here](#)

Panelists of familial ancestry across the African diaspora will share historical experiences of emancipation from chattel slavery and a vision for collective liberation.



Juneteenth Jubilee

June 16 | 4 - 6 PM

Community Engagement Center
16 S. Poppleton Street,
Baltimore, MD (In-person event)

[Register Here](#)

Join UMB and the Community Engagement Center for a FREE Grab and Go celebration with food, giveaways, and music!*

*giveaways and food will be available while supplies last.



Black Joy House Party

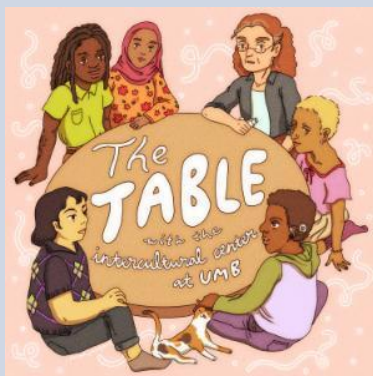
June 17 | 2 - 4 PM

[Register Here](#)

Move from virtual room to virtual room in this casual house party designed to emphasize Black joy through music, trivia, and social connection.

Juneteenth: A Day of Celebration and Remembrance

156 years after the first Juneteenth was celebrated in Galveston, Texas, companies and organizations across the U.S. are officially recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday. So, what is the history of Juneteenth, how do we celebrate it, and why are some people only just hearing about it?



In this episode we are joined by **Danielle Harris, LCSW-C**, associate director of the Community Engagement Center, **Chrishna**

Williams, MS, director of alumni relations at the School of Social Work, and **Seanté Hatcher, LCSW-C**, associate dean for continuing professional education at the School of Social Work, three Black women who share their experiences and thoughts about the holiday and its significance not only in Black history, but American history.

Check out the episode on [our webpage!](#)

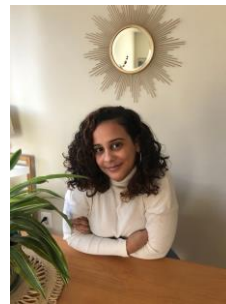
Visit Our Virtual Office Hours



Courtney Jones Carney
(she/her)
Director of the Intercultural
Center

**Meet with Courtney (Zoom
Link)**

Mondays, 10 - 11:30 am
Wednesdays, 12 - 1 pm



Rosemary Ferreira (she/her)
Associate Director of the
Intercultural Center

Meet with Rosemary (Zoom Link)

Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 pm
Thursdays, 9 - 10 am
Fridays, 1 - 2 pm

Please note that Rosemary will be out of the office June 7-11. You may meet with Courtney that week or send an email to rosemary.ferreira@umaryland.edu.

Submit Events & Announcements to the Intercultural Center Newsletter

[Submission Form](#)

Submit your events or announcements related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The form must be submitted **before the last Wednesday of the month** to be included in the following month's newsletter.



Founded in June of 2020, the Intercultural Center is diligently working toward the continuation of existing Student Affairs initiatives and the creation of new initiatives.

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