



# The Intercultural Center Newsletter

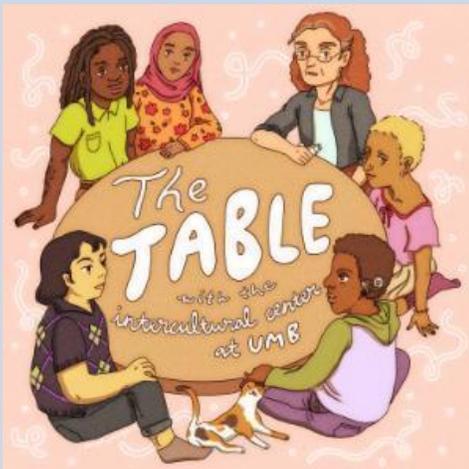
The Intercultural Center newsletter includes insights, events, and initiatives that promote intercultural education at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Our newsletter is released every first Wednesday of the month.

## The Table Podcast

### **Invisible/Hypervisible: Southwest Asian and North African Communities in the U.S.**

Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) is an increasingly popular term to identify people from countries such as Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, and Syria. In the U.S., SWANA communities toddle between invisibility due to the U.S. Census Bureau's decision not to develop a distinct SWANA race and/or ethnicity category and hypervisibility due to stereotypical depictions of SWANA people as violent and barbaric (ever listen to the introductory song of that popular Disney movie Aladdin?).



In this episode, we unpack SWANA invisibility/hypervisibility with **Sama Sahibi, M.A.**, program coordinator for the Women in Engineering program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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

## UMB Food Pantry

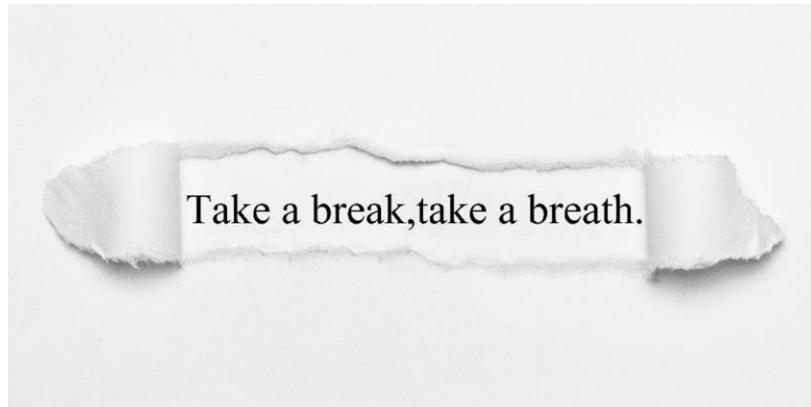


The UMB Food Pantry is distributing 30-pound boxes of shelf stable food on **Wednesdays**. The boxes will be available for pick up from the **SMC Campus Center lobby**.

Please contact **Jole' Ruff** at [jruff@umaryland.edu](mailto:jruff@umaryland.edu) to setup a pick up time.

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

## We're Taking a Break



**Justice looks like a space to rest.**  
*The Nap Ministry*

We're taking a break from programming for most of this month to plan for the upcoming academic year. However, we wanted to share two trainings on facilitating dialogue that we'll be hosting this summer. Check out the details below!

## Dialogue Facilitator Trainings



### **Caucus and Intergroup Dialogue Facilitator Training**

At the Intercultural Center we believe that dialogue is a foundational practice of anti-racism and anti-oppression work. If you are interested in developing skills in facilitating dialogue, particularly on identity and social issues with your peers, colleagues, and/or students, we invite you to participate in one of our dialogue facilitator trainings.

**\*Please note that each training is capped at 25 participants.\***

### **Student Facilltator Training**

July 21 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

This training is specifically for UMB students interested in facilitating dialogue on identity and social issues.

### **Staff and Faculty Facilitator Training**

August 9 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

This training is specifically for UMB staff and faculty interested in facilitating dialogue on identity and social issues.

## **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

Please note that Courtney is out of the office and will return on July 13. You may meet with Rosemary this week or send an email to [courtney.carney@umaryland.edu](mailto:courtney.carney@umaryland.edu).



**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 July 28 - August 2. You may meet with Courtney that week or send an email to [rosemary.ferreira@umaryland.edu](mailto: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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