

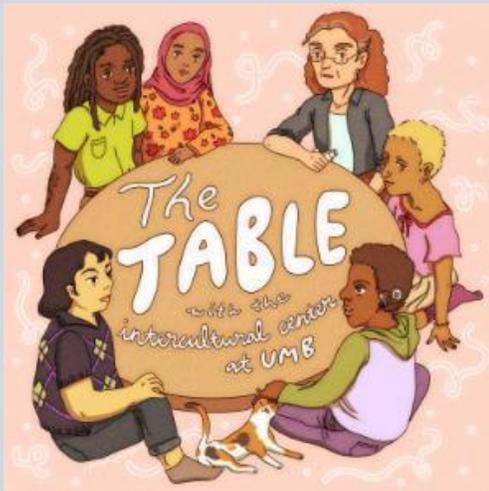


The Intercultural Center Newsletter

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



Colorism in the Black, Asian, and Latinx Communities

“You’re pretty for a dark-skinned girl” and “don’t play outside in the sun, you’ll get too dark” are comments that are sometimes overheard in Communities of Color. They highlight the issue of colorism, which is a form of prejudice and/or discrimination that values lighter skin tones over darker skin tones, specifically within the same racial and/or ethnic group.

In this episode you'll hear from three individuals who speak to their respective experiences with

colorism within the Black, Asian, and Latinx communities, **Lisa Nicholson**, a healthcare manager at the University of Maryland Medical Center, **Reina Pomeroy, MSW**, a certified coach at Reina + Co, and **Ayda Gonzalez, MS**, a recent graduate student from Emory University.

This episode will be released next Wednesday, 10/13. In the meantime, check out our previous episodes on [our webpage!](#)

LGBTQ+ History Month



LGBTQ+ History Month was established in 1994 by a Missouri high school teacher who recognized the importance of celebrating and teaching gay and lesbian history. October was selected partly because of the already established Coming Out Day (Oct. 11). Although the month was first introduced as Lesbian and Gay History Month, it evolved to be more inclusive of individuals who identify as bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and many other identities focused on gender and sexuality.

The Intercultural Center celebrates the contributions of LGBTQ+ people throughout history while committing to LGBTQ+ justice and equity. Check out our events in honor of LGBTQ+ History Month below!

Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



Building our Pathways: Latinx Professionals Panel
October 7 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

In this panel discussion, we will hear from Latinx professionals in the fields of medicine and social work discuss their experiences navigating their career pathways.



Latinx Community Social Hour (Virtual)
October 11 | 5 PM | [Register Here](#)

Latinx students, faculty, and staff are invited to an evening of community building activities that center and celebrate Latinx culture and heritage!



The Table Dialogue: Colorism in the Black, Asian, and Latinx Communities



A Guide to Indigenous Washington, D.C.
October 13 | 1:30 PM | [Register Here](#)

October 13 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

The Table is a monthly dialogue series where UMB students, staff, and faculty are invited to discuss current issues and unpack questions regarding race, ethnicity, culture, and norms.

In this month's dialogue we will discuss the issue of colorism and how it shows up within the Black, Asian, and Latinx communities.

In honor of Indigenous People's Day, Dr. Elizabeth Rule, director of the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy, returns to the University of Maryland, Baltimore to discuss her latest book project based on the mobile app Guide to Indigenous DC.



Safe Space Training Part I
October 15 | 11 - 12:15 PM | [Register Here](#)

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.



Safe Space Training Part II
October 19 | 11 - 12:15 PM | [Register Here](#)

This will be the second session of the Safe Space series and will explore gender identity and Trans+ experiences.



The Intersections of Spirituality and LGBTQ+ Identity
October 21 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

Local Baltimore Pastors Tim Hughes Williams and Elazer Zavaletta will discuss the intersections of spirituality and LGBTQ+ identity. They will be sharing their stories and engaging in dialogue about what it means to be a queer person of faith.



LGBTQ+ History and Education in Baltimore City
October 27 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

In this session, participants will learn about the importance of LGBTQ+ History Month as it relates to Baltimore's rich history, as well as the importance of LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum in schools.



Best Practices for Developing LGBTQ+ Inclusive Healthcare Environments
October 27 | 3 PM | [Register Here](#)



Revising the Gay and Trans Blood and Tissue Ban
October 28 | 1 PM | [Register Here](#)

Chase Brexton Health Services, a leading LGBTQ+ affirming health care clinic in the Baltimore area, will facilitate a training on how to develop healthcare environments that are inclusive to LGBTQ+ people.

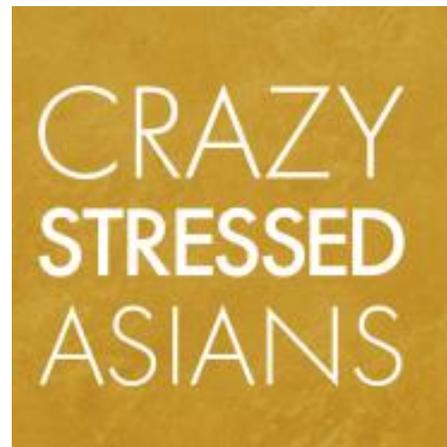
In this session, attendees will learn about the Food and Drug Administration's anti-LGBTQ+ policies on blood and tissue donations and will learn about recommendations on how to address this harm and form of discrimination.

Campus Partner Events



DisAbility 101
October 13 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

This event will review the past and present pursuits of the disability rights movement. Join the Educational Support and Disability Services office as they discuss ways to make our community more inclusive and accessible to people with disabilities.



Crazy Stressed Asians
October 14 | 6 - 7:30 PM | [Register Here](#)

Creating a safe community for Asians and Asian Americans of all ethnic backgrounds to explore the impact of their culture, heritage and identity on mental health and wellness. Monthly virtual meetings to engage, share and discuss different key topics to support Asian and Asian American students.

We aim to provide support and psychoeducation—we are NOT group therapy. You may remain



**International Pronoun Day
Workshop**
October 15 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

Join the Queer Student Alliance on International Pronoun Day for a lunchtime pronoun workshop. Learn about how to use pronouns correctly and inclusively.

Meeting will be held via Zoom.

anonymous if preferred.
Personal info will not be collected, shared or published.



**DREAM Fundraiser: Baltimore
AFSP Suicide Prevention Walk**
October 30 | 9 AM | [Register Here](#)

DREAM, the Disability Justice Group at UMB, is inviting students, staff, faculty, and anyone at UMB who has been personally affected or is an ally to suicide prevention to join an upcoming fundraising event in Baltimore.

(When registering, write in the team name "Red Hot Chili Steppers" to walk with DREAM)

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 to setup a pick up time.

Learn more about food access initiatives and resources 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

*Rosemary will be out of the office from **10/14 - 10/19**. You are welcome to meet with Courtney 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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