



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.

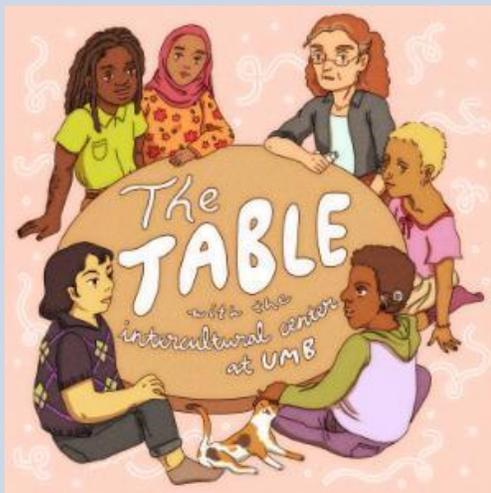
The Table Podcast

We're back with a new episode!*

The Past, Present, and Future of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

As a response to the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020, many institutions, businesses, and organizations across various sectors in the U.S. dedicated more resources to developing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) initiatives within their organizations. In the two years since the protests, how are these EDI initiatives institutionalizing racial equity and social change?

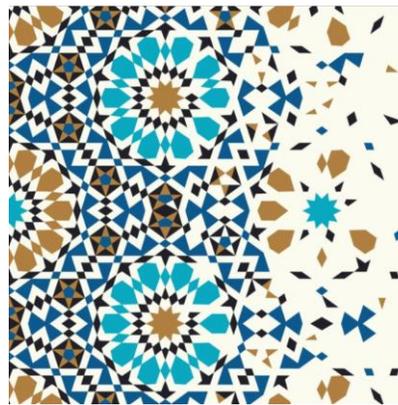
In this episode **Diane Forbes Berthoud, PhD, MA**, UMB's first chief equity, diversity, and inclusion officer and vice president (CEDIO/VP) joins us at The Table. Together, we explore her journey to her current role, and her vision and philosophy for organizational change as it aligns with EDI.



[Check out the episode here](#) and wherever you get your podcasts!

*Please note that we will now be releasing episodes on a bimonthly schedule.

Southwest Asian and North African/Middle Eastern Heritage Month



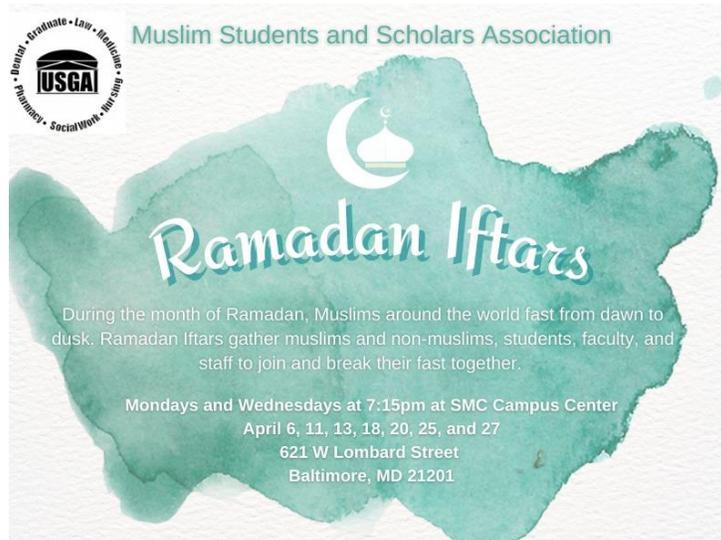
Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) / Middle Eastern Month

The Intercultural Center acknowledges and celebrates the contributions of Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) / Middle Eastern students, faculty, and staff at UMB as well as across the country, and around the globe.

Last year the Intercultural Center made the decision to use SWANA to describe individuals, cultures, languages, and identities from countries such as Algeria, Iran, and Syria. This year we continue to use SWANA as a decolonized term that emphasizes geography rather than a history of colonialism and imperialism while also using Middle Eastern for its accessibility.

Check out our events in honor of SWANA/Middle Eastern Heritage Month below!

The Month of Ramadan



A Note from the UMB Muslim Students and Scholars Association

The month of Ramadan began on April 2nd. Ramadan is a period of spiritual reflection for Muslims all over the world. During this month your Muslim students and colleagues will be fasting from dawn to sunset. Please be considerate of sunset times as they will need some time and space to break their fast. We at UMB are fortunate to have a very understanding and inclusive community and we know we can count on you all to support our fasting Muslim friends. Thank you!

Ramadan Iftars

April 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27
7:15 PM | SMC Campus Center | [Register Here](#)

Ramadan Iftars gather muslim and non-muslim students, faculty, and staff to join and break their fast together during the month.

Sponsored by the Muslim Students and Scholars Association

Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



Professionalism and the Good Immigrant Narrative
Monday, April 11 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

In this workshop, educator and creator of Inner Work Collective Freedom, Laura Bohórquez García, will discuss how undocumented student's experiences are shaped by professionalism and the good immigrant narrative, which work to uphold white supremacy culture.



The Table Dialogue: SWANA, MENA, Middle Eastern? Identity & Language
Wednesday, April 13 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

In honor of Southwest Asian and North African / Middle Eastern Heritage Month, this month's dialogue will be focused on the experiences of people who hold SWANA / Middle Eastern identities in the U.S. We'll also unpack the language around using the terms SWANA, MENA, and Middle Eastern.



What is Anti-Blackness?
Thursday, April 14 | 1:00 - 2:30 PM | [Register Here](#)

To thoroughly understand and dismantle racism, we must discuss and address anti-Blackness. In this workshop, we'll unpack anti-Blackness and how it shows up throughout society.



Advisory Board for Student Caregivers
Friday, April 15 | 1 PM | [Register Here](#)

The Advisory Board for Student Caregivers (ABSC) is an initiative from the Intercultural Center that brings together student parents and caregivers at UMB to connect with other students, share their

This event was rescheduled from February.



Students with Disabilities Advisory Group (SDAG)
Tuesday, April 19 | 4 PM | [Register Here](#)

The SDAG is a collective of UMB students who self-identify as living with a disability, are neurodiverse, or are living with a chronic health condition. The group serves as a forum for peer support, inclusive discussion, resource sharing, and advocacy. This will be the group's second meeting of the semester.

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Supporting SWANA/Middle Eastern Students in Higher Education
Thursday, April 21 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

In this workshop, Omar Aziz, the director of the Middle Eastern Student Center at the University of California, Riverside (one of the first of its kind in the country!), will guide participants on the needs and experiences of Southwest Asian and North African/Middle Eastern students in higher education.



An Intersectional Lens on Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Prevention
Tuesday, April 26 | 1 PM | [Register Here](#)

In this workshop, Dr. Laurie Graham, assistant professor at UMB's School of Social Work, will provide an intersectional lens in examining intimate partner violence and violence prevention.

UMB Student Pantry



Upcoming Student Pantry Pop Up

Carey School of Law
Wednesday, April 13th | 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Place an Order from the Pantry

All students are eligible to place a food order from the UMB Student Pantry. [Click on this link](#) to complete the form. Once your order has been bagged for you, you will receive an email with pick-up instructions. The current pick-up location is the SMC Campus Center, located at 621 W. Lombard Street.

[Learn more about food access resources here.](#)

Apply for the USGA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer Position



The application for the University Student Government Association (USGA)'s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion officer is open!

The EDI officer actively works to develop and maintain EDI initiatives throughout the University.

If you are interested in applying, please contact **Cyndi Rice**, crice@umaryland.edu.

Campus Partner Events



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

AN INITIATIVE OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

National Public Health Week (NPHW)
April 5th - 6th | [Register Here](#)

This year NPHW is teaming up with the annual UMB Wellness Fair to provide a wide array of programs to help students, faculty, and staff educate themselves on health and wellness topics that can support making healthier lifestyle choices.



"Bending the Arc" Documentary Screening

Thursday, April 7 | 4 - 6:30 PM | [Register Here](#)

Join the Center for Global Engagement for a screening of "Bending the Arc," a documentary about a team of young people — Paul Farmer, Jim Yong Kim, and Ophelia Dahl — whose charitable medical work 30 years ago ignited a global health movement.

UMB faculty and staff will share a few memories in honor of Paul Farmer, who recently passed away.



Health Information Resources for Culturally Diverse Patients (ONLINE Workshop)

Tuesday, April 12 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM OR Thursday, April 28 | 1:30 – 2:30 PM
[Register here](#)

April is National Minority Health Month.

Want to improve your communication with patients whose native language is not English? In this workshop you will learn about patient education resources, including medical information available in other languages. This workshop will also provide resources for cultural awareness which can help in improving patient compliance and understanding of health information.

Celebrating Our Wins

Congratulations to the Intercultural Center staff for their recent recognitions!



Dr. Courtney Jones Carney was nominated for the **2021-2022 Board of Regents Staff Award** for the category of Inclusion, Multiculturalism, and Social Justice.

Rosemary Ferreira received the **2022 Outstanding New Professional Award** from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community.

Visit Our Virtual Office Hours



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

Courtney is currently out of the office. Please consider meeting with Rosemary.



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

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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