



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.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. This commemorative month began in 1977 with the introduction of a House resolution to denote the first 10 days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following year, the week was designated as a national annual celebration. However, it was not until 1992 that the celebration was officially signed into law and extended into a full month.

May was selected to commemorate the arrival of the United States' first Japanese immigrants May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the railroad tracks were Chinese immigrants. However, we must also acknowledge the ways in which the U.S. sought to exclude and criminalize Asians in this country, including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the internment of Japanese

Americans during World War II. In honoring AAPI month, we must also recognize the wide diversity that exists under this umbrella term, including a plethora of cultures, languages, and traditions that exist in East, South, and Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands.

UMB students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate in events and activities at the University and within the surrounding communities to honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



Care to Care? Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Experiences in Higher Education & Healthcare *Tuesday, May 10, 2022 | 12 PM |* [Register Here](#)

The historical erasure and invisibility of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community in U.S. society has real implications in the fields of higher education and healthcare.

In this workshop, participants will develop a critical awareness of the “model minority myth” and explore how to proactively challenge and disrupt the stereotypes in their everyday lives, educational journey, and professional practice.



The Table Dialogue: Showing Up for Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities *Wednesday, May 11 | 12 PM |* [Register Here](#)

More than a year after six Asian American women and two other individuals were victims of a targeted mass shooting, Asian Americans across the U.S. continue to experience targeted violence. In this month's dialogue, we will discuss how we can show up for AAPI communities and build solidarity.

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.

UMB Food Pantry



Upcoming Food Pantry Pop Up

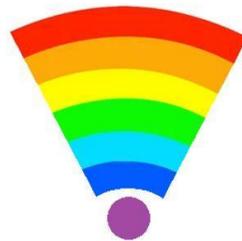
Wednesday May 4th | 11:30 AM - 1 PM
| SMC Campus Center

Place an Order

Students are eligible to place a food order from the UMB Food 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.](#)

LGBTQ+ Safe Space and Micro-Credentialing Course



University of Maryland, Baltimore
Safe Space
Official Training &
Digital Certification

Free Online LGBTQ+ Safe Space and Micro-Credentialing Course: Enroll Today!

Starting in June of 2022, UMB students, staff, and faculty can enroll in a free online Safe Space course and earn a digital badge and micro-credential. Safe Space Online brings UMB's traditional LGBTQ+ Safe Space program to the virtual

world, allowing participants to build their LGBTQ+ allyship skills, engage with a cohort of online peers, and learn about LGBTQ+ identities, activism, support, and inclusive best practices, all from the comfort of their home or office, at any time or any day. This pilot program is free for all UMB students and employees.

As an overview, this pilot program will require a 2-month commitment, starting in June and ending on August 1st. Enrolled participants will be required to dedicate 1-hour per week and will watch videos, engage in video-based discussion boards, and complete learning quizzes. Modules will be opened semi-weekly and require that participants stay on track with the cohort. Individuals who complete this free course will receive a digital certificate, online micro-credential, and digital badge to place on their LinkedIn profile. **Deadline to enroll is May 29t.**

Program Requirements:

- A working computer, webcam, and microphone
- A signed digital agreement of respect and integrity for LGBTQ+ allyship
- Ability to commit a total of 7-10 hours from June 1st to August 1st

[Click Here to Enroll](#)

Campus Partner Events



Systemic Racism in Science Communication



The Science Communication program at UMB's Graduate School invites you to an interactive lecture on making science communication more equitable and accessible to diverse communities.

Join Dr. Dione (Dee) Rossler, a science communication, engagement, and outreach specialist. She currently serves as the Executive Director for Science at Cal at the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley). She received her bachelor's degree and her PhD from UC Santa Cruz, in Earth & Planetary Sciences. Prior to her tenure at UC Berkeley, she directed the Mass Media & Engineering Fellows Program at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and was the Scientific Programs & Outreach Manager at the Carnegie Institution for Science.

WHEN?
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Noon - 1 p.m.

REGISTER TODAY
[Zoom meeting](#) (click link to register) or scan QR code



Systemic Racism in Science Communication
Wednesday, May 4 | 12 PM |
[Register Here](#)

While the importance of increasing public understanding of scientific issues continues to rise, marginalized communities are not only disproportionately affected by these issues (like health and the environment), they are also not well served by mainstream science



"A Time to Reflect" Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event with Keynote Speaker Nydia Han
Friday, May 6 | 1 PM | [Register Here](#)

Join the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the School of Nursing for a "A Time To Reflect" a discussion led by Philadelphia 6 ABC's consumer investigator, co-anchor and creator of the documentary series, #ThisIsAmerica, Nydia Han -

media or traditional educational systems and are faced with long-lived cultural and societal prejudices that perpetuate inequality.

Join Dr. Dione (Dee) Rossiter, a science communication, engagement, and outreach specialist, for this interactive and enlightening lecture.

as we amplify AAPI voices and recognize the contributions and influence of Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.



Eid Al-Fitr Barbecue

Friday, May 6 | 6 PM | The Zenith Patio (7th floor) 511 West Pratt Street Baltimore, MD | [Register Here](#)

Celebrate the end of the month of Ramadan with the Muslim Students and Scholars Association.

Bring your friends and family and enjoy some barbecue and games!

New MS in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership

New MS in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership

Diversity, equity, and inclusion practitioners are vital in supporting organizations as they work to optimize and/or re-imagine organizational culture. Gain the skills needed to lead and assess institutional diversity,



equity, and inclusion efforts with the 31-credit M.S. in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership.

Application fee waived for UMB employees. **Deadline July 1.**

[Learn More](#)

Visit Our Virtual Office Hours



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

Courtney will be out of the office until mid-June 2022. Please plan to meet with Rosemary instead.



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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