



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.

Disability Justice & Awareness Month

OCTOBER is
DISABILITY
AWARENESS
MONTH

This October, the Intercultural Center is partnering with the Educational Support and Disability Services office (ESDS) for a series of events in honor of **Disability Justice and Awareness Month**. Disability justice is a social movement and framework that documents the impact of ableism while also working to confront and dismantle oppressive systems. We hope this month serves to raise awareness of the diverse needs, experiences, and contributions of people with disabilities and to encourage students, staff, and faculty at UMB to incorporate disability justice into their everyday practice.

Make sure to check out the events in honor of Disability Justice and Awareness Month at UMB below!

Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



Students with Disabilities Advisory Group (SDAG) Meeting
October 7 | 12 - 1:30 p.m. | Virtual - Zoom | [Register Here](#)

The Students with Disabilities Advisory Group (SDAG) is a collective of UMB students who self-identify as living with a disability, neurodiverse, or living with a chronic health condition. SDAG serves as a forum for students to express their needs and experiences and to build community with one another.

SDAG is organized and run as a collaborative effort between ESDS and the Intercultural Center.



Indigenous People's Day: Documenting Baltimore's Lumbee Indian Community
October 10 | 12 - 1 p.m. | Virtual - Zoom | [Register Here](#)

In honor of Indigenous People's Day, community artist and curator Ashley Minner and health literacy librarian and archivist Tiffany Chavis, who are both Lumbee, will discuss their work documenting Baltimore's Lumbee Indian community. They will provide an overview of their current project *Safety in Numbers: Portraits of East Baltimore's "Reservation."* This forthcoming online exhibition will feature photographs, sourced from various archival collections, of American Indian people who were part of Baltimore's "reservation" in its heyday.



The Table Dialogue: Disability Justice



Wednesday, October 12 | 12 - 1 p.m.
| Virtual - Zoom | [Register Here](#)

We will be focusing this month's dialogue on disability justice, a social movement that advocates for access and inclusion for people with disabilities. We'll also discuss how ableism shows up in our personal, academic, and professional lives.

The Table Dialogue is a virtual monthly dialogue series that invites students, staff, and faculty from across the seven schools at UMB to have critical conversations on identity and current events.

**Students with Disabilities
Community Social Hour**
*October 27 | 4-6 p.m. | Location
TBD | [Register Here](#)*

You are invited to join SDAG for our fall social where students with disabilities can gather and connect with peers. This free event is an opportunity to celebrate students with disabilities and support disability awareness at UMB. Refreshments will be provided as well as a variety of lawn games and activities for students.



Disability Awareness & the ADA
October 31 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Hybrid | [Register Here](#)

Join the UMSON Office of Diversity and Inclusion as we host a campus-wide Professional Development Workshop with Deborah Levi, MA, LCSW-C, the Director of the Office of Educational Support and Disability Services on the topic of Disability Awareness and the ADA.

The training is being presented to increase the competence and confidence of our students, staff, and faculty across campus. The workshop will be informative and practical, open for all individuals across campus and will review how to successfully support and include individuals with disabilities in all aspects on campus as well as address the ADA and the common microaggressions and misconceptions about disability. The objective is to gain perspective, best practices, and learn how to avoid common mistakes through an open forum and small group study exploration.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL UMB FACULTY AND STAFF.

UMB Student Pantry



Pop-Up Student Pantry

The UMB Student Pantry will be hosting food giveaways on the following dates and locations:

School of Social Work

October 10th | 12 pm to 1pm

Carey School of Law

October 19th | 12 pm to 1pm

Graduate School in the Lexington Building

October 25th | 12 pm to 1pm

Place an Order for the Pantry

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.](#)

The Learning Institute

The logo for The Learning Institute features the text "THE LEARNING INSTITUTE" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font, centered on a dark gray square background. The background of the square has a subtle, abstract pattern of light gray lines and small red dots.

THE LEARNING INSTITUTE

The Learning Institute at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is a new initiative from the Intercultural Engagement and Leadership unit that offers UMB students, staff, and faculty access to five free-to-participate micro-courses.

Upon completing a micro-course, individuals are awarded a digital micro-credential and badge, which can be shared and displayed on a resume, CV, email signature, and/or LinkedIn profile.

Each micro-course within The Learning Institute was designed around specific learning objectives that showcase measurable professional skills development desirable to prospective and current employers.

Micro-courses within The Learning Lab are housed online through Blackboard and are completed asynchronously through a semi-structured eight-week schedule. Through The Learning Lab's micro-courses, participants will have the opportunity to develop their professional skills while reflecting and engaging with a cohort of peers through video-based discussion boards.

[Click here](#) to learn more about The Learning Institute.

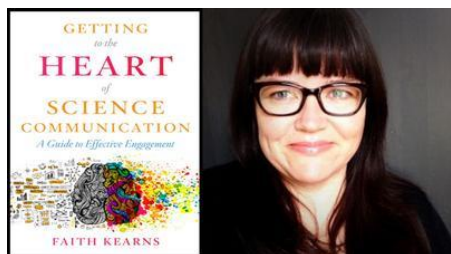
Campus Partner Events



Mental Health Awareness Week

October 3 - 7 | [Learn More Here](#)

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) has partnered with NAMI@UMB/NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore and URecFit and Wellness to host a series of virtual and mental health events. Some events will include free food, giveaways, and prizes! Please register for events ahead of time.



“Getting to the Heart of Science Communication: A Guide to Effective Engagement”

October 26 | 12 - 1 p.m. | [Register Here](#)

The Science Communication (SciComm) certificate program is excited to welcome Dr. Faith Kearns to our inaugural annual Science Communication Lecture. Dr. Kearns is a scientist and science communication practitioner who focuses primarily on water, wildfire, and climate change in the western United States.

Dr. Kearns will talk about her book, providing an overview of the evolution of science communication and the pressing issues in the field, with a particular focus on how to effectively and ethically engage diverse audiences in communicating scientific research and developments relevant to us all. For those interested in science communication, this talk is a must.



Volunteer at Trick or Treat with UMB!

October 28 | 3 - 6:45 PM | See below for sign up forms

UMB's Community Engagement Center will be hosting a trick or treat event on Friday, Oct. 28 to close our "Week of Spookapalooza at the CEC!" Come join us for a delightful and spooky afternoon of giving back to our Baltimore community. Community members will be able to make their way through more than 20 booths of delicious treats, and enjoy games, crafts, scavenger hunts, a Halloween raffle, and more!

There are two ways to volunteer with "Trick or Treat with UMB":

1. Run a trick or treat table (4-6 p.m.) Register for a table [here](#).
2. Sign up for a volunteering role (hours vary between 3 - 6:45 p.m.) Register to volunteer [here](#).

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 \(Zoom Link\)](#)

*Rosemary will be out of the office
on Tuesday, 10/18

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 DEI initiatives.

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