



# 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.

## Honoring Diverse Communities

### American Indian Heritage Month (Nov. 1 - 30)

November is American Indian Heritage Month. It is a time to recognize and honor the cultures, heritages, and living practices of Native people who have stewarded these lands for generations. To that end, we acknowledge the sovereignty of all Indigenous peoples.

We recognize that UMB is on the ancestral land of the **Paskestikweya and Susquehannock peoples** in Baltimore city and we humbly offer our respects to the elders, past and present citizens, of the Cedarville Band of the Piscataway Conoy, the Piscataway Indian Nation, the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, and all Algonquian Peoples.



### First-Generation Student Celebration Week (Nov. 7 - 11)

On November 8th, colleges and universities across the country celebrate and honor the experiences of first-generation students, those who are the first in their family to complete a four-year college degree. At UMB, we also recognize students who are the first in their families to pursue an advanced degree (graduate or professional) as first-generation students.



## Trans+ Empowerment and Advocacy Week (Nov. 14 - 21)

Trans+ Empowerment and Advocacy Week is a series dedicated to creating spaces of community for Trans+ students at UMB and to provide training opportunities that center Trans+ experiences that are open to all UMB students, staff, and faculty.

**Please note:** *Upcoming events for Trans+ Empowerment & Advocacy Week will be announced in a separate email that will be sent out next week.*



## Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



### First-Generation Community Social Hour

November 7 | 5 PM | [Register Here](#)

Kick off First-Generation Celebration Week at UMB and join the



### First-Generation at UMB Panel

November 8 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

In this session, first-generation students are invited to reflect on their experiences being the first in

Intercultural Center and the School of Social Work's First-Generation Student Success Program for food, fun, and community! At our social hour you'll have the opportunity to meet first-generation students from across UMB's seven schools.



**A Guide to Indigenous Maryland**  
November 9 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

Dr. Elizabeth Rule, Assistant Professor of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies at American University and enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, returns to discuss her latest digital project A Guide to Indigenous Maryland. The guide remembers and honors the historical and present day experiences of Indigenous people in the state of Maryland.



**Unpacking Upward Mobility with First-Generation, Low-Income Students**  
November 10 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

their family to attend college and/or graduate/professional school. Through reflections and storytelling, first-generation students will be able to make sense of their own lived experiences and build community with others.



**First-Generation Community Building Circle**  
November 9 | 5 PM | [Register Here](#)

Being the first in your family to pursue higher education can be an experience full of pride but it can also feel confusing and isolating. University-wide First-Generation Community Circles are open for all UMB students in an effort to build a greater sense of belonging and community.



**First-Generation Meditation and Discussion**  
November 11 | TBA | [Register Here](#)

First-generation students can experience significant stress navigating academic and

For students who grew up in poor and working-class communities, pursuing a higher education and becoming upwardly mobile can be a tumultuous experience, filled with both pride and struggle. In this session, low-income first-generation students are invited to unpack these experiences in a safe and brave environment.



**The Table Dialogue: What Does it Mean to Celebrate Thanksgiving?**  
November 15 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

The holiday of Thanksgiving has long been criticized for whitewashing the history of colonialism in the U.S. What does it mean to celebrate this day in the year 2022? Is the holiday celebrated in the same way across racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.? We'll unpack this and more in this month's dialogue.

professional environments. Take the time to unwind and ground yourself through a meditation practice and discussion.



**Common Cultural Characteristics: A Visual Performance and Lecture on American Indian Traditions**  
November 18 | 12 PM | [Register Here](#)

The Intercultural Center and the School of Nursing's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion invite you to a visual performance and lecture provided by Mr. Keith Colston. Mr. Colston lectures on the American Indian Tribes/Indigenous communities that are indigenous to Maryland and discusses historical facts and contemporary events. There will also be various dances that Mr. Colston will share with the audience during the program and he will provide details and explanations of the dances and music. Refreshments will be served.

**UMB Student Pantry**





**\*New\* SNAP CHEF Initiative**

Through a grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Intercultural Center is introducing the SNAP on Campus & Hot Eats Fund (SNAP CHEF) initiative. SNAP CHEF provides a monthly supplemental hot and ready-to-eat food award for eligible students.

To learn more and find out if you are eligible, please visit the [application website](#).

**Upcoming Pop-Up Events**

The UMB Food Pantry will be distributing cost-free bags of food items. All students at UMB are welcome to pick up a bag.

November 9th | 12 - 1 PM | School of Pharmacy

November 16th | 12 - 1 PM | SMC Campus Center

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

## Campus Partner Events



**IDEAS (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Racism in Science) Seminar**  
November 2 | 1 PM | HSF III  
Auditorium (Room 1010)



**Muslim Students and Scholars Association's Culture Night**  
November 11 | 5 PM | SMC Campus Center Ballrooms

Gregory Carey, PhD, Associate Professor, Microbiology and Immunology, Executive Director of Student Research and Community Outreach, Assistant Dean for Student Research and Education, UMB will present: "It Took A Village: My Journey In Science and Leadership" (Hosted by: Dr. Asaf Keller).



**Trans Remembrance Presentation:  
Insight for Professionals Serving  
Non-Binary and Trans Individuals**  
November 16 | 12 - 1:30 PM |  
[Register Here](#)

Join us for this informational virtual workshop on serving Non-Binary and Trans individuals in the workplace. Complete with interactive learning and discussion designed to promote understanding and inclusion for all individuals in the learning and workplace. Explore current trends and data as well as review legal requirements and accommodations in the workplace.

Join the Muslim Students and Scholars Association for a night of diverse food, a fashion show, and photo booth!



**United Students of African Descent's  
Pan African Festival**  
November 17 | 6 - 8 PM | SMC  
Campus Center Ballrooms

A gathering for the University to experience cultures from the African diaspora. Come join for music, food, and fun!

**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

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## 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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