



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.

Recognizing Black History Month



Black History Month is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the profound historical and present-day legacies Black Americans and members of the Black Diaspora has had on American society.

Through the events listed below, we hope you can join us in honoring and uplifting Black culture and history at UMB!

Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



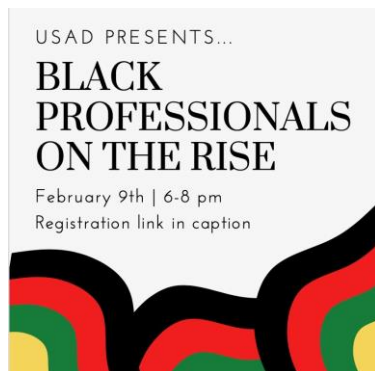
World Hijab Day Luncheon
*February 1 | 12 - 1 PM | SMC
Campus Center, Room ELM 208 A*
[| Register Here](#)

World Hijab Day is an annual event that is celebrated globally to acknowledge the experiences of Muslim women who choose to wear hijabs. The Intercultural Center invites all Muslim women for a luncheon at the SMC Campus Center as an opportunity to share a meal, build community, and engage in dialogue with other Muslim women at UMB. Lunch will be provided with halal options.



A Space to Pause and Be in Community
February 2 | 12 - 1 PM | Virtual |
[Register Here](#)

This space is a moment to pause and be in community with those processing and mourning the lives of Tyre Nichols and the victims of the mass shooting in Monterey Park. This event is open to all UMB community members.



Black Professionals on the Rise Social
February 9th | 6 - 8 pm | Virtual |
[Register Here](#)

The Black Professionals on the Rise Social is an opportunity for Black students at UMB to meet and



Black Diaspora Panel
February 14 | 12 - 1pm | [Register Here](#)

Join us to learn about the unique and shared experiences of members from across the African diaspora, including from the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa.

connect with recently graduated professionals from across the University's professional and graduate schools. Co-hosted by the United Students of African Descent (USAD).



Intercultural Center's Lounge Warming Event
February 27 | 12 - 2 pm | [Register Here](#)

The Intercultural Center warmly invites students, staff, and faculty at UMB to its recently renovated lounge area. This physical space at the SMC Campus Center will be available for workshops and meetings and also serve as a place for students to connect and unwind. Join us to learn more about the Intercultural Center, build community with others engaged in anti-oppression work at UMB, and enjoy light refreshments!

This event was rescheduled from early February.



Interfaith Dialogue and Community Altar Building
March 3 | 12 - 1 pm | Hybrid | [Register Here](#)

Join us as we invite students, staff, and faculty of different religious and spiritual backgrounds to come together and engage in dialogue. The discussion will be hybrid, where attendees can join from Zoom or be at the Intercultural Center lounge.

After the dialogue is over, attendees will have the option to help create a community altar. This altar will include mementos, symbols, and objects to remind its visitors of the importance of community among different faiths. It will also serve as a space for spiritual grounding and health at UMB. The altar is collaborative and welcomes pieces from all faith-based backgrounds, and will remain in the Intercultural Center Lounge.

Visit our New Lounge Space



The Intercultural Center Lounge will be open regularly after our lounge warming on **February 27!** If you are interested in visiting the lounge, it will be open from **9 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday** and is located in **Room 311** on the **3rd floor of the SMC Campus Center (621 W Lombard St).**

What can you find in the Lounge?

- A library with books focused on identity development and social justice
- A small snack pantry courtesy of the UMB Student Pantry
- A sensory corner with items to relax and play with
- A small community garden with herbs to pick from
- A community altar for spiritual grounding and health (post-March 3 event)

The lounge is also available to reserve for small events, student organization meetings, and department trainings! Use [this link](#) to reserve the space.

Intercultural Center Evaluation Survey



The Intercultural Center wants to hear from you! Follow the link below to provide feedback on events and other programming provided by the Intercultural Center. Your responses help the Intercultural Center create events that the UMB community wants and needs.

[Provide Feedback Here](#)

The I Am Project

[Request for Submissions!](#)



The Intercultural Center invites you to participate in 'The I Am Project"! This initiative provides a space for UMB community members of all backgrounds to reclaim the narratives of who they are and the communities they are a part of through the power of photography. The Intercultural Center will display these images in a photo voice exhibit in the SMC Campus Center in April.

[Learn More and Submit Here](#)

UMB Student Pantry



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All UMB students are eligible to place an 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.

Campus Partner Events



Trivia Night

February 3 | 5-6 PM | SMC Room 208A | [Register Here](#)

The United Students of African Descent (USAD) will host an event with trivia questions regarding Black history in the U.S. Participants will form teams and compete. There will be light refreshments.



**UMB Commemorates
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black
History Month**
February 7 | 12-1:30pm | MSTF
Leadership Hall | [Register Here](#)

Join the University of Maryland, Baltimore in recognizing both Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month with keynote speaker Dr. Sharon Fries-Britt. Dr. Sharon Fries-Britt is a distinguished professor and researcher whose work examines issues of race, equity, and diversity in STEM fields.



Pan-African Festival
February 17 | 6-8PM | SMC
Ballroom | [Register Here](#)

USAD is hosting an event to celebrate the Black Diaspora with music, food, and an informal fashion show. There is no dress code.

The event is free for UMB students and \$10 for guests and faculty. If you signed up for the event in

November, it does not count. **Please RSVP, as we are not accepting attendees at the door.**

If you are a student or faculty member interested in participating in the informal fashion show, **please sign up and we will reach out to you:** [Register here for the fashion show](#)

Save the Date



Gender Inclusivity in Menstrual Health

Monday March 6 | 12 -1 pm

Join Baltimore healthcare professionals in redefining "women's health." The event will discuss how menstrual health is a conversation that must be gender inclusive, as people of any gender identity can menstruate. This will include recognizing barriers to care, what people should know about menstrual health and the importance of making menstrual health care gender inclusive among all professions.



UMBrella's Women's History Month Celebration

Wednesday, March 8

The University of Maryland, Baltimore, and UMBrella celebrate Women's History Month to commemorate the pioneering, courageous women of our past and to honor the equally heroic women of today who propel this University, our state, nation, and world toward true equality, inclusion, and opportunity. Details and registration are to come later in the month.

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

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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