



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.

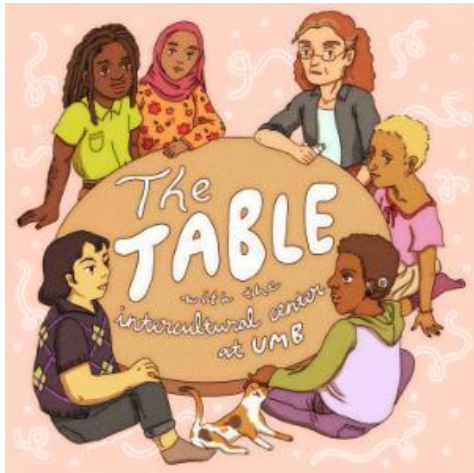
The Table Podcast

We're Back with Season Two!

Black Masculinity

In this episode we dedicate ourselves to unraveling the multitudes that exist in understanding Black masculinity, including the fears, pains, strengths, and joys expressed by our guests **Darrel Vasquez, BA** and **Durante Barringer, MEd**. You'll also hear about their work with **Brothers@**, an organization dedicated to supporting young Men of Color as they pursue their academic and professional goals.

Check out this episode and more on [our website](#).



Honoring Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage (AAPI) 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, a week was designated as a national annual celebration. Finally, in 1992 it was decided 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 and uplift the communities that fall under this umbrella identity.

Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



Tai Chi and Bubble Tea
*Thursday, May 4 | Noon - 1 pm |
Room 349, SMC Campus Center |
[Register Here](#)*

Enjoy an afternoon practicing the Chinese martial art of tai chi, which has growing evidence of treating and preventing various health problems.

In collaboration with the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, we'll also be handing out free bubble tea to those who answer questions on Asian American and Pacific Islander culture and history!

Bubble tea is first come, first served, and will be served on the first-floor lobby of the SMC Campus Center.



The Table Dialogue: Unpacking the Model Minority Myth in Education
*Wednesday, May 10 | Noon - 1 pm |
Virtual | [Register Here](#)*

In this month's dialogue, we'll examine the roots of the model minority myth, how it blankets over the diverse experiences of Asian American Pacific Islander communities, and how it impacts other racially minoritized groups, especially within the educational system.

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.



Pride Community Social Hour: Anti-Capitalist Crafts
*Thursday, June 1 | 4 - 6 pm | ELM
210 B, SMC Campus Center |
[Register Here](#)*



Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Clients 101 and 201
*Tuesday, June 6 (101) | 12 - 1 pm |
Virtual - Zoom | [Register Here](#)*

Rainbow Capitalism is nobody's friend. Come join Stonewall Pride and the UMB Intercultural Center to make your own personalized Pride buttons, learn more about local and LGBTQ+ owned businesses, and say a big "heck no" to Rainbow Capitalism this Pride month.

Light refreshments provided.

Thursday, June 8 (201) | 12 - 1 pm |
Virtual - Zoom | [Register Here](#)

This two part series will provide you with an introductory (101) and advanced (201) overview of how to best support LGBTQ+ clients.

You are welcome to attend both or one of the sessions.

UMB Student Pantry



The UMB Student Pantry

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.](#)

Campus Partner Events



Creativity and Wellness
Thursday, May 4 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm |
Virtual | [Register Here](#)



Latinx Communities and Representation in Media: Who's Telling Our Stories and How?

Join URecFit & Wellness for a virtual session on how creativity plays a role in wellness and several ways to establish focus and creativity.

*Thursday, May 4th | 4 - 6 pm | ELM
210 B, SMC Campus Center |*

[Register Here](#)

A panel consisting of four prominent Latinx journalists come together to discuss the best ways to accurately depict Latinx communities in media and pop culture when reporting on the major issues affecting this community. Rather than perpetuating misrepresentation and underrepresentation, the panelists will outline ways to uplift and support the voices of the Latinx community through media.



**Urban Garden Volunteering
Opportunity in West Baltimore**

*Friday, May 5 | Noon - 2 pm | Vivien
T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy*

| [Register Here](#)

[Rescheduled from 4/28]

Join the Office of Sustainability for a volunteer event at Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy in Franklin Square. The first portion will include waste diversion and compost basics from guests from the Baltimore City Department of Public Works. After the presentation, volunteers will assist the school's Garden Club in weeding and watering its garden beds and cleaning up the general premises of the green space's surroundings.



**The Path To Health Equity For People
with Intellectual Disabilities**

*Wednesday, May 10 | 11 am - Noon
| UMSON Room 430 | [Register Here](#)*

Despite severe need and higher health risks, people with intellectual disabilities (ID) do not have equitable access to health services and die, on average, 20 years earlier than the general population in the United States. Anne Williams, DNP '12, and Justin Hunsinger will discuss these health disparities. Williams will also touch on organizations that work to address the overall well-being of people with intellectual disabilities.



Lavender Graduation

Friday, May 12 | 4 pm | SSW Auditorium | [Register Here](#)

You are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Lavender Graduation Ceremony! This event honors and celebrates LGBTQ+ student graduates at UMB.

Sponsored by the Queer Community Alliance and the Disability Justice Group.

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

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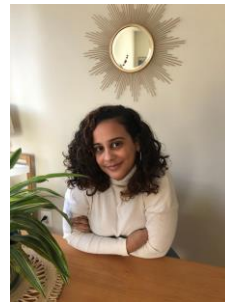
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Visit Our Virtual Office Hours



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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