

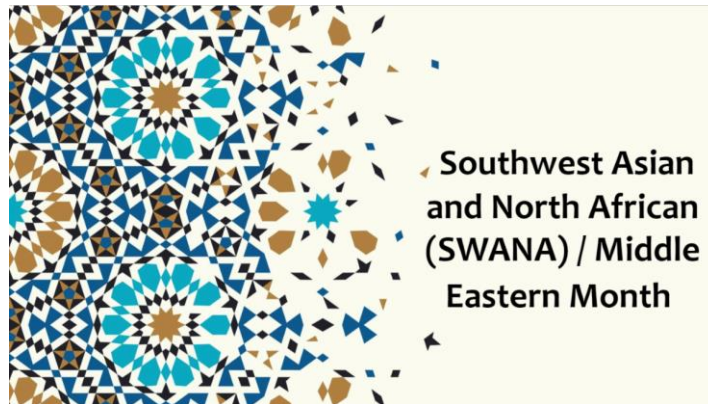


# The Intercultural Center Newsletter

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.

## SWANA / Middle Eastern Heritage Month



The Intercultural Center celebrates and uplifts the contributions of **Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) / Middle Eastern** students, faculty, and staff at UMB as well as across the country and around the globe.

The Intercultural Center continues to intentionally use **SWANA** as a decolonized term that emphasizes geography rather than a history of colonialism and imperialism while also using **Middle Eastern** for its accessibility.

Check out our events in honor of **SWANA/Middle Eastern Heritage Month** below!

## The Month of Ramadan



### A Note from the UMB Muslim Students and Scholars Association

The month of Ramadan began on March 10. Ramadan is a period of spiritual reflection for Muslims all over the world. During this month, your Muslim students and colleagues will be fasting from dawn to sunset. Please be considerate of sunset times as they will need some time and space to break their fast. We at UMB are fortunate to have a very understanding and inclusive community, and we know we can count on you all to support our fasting Muslim friends. Thank you!

### Ramadan Iftars

**April 3 and April 8**

*7:00 PM | SMC Campus Center, First Floor Lobby (next to the bookstore)*

Ramadan Iftars gather Muslim and non-Muslim students, faculty, and staff to join and break their fast together during the month.

Sponsored by the UMB Muslim Students and Scholars Association.

## Upcoming Intercultural Center Events



**The Table Dialogue: The Significance of Ramadan**  
*April 3 | 12 - 1 pm | Virtual |*  
[Register Here](#)

In collaboration with the Muslim Students and Scholars Association, join us to discuss the significance of Ramadan and how to best support Muslim students, staff, and faculty.

**Bystander Intervention Training to Stop Hate and Harassment on Campus**  
*April 12 | 12 - 1:30 pm | Virtual |*  
[Register Here](#)

Hate has no place at UMB. Join us for this 90-minute interactive workshop, designed to empower students, staff, and faculty with the essential tools to navigate challenging moments on campus and make a difference for someone experiencing harm.



**Southwest Asian and North African / Middle Eastern Community Social Hour**  
*April 23 | 5:15 - 6:30 pm | SMC Campus Center, 208A |*  
[Register Here](#)

The Intercultural Center invites you to celebrate SWANA/Middle Eastern Heritage Month with a night of food, music, and opportunities to connect and build community. Come decorate your own ceramic tile and learn about SWANA/Middle Eastern history and culture through trivia and win a prize!



**Community Social Hour for Mature Students**  
*April 26 | 5:30 - 7 pm | Virtual |*  
[Register Here](#)

Are you returning back to school after working full time, shifting careers, and/or identify as a student parent and/or caregiver? The Intercultural Center in collaboration with the School of Dentistry's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion welcomes students from across UMB's seven schools to a community social hour to meet and build community with other mature students!



**Save the Date Nourish and Connect: Wellness in an Unwell World**

**May 2 | 5 - 6:30 pm | SMC Campus Center, Intercultural Center, Room 311 |**

**[Register Here](#)**

What does wellness look like when also experiencing the harms of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, transphobia, and other forms of oppression? Join fellow students for a nourish and connect dinner and dialogue hosted by the Intercultural Center and URecFit and Wellness.

## UMB Student Pantry



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 and Community Partner Events



**1807 Commission of Slavery and Racism Presentation, Findings, Q&A**  
*April 4 | 10 - 11:30 am | Hybrid | [Register Here](#)*

Join UMB leadership to learn about History Associates' Phase 1 findings in the company's research into the University's connection to slavery and racism.

The 1807 Commission of Slavery and Racism was formed in 2021 and tasked with evaluating research into the names of buildings at UMB and providing recommendations on appropriate reparative actions.



**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workshops**  
*Multiple Dates and Times | [Learn More Here](#)*

The Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (OEDI) hosts diversity, equity, and inclusion workshops that deeply connect to UMB's Core Values and Diversity Strategic Plan.

Through in-person and virtual workshops, Dr. Domonic Rollins will introduce, deepen, and expand your knowledge of DEI. These workshops are for all staff, regardless of your understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion concepts.



**JEDI Summit Spring 2024  
No Turning Back: Sustaining  
Progress Toward Equity and Inclusion**  
April 11 | 8:30 - 12 pm | SSW  
Auditorium | [Register Here](#)

This program is an opportunity for our School and University community to engage in dialogue across disciplines and differences to honor our goals of cultivating a just and inclusive community.

The theme for this year's summit is "NO TURNING BACK: SUSTAINING PROGRESS TOWARD EQUITY AND INCLUSION." The summit will be a half-day program with workshops focused on sustaining progress with the rise in anti-DEI legislation, understanding the rise of educational gag orders impacting higher education, and discussing the importance of cultivating a culture of dialogue during challenging times.

**Nourish and Connect Dinner Series  
- Dealing with Burnout**  
April 16 | 4 - 5:30 pm | Virtual |  
[Register Here](#)

Dr. Cassie Moon from the Student Counseling Center will discuss ways to manage burnout through stress management and improving your overall wellbeing.



**ECO-Fest**  
April 12 | 12 - 3 pm | UMB Health and Human Services 3 (HSF3) Outdoor Plaza |  
[Register Here](#)

This event's purpose is to connect and engage students in environmental opportunities and sustainable actions. This event hopes to generate greater visibility for the interconnections between the climate crisis, our personal lives, and our aspiring professions. Co-Sponsored by the USGA.

For the Plant/Book/Clothing Swaps, please feel free to bring any of the following gently used items you'd like to get rid of:

Plant supplies, cuttings, pots, etc.

Books of any kind  
Clothing of any kind (please, no undergarments)

Pre-registration is not required but preferred. Anyone pre-registered by April 5 will be entered into a drawing for a B.Willow Plant Care gift bag.

## 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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