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December 2014

Upcoming Events

12.02 Ferguson Teach-In

12:15 – 1:30 PM, Hilton 100

12.02 martes en familia

6:00 – 8:00 PM, The Hill

12.03 Black Family Gathering: Kwanzaa

5:00 PM, The Hill

12.04 Umoja (Unity) Walk and Candlelight Vigil

6:00 – 7:30 PM, Meet in one of four locations: Sacred Heart Chapel, Alumni Mall Flagpole, East Quad, Front of Hannon Library and proceed to Foley Fountain.

12.05 Campus Wide Shabbat Dinner

6:00 PM, The Hill

12.07 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Congratulations on finishing the fall 2014 semester!

As we close out 2014, I feel that it has been a fantastic year and an exciting fall semester for Ethnic and Intercultural Services Department. The initiatives we implemented and events we hosted have engaged our students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and the larger community. LMU students are receiving outstanding opportunities to grow academically, personally, and professionally inside the classroom as well as outside.

I am thankful to all of the many people who have been a part of Ethnic and Intercultural Services Department's outstanding success this past year. Each month, I have shared the many success stories of our students, innovative programs with students, faculty, and staff, and provided follow-ups to our dozens of exciting programs.

As we are getting ready for the holidays, one can observe that we have our American traditions of celebration, but it is interesting to see how people from other cultures celebrate this time of the year. Soon enough, we will return home to spend time with family and friends. I trust you will enjoy your well-deserved winter break. The change from a full schedule to free time offers an opportunity to focus on projects or interests you may have put aside over the past few months.

As we approach the new year, consider your aspirations for 2015. What do you hope to have accomplished academically, professionally, and personally by this time next year? Whatever your goals may be, on behalf of EIS, I wish you a happy and productive new year.

My best to you and your family for a happy holiday. We will see you next year!

Tips for Finals

1. Prioritize Exams: Spend more time studying for a course that you are not doing as well in rather than evenly dividing your study time among all of your finals.

2. Take Breaks: For every 50 minutes you study, take a 10 minute break.

3. Stay Healthy: It is important to stay healthy and well rested. If possible, get 8 – 9 hours of sleep, try to avoid eating too many unhealthy snacks, and burn off stress by going to the gym or taking a walk by the bluff.

4. Visualize: Visualize doing well on your exams. It is also okay to visualize your winter vacation. You have worked hard all semester; you definitely deserve a break!

Remember:
You can
do it!



Upcoming Events for Spring Semester

Be on the lookout for these upcoming spring semester events!

Asian Pacific Student Services (APSS)

- The Studio at DeJa View
- Lunar New Year Celebration

Black Student Services (BSS)

- Black Family Gatherings
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service

Chicano Latino Student Services (CLSS)

- martes en familia: Spring Welcome Back
- Cesar Chavez Interfaith Service & Workers Appreciation Luncheon
- Latino Overnight

Jewish Student Life (JSL)

- Campus Wide Shabbat Dinners
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Passover/ Shabbat Celebration

EIS Winter Break Hours

EIS will be open during regular business hours on December 22- 23 and January 5 – 9.

Senior Graduation Celebrations

Seniors, save the date for EIS graduation celebrations. More details to follow!

04.24 Asian Pacific Islander Graduation Celebration

Lawton and The Hill, 5:00 – 9:00 PM

05.03 Graduation Celebration: Dia De Reconocimiento

Sacred Heart Chapel, 10:00 AM

05.08 Kente Graduation Celebration

Sacred Heart Chapel, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

05.08 Jewish Student Life Reception and Blessing for Graduates

Malone 112, 5:30 PM

Looking for Spring Semester Courses?

Consider adding one of these classes below! More courses can be found in the course directory.

Faculty: Please submit your courses related to ethnicity and inclusivity to EIS at eis@lmu.edu for inclusion in January's *InterCultural Focus*.

African American Studies

AFAM 150.01/02 Black Cultural Arts

Dr. Adilifu Nama

CRN: 74988 / 74989

TR 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM / 1:35 – 2:50 PM

AFAM 155.01/02 African American History

Dr. Marne Campbell

CRN: 72754/74990

TR 9:25 – 10:40 AM / 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM

AFAM 398.04 LA Communities & Social Change

Dr. Deanna Cooke

CRN: 76039

T 4:30 – 7:00 PM

AFAM 435.01 Sex, Race & Violence

Dr. Barbara Lang

CRN: 74842

W 7:15 – 9:45 PM

Chicana/o Studies

CHST 116.01/02 Intro Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies

Dr. Karen Mary Davalos

CRN: 76090

TR 9:25-10:40 AM

CHST 116.02 Intro Chicana/o-Latina/o Studies

Dr. Annemarie Perez

CRN: 76165

R 4:30 – 7:00 PM

CHST 332.01 Survey: Chicana/o-Latina/o Lit

Dr. Juan Mah y Busch

CRN: 71813

MWF 11:00 – 11:50 AM

CHST 407.01 Mexican Presence in L.A. Art

Dr. Karen Mary Davalos

CRN: 75911

TR 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM

Jewish Studies

JWST 100.01/03 Intro to Hebrew Bible

CRN: 76120 / 76122

Dr. Jina Kang

TR 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM / TR 1:35 – 2:50 PM

JWST 100.02 Intro to Hebrew Bible

CRN: 76121

Dr. Daniel Smith - Christopher

MWF 1:00 – 1:50 PM

JWST 300.01 Modern Jewish History

Dr. Margarete Feinstein

CRN: 73964

TR 9:25 – 10:40 AM

JWST 375.01/02 Judaism: Religion, History, Culture

Dr. Amy Hill Shevitz

CRN: 76123 / 76124

TR 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM / 1:35– 2:50 PM

Asian Pacific American Studies

APAM 198.01 Intro to Pacific American Studies

Dr. Edward Park

CRN: 74994

TR 8:00 – 9:15 AM

APAM 198.01 Intro to Pacific American Studies

Dr. Curtiss Rooks

CRN: 74849

MWF 9:00 – 9:50 AM

APAM 198.04 Contemporary Issues of Asian Pacific Americans

Dr. Edward Park

CRN: 76056

TR 1:35 – 2:50 PM

APAM 427.01 Asian American Psychology

Dr. Paul Vu

CRN: 76058

MW 3:00 – 4:15 PM

Student Spotlight: Darren Ward

Hometown: Lancaster, California

Major: Finance

Student Classification: Sophomore



Why did you choose to work at Ethnic & Intercultural Services?

"I chose to work with EIS because the professional staff there is family. They all, even the new Interim Director of Black Student Services, Dr. Sessoms, are just genuine and want to see everyone that comes through that office leaves a better person, and they really go out of their way to ensure that. Their work is priceless and they deserve raises, and I'm not just saying that because I work with them."

What are your plans for the future?

"My main plan for the future is to become a mogul and to own an NBA Team, but before that occurs I plan to own some franchises, employ a multitude of people and to provide an avenue for people who are struggling to have a better life whether it be through scholarships or internships. Someone once said that all people want in life is to be known and to make a difference and that's what I plan on doing."

What are your passions and what are you involved with, both on and off campus?

"Other than Basketball I have a passion for connecting with people in a variety of interesting, spontaneous, and fun ways. That passion then translates into the programming and other activities that I do as a President of Brothers of Consciousness. I am also a founding brother of Praxis Academy. I am involved with Black Student Union and The Learning Community. I have an internship to help keep my money, and I also do a lot of spontaneous things on and off campus, for example I was recently an actor in Keanu Reeve's short film."

What are you looking forward to doing during winter break?

"Besides all of the family time and no homework and presents (of course), I am really looking forward to going to the gym; I love to play basketball there and lifting with my friends."



Student Spotlight: Brenda Lara

Hometown: Huntington Park, CA
Majors: Philosophy and Political Science
Student Classification: Sophomore



Why did you choose to work at Ethnic & Intercultural Services?

"I liked the idea of working in an office that is involved in bringing awareness about important issues to campus. I also enjoy the work environment at EIS. It is extremely diverse and each one of my coworkers is a bright, insightful, and kind individual."

What are your plans for the future?

"I am deciding between two pathways. The first is to become a civil rights lawyer. The second is to be a Philosophy Professor. I am leaning more toward the second pathway because there are currently less than handful of Latinas who teach philosophy. The field of philosophy needs more diversity and a broader perspective than just western ideologies. I want to contribute to making that possible."

What are your passions and what are you involved with, both on and off campus?

"I have a passion for philosophy of race. Currently I am working on a proposal to analyze Mestiza Consciousness through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, which I am extremely excited and invested in. On campus I currently work for the office of Chicano/a Latino Student Services. I am also part of the ASLMU Interculturalism Committee; I am a member of MEChA, a Bunche Global Initiative Scholar, and an ACE Scholar. Off campus my focus is on policy debate. During the summer I teach at a debate institute for urban high school students at USC and throughout the year I volunteer as a judge for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League."

What are you looking forward to doing during winter break?

"I'm going to Mexico to visit some family members during the break. I haven't seen them in years so I am extremely excited about that. I am also excited about getting some sleep and watching Netflix. I haven't had leisure time in a very long time."

Summer 2015 STEM Research and Internship Opportunities

The Institute for Broadening Participation *Pathways to Science* Program is accepting applications for paid summer internships and research opportunities. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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