



ETHNIC & INTERCULTURAL SERVICES

ENGAGE
EMPOWER
EXPLORE

InterCultural Focus

January 2015

January Events

01.20 martes en familia: Spring Welcome
6:00 – 8:00 PM, The Hill

01.20 Third Tuesday
7:00– 9:00 PM, The Living Room

01.22 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
12:15 – 1:30 PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

01.22 LMU Latino/a Theology & Ministry Initiative
7:00 PM, Burns Back Court

01.23 Campus-Wide Shabbat Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM, The Bird's Nest

01.27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
6:00 – 8:00 PM, McIntosh Center

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you have had a wonderful start to this New Year and wish you the best during your spring semester.

Through this newsletter, we call attention to programs that are advancing the University's interest in building an inclusive and intercultural community.

In addition to the work highlighted in this newsletter, I encourage you to peruse the EIS website which has been updated this past semester and features additional information about programming on campus, as well as links and materials of related interest. In other words, the website shares many of the ways in which you can Explore, Engage and Empower yourself.

I hope you find these communications to be of value and interest, and that they inspire pride and participation in our campus community.



Fall 2014 Awards & Recognitions

The Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators (JASPA) recognized Ethnic and Intercultural Services in the fall 2014 for their outstanding commitment to interculturalism and inclusion in the following areas:

First Year Orientation – “Understanding our Culture” Sessions

The August Orientation sessions were recognized for its outstanding commitment to cultural competency. The Intercultural Facilitators led discussions for the “Understanding Our Culture.” The goals for these sessions were to define and demystify the notion of Interculturalism and give voice to the inclusive nature of the campus. Dr. Jennifer Belichesky-Larson & Mr. Henry Ward were the leads for this opportunity.



The Tomodachi Inouye Leadership Scholars Program

This grant initiative was recognized for its innovative, forward thinking strategies to develop global leaders and promote cultural exchange. The grant implementation demonstrated effective collaboration and partnership between the Asian Pacific American Studies Program (APAM) and Ethnic and Intercultural Services (EIS) Department. The program honored the life and legacy of Senator Daniel K. Inouye by introducing scholars to Senator Inouye’s contributions to his state, country, heritage, and to the U.S.-Japan relationship. Dr. Curtiss Takada-Rooks was the lead for the program.



Ethnic and Intercultural Services Identification Program

The project was acknowledged for its successful cooperation and partnership between the College of Communications and Fine Art (Graphic Design), College of Business Administration (Marketing), and Ethnic and Intercultural Services (EIS) Department. The academic and student affairs team sought to connect interested students from each unit to develop the message, design, and brand identity for the Social Justice Series. Students were in Graphic Design, Marketing and EIS. The three cluster groups met for four weeks and competed the Social Justice Series brand. Three judges reviewed their presentations: Nathan Sessoms (EIS), Julian Saint Clair (Marketing), and Dean Sheibel (Communication/Fine Arts).

Group three (3) composed by Ana Cornejo, Aaron DeLaTorre, Christine Ng, and Kat Zimmerman (pictured: right) won the competition and their work will be the branding for the Social Justice Series next year.

Dr. Mitchell Hamilton and Garland Kirkpatrick were the outstanding faculty leads of this project. Mr. Aris Mosier, Director of Asian Pacific Student Services was the lead for Ethnic and Intercultural Services.





Tunnel of Oppression & Hope

The program was recognized for its community impact at LMU. For the first time, the program was implemented during the weekend. The LMU community witnessed various forms of oppression such as racism, stereotypes, homophobia, immigration, classism, homelessness, body image, and the Jesuit martyrs. Participants engaged in an active debriefing where they discussed the experience and learn how they can rethink their role in creating positive social change. Tunnel of Hope presented community resources and activities for taking action. The committee included several units and departments campus-wide.

Special thanks to the lead team Steve Desir, Mike De Vera, and Dino Entac (Student Housing); Aris Mosier, Nathan Sessoms, and Henry Ward (Ethnic and Intercultural Services); and Deanna Cooke (Academic Affairs). Other influential committee members were: Samantha Hartman and Patrick Furlong (Campus Ministry), Ashanti Blaize-Hopkins (Student Media), Megan Garrison (Student Leadership and Development), El-Lenor Barbre (Housing), Tom King (Center for Service and Action), Tom Nelson (Student Media), Lisha Maddox (First Year Programs), Matt Casana (Athletics), and a variety of student organizations.

Hillel International Drive - Excellence Award for Campus Partnership

Jewish Student Life was honored for their excellence in collaboration between Jewish life and Loyola Marymount University.

Nominations Needed for Dia de Reconocimiento Graduation Ceremony

You are invited to nominate Chican@/Latin@ students who have distinguished themselves academically, spiritually, and/or as leaders in service.

Chicano Latino Student Services annually honors outstanding graduating Chican@/Latin@ students for their leadership and service to the campus and local community, as well as their dedication to the mission and goals of CLSS. The awards will be presented at Día de Reconocimiento (Celebration of Latino Graduates) on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Several outstanding graduating student leaders are worthy of recognition. We invite you to submit nominations to the awards committee. This year all nominations will be received online, no hard copies please! You may review the descriptions for each award by clicking [HERE](#).

Scroll to the bottom of the page when you are ready to submit your nomination on our online form. Nominations are due online by no later than 11:59 pm on Friday, January 30, 2015.

Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated throughout the month of February and recognizes the achievements and heritage of the Black community. Carter G. Woodson originally established “Negro History Week” in the 1920s and selected February in order to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, who fought for the freedom of American slaves. The celebration of African American heritage was subsequently expanded to one month in 1976.



Student Spotlight: Giovanni Douresseau

Major: Political Science

Student Classification: Senior

Tomodachi Inouye Scholars Program

Praxis Academy



Giovanni Douresseau’s life transformed when he was introduced to surfing at the age of 12. Surfing enabled Giovanni to discover new possibilities and opportunities. He is now a district office intern for U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass, assisting in organizing monthly town halls and handling casework assignments. Additionally, he is an award-winning debater and aspires to work in the U.S. government, motivated by his desire to serve others.

EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES

Asian American Expo, Pomona

January 17 – January 18

[Event Information](#)

Artist Proof Studio: A Journey of Reconciliation, Laband Art Gallery

January 24 – March 22

[Event Information](#)

Lunar New Year Festival, Pasadena

January 31

[Event Information](#)

Los Angeles Museum Free for All Day, Various Locations

January 31 – February 01

[Event Information](#)

Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and Sale, Los Angeles

January 31 – March 8

[Event Information](#)

Family of Schools Volunteers Needed

Interested in working with students in K-12 schools? Consider conducting community service hours with Family of Schools. LMU students can volunteer through Lions for Learning as part of paid work study or unpaid positions through Family of Schools.

If interested, please contact Skye Parr at skye.parr@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events in Spring 2015

EIS assists students in creating a dynamic understanding of themselves, understanding themselves in relation to others and cultivating university citizens and leaders. In service to the university and broader community, EIS engages in strategic alliances that enhance the understanding of race, ethnicity, gender, culture and religious belief and its impact on the community.

- **Upcoming February Events**

- Black History Month – check out our February newsletter for the calendar
- Ongoing conversations with students and faculty

Student Spotlight: Joseph Young

Major: Political Science and Screenwriting

Student Classification: Sophomore

Intercultural Facilitator



Joseph Young is a Tomodachi Inouye Scholar who is currently taking Japanese Politics with Professor Gene Park, which provides LMU students with an opportunity to travel to Japan. Young initially became interested in Japan through his love for anime, but participating in the Tomodachi Inouye Scholars program solidified his interest in Japanese culture and politics. Young is looking forward to the course, stating, *“I think that there are a lot of things both the U.S. and Japan can learn from one another. Currently the class will be focusing more on contemporary Japanese issues such as the aging population, the usage of nuclear energy, and the emergence in China in relation to Japan, etc. We will also be hosting a delegation of Japanese business leaders, artists, and the former ambassador from Japan to the United States.”* Joseph has a strong interest in politics, law, and writing.

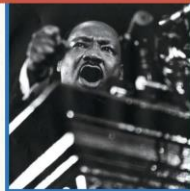


THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 2015
SACRED HEART CHAPEL
12:15 P.M.

A celebration of the indelible life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his vision of unity, selflessness, and service to others.

Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Ethnic & Intercultural Services Department/Black Student Services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SHOULD YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EIS OFFICE AT (310) 338-5808.



“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

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BLACK STUDENT SERVICES
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Graduation Celebration Registrations

Are you a senior who is interested in participating in the API, Día de Reconocimiento, or Kente graduation celebrations? Click on the links below to register!

API Graduation Celebration

Click [HERE](#) for Registration

Deadline to register is April 17th

Día de Reconocimiento

Click [HERE](#) for Registration

Deadline to register is February 13th

Kente Celebration

Click [HERE](#) for Registration

Deadline to register is February 27th

IGNATIUS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Sign up for a one unit class in the Ignatius Leadership Institute.
EDLA 489, 490, or 491

Open Sections

The Interior Life

EDLA 489: Individual Values

Monday | 3:00-4:15 | CRN:70403
Monday | 7:15-8:30 | CRN:74481
Tuesday | 3:00-4:15 | CRN:74224
Wednesday | 4:30-5:45 | 74698

Companions in Action

EDLA 490: Group Values

Tuesday | 3:00-4:15 | CRN:70879

Communitas

EDLA 491: Societal Values

Monday | 4:30-5:45 | CRN:75539
Thursday | 7:15-8:30 | CRN:74482

Themed Sections

The Interior Life

EDLA 489: Individual Values

Monday | 3:00-4:15 | CRN:76211
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Latino Leadership
Tuesday | 1:35-2:50 | CRN:72220
Women's Leadership
Wednesday | 4:30-5:45 | 76214
Service Org. Leadership
Friday | 3:00-4:15 | CRN:76213
Greek Leadership

Companions in Action

EDLA 490: Group Values

Friday | 3:00-4:15 | CRN:76215
Athletes Leadership



WHO ARE WE? We focus on the development of students as leaders of themselves, their groups, and their community. We help realize their potential to create change and live as men and women with and for others.
For more info: Anthony Garrison-Engbrecht - (310)338-2877 - anthony.garrison@lmu.edu

EIS Social Media Merger

APSS, BSS, JSL, and CLSS Facebook pages will be consolidated into the EIS Facebook page by summer 2015. If you are interested in receiving news and updates from these departments, please follow EIS on Facebook [HERE](#).

Would you like to contribute to the *InterCultural Focus* newsletter?

Please submit your ideas or articles via email at eis@lmu.edu for review by our Newsletter Committee.



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