EIS ETHNIC & INTERCULTURAL SERVICES

InterCultural Focus

February 2015

February Events

Black History Month
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02.03 Tu B'Shvat Seder
6:00 – 8:00 PM, The Hill

02.13 Family Weekend Shabbat Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM, McIntosh Center

02.14 Catholics and the Civil Rights Movement
9:30 – 11:30 AM, University Hall

02.24 Lunar New Year Celebration
12:15 – 1:15 PM, TBD

02.24 First Amendment Week Event
5:00 – 6:00 PM, Burns Back court

02.25 The Studio
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DejaView Theater

02.26 APSS Student Alumni Mixer
6:00 – 8:00 PM, TBD

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

At Loyola Marymount University (LMU), the Ethnic and Intercultural Services Team prides itself to assist 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.

As we get into the month of February, LMU will be celebrating Black History Month throughout the month with dialogues, movie screens, plays and performances. Please see the listings for a full description of events on the next page. I encourage you to at least attend one of the many opportunities to engage in discourse, reflect about the many factors that shape our own approach to educating students and empower our intercultural community to seek ways to regularly think about issues of justice and equality.

Graduation Celebration Registrations

Interested in participating in the API, Día de Reconocimiento, or Kente graduation celebrations? Click on the links below to register! The deadline to register for these events is Friday, February 13th by 5:00 PM.

API Graduation Celebration
Click HERE for Registration

Día de Reconocimiento
Click HERE for Registration

Kente Celebration
Click HERE for Registration

A CENTURY OF BLACK LIFE, HISTORY, AND CULTURE.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF
Tuesday, February 3rd
12:15 - 1:15PM I ALUMNI MALL

THE RETURN OF THE POTATO PIE SOCIAL
Wednesday, February 4th
4:00 - 6:00PM I MALONE 112

VOICES AND SILENCES:
AN EVENING OF PLAYS BY WOMEN OF COLOR
February 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th
8:00PM I BARNELLE THEATER

BLACK FAMILY DIALOGUE
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: *CHAOS OR COMMUNITY?*
Tuesday, February 10th
5:00 - 7:00PM I THE HILL

BLACK HERITAGE POETRY SLAM
Thursday, February 12th
7:00 - 10:00PM I THE LIVING ROOM

CATHOLICS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
Saturday, February 14th and 28th
9:30 - 11:30PM I UNIVERSITY HALL

VOICES OF THE CIVIL WAR
SCREENING OF *12 YEARS A SLAVE*
Monday, February 23rd
6:00 - 9:00PM I DEJA VIEW THEATER

PANEL DISCUSSION & DIALOGUE ON *12 YEARS A SLAVE*
Wednesday, February 25th
7:30 - 9:30PM I VDA SUITE

FIRST AMENDMENT WEEK EVENT
Tuesday, February 24th
5:00 - 6:00PM I BURNS BACK COURT

VALLEY SONG:
A STAGED READING OF ATHOL FUGARD
Tuesday, February 24th
7:00PM I LABAND ART GALLERY

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

Student Spotlight: Kalia Walker

Major: Psychology and Women's Studies
Student Classification: Sophomore
Hometown: Oakland, CA
Intercultural Facilitator

Why did you choose to work at Ethnic & Intercultural Services, specifically the Intercultural Facilitators?

I chose to work in Ethnic & Intercultural services as an IF because I believe it's important to discuss the topics of race, gender, sexuality, and culture in an open forum that considers various individual perspectives and experiences. Too often, we avoid having conversations about these very important topics that have a tremendous impact on the world in which we live. The discussions that the IFs facilitate around these topics encourage people to have open and honest dialogues about the issues facing our community and discussing the problem is the first step to finding a solution.

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

I'm very passionate about empowering underprivileged girls. I had a lot of very strong women in my life who have helped me get to where I am. However, not every girl has a strong female role model in her life that she can look up to, so I would love to be a role model and mentor for those girls. The women's leadership and women's studies classes that I have taken on campus have really ignited my passion and I'm hoping to attain an internship this summer with a non-profit organization that works with underprivileged girls in inner-city public schools.

What are your plans for the future?

I would like to work for a non-profit organization like Girls Inc. and eventually start my own non-profit organization that focuses on empowering young girls by reminding them of their true value and importance.

Hillel Argentina Trip

In December, ten Jewish LMU students explored Argentina on a fascinating cultural immersion trip. Along with Jewish students from Syracuse University, LMU students explored the world of Jewish non-profits and how these organizations interact with both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities of Argentina. In addition, the students celebrated Chanukah (the Jewish festival of lights), performed service work in a variety of settings, and learned about Jewish life in South America all while meeting Argentinians and getting a glimpse into a rich and colorful culture.

Student Spotlight: Alex Factor

Major: Finance
Student Classification: Junior
Hometown: Mill Valley, CA
Intercultural Facilitator

Why did you choose to work at Ethnic & Intercultural Services, specifically the Intercultural Facilitators?
"I saw the Intercultural Facilitator program as an opportunity to develop myself as a more wholesome person while at the same time being able to benefit other individuals. I myself have gone through many challenges in my life where I have suffered and fortunately have come out healthier from it. During those stages, I told myself that I wouldn't want anyone to feel as much pain as I once had. This program allows me to speak up for justice and denounce injustice whenever I see it. I am given the opportunity to create authentic dialogues that identify the ways in which we all experience privilege and oppression, with the intention focused upon how we are able to open the doors of access and opportunity for everyone, particularly those greatest in need."

What are your passions and what are you involved with, both on and off campus?
"My main passions revolve around Yoga. I love sharing my practice with others through teaching classes and workshops. On campus, besides being an Intercultural Facilitator, I am a Resident Advisor, active member in Crimson Circle Service Organization, on the executive board and one of the teachers for the Yoga Club, and am currently in the midst of planning a yoga festival for National Eating Disorder Awareness month."

What are your plans for the future?
"To work with children and make sure my life revolves around things that are meaningful to me. My dream is to create a support system that reinforces the ideals and beliefs that children have coming into this world and providing them with the necessary tools to help them navigate throughout their own life with whatever negative preconceived beliefs are pushed onto them or any challenges they may experience within their life."

Breakfast & Transformative Conversations

The second annual EIS Breakfast and Transformative Conversations event highlighted a few of our exceptional collaborations from last year. The ultimate goal was to connect with valued members of our intercultural community to create an opportunity to connect to learn more about their work and how we could partner to advance student learning.

The event was well attended and a few student presenters shared their experiences including Ana Cornejo, a senior, who spoke on her work with the EIS Identification Program; Alejandro Parra, a senior who shared his experience as a Latino Leadership Initiative participant; Trent Nakamura, a senior and Evelyn Jiang, a junior who described their participation in the Asian Pacific American Coalition; Joseph Young, a sophomore who described his involvement with the Tomodachi Inouye Scholars Program; Caroline Schreiber, a senior who shared her experience working with the Hillel Intern Program; Connor Smith, sophomore who described his experience with Praxis Academy and Alexander Factor, a junior Finance major who spoke on his experience in the Intercultural Facilitator Program.

EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES

African American History Celebration, Los Angeles Zoo
February 7 – February 8
Event Information

Chinese New Year Festival, Downtown Los Angeles
February 21
Event Information

African American Festival, Long Beach
February 21 – February 22
Event Information

Long Beach Mardi Gras & Carnevale, Long Beach
February 28
Event Information

Would you like to contribute to the *Inter*Cultural Focus newsletter?

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

EIS Social Media Merger

APSS, BSS, CLSS, and JSL 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.

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