DU In-Seat and Transport Diversity Lecture Series

We are so excited to share with you our vision for the DU In-Seat and Transport Diversity Lectures, which is a combination of presentations offered by DU and/or co-sponsored through our community partnerships. Do not pass up these opportunities to support and enhance learning by engaging with experts and community members on topics of interest. All lectures are free.

See the DEI Cultural Engagement Events at http://www.davenport.edu/office-diversity-equity-inclusion/about-us/initiatives/events-calendar for complete descriptions and series updates. Also, please notify us of your diversity-related lectures so they can be on the list, diversityis@davenport.edu.

September 25, 2012
“Intersections of Neurodiversity and Universal Design for Learning in the Classroom”
Dr. Neil Shepard & Jean Hanks
11am-12pm
DU Lettinga Campus – Room 202
Live-Streamed and Archived to DEI website

This Munch and Learn event will begin by exploring both historical and contemporary issues surrounding neurodiversity—the concept that neurological differences, such as developmental disabilities, should be reconsidered by society as a “normal” human difference. Our presentation will then juxtapose this knowledge of neurodiversity with an understanding of Universal Design for Learning.

Our goal: To begin to understand how these two ideas can be deployed in the classroom to improve the lives of our students.

Munchies will be provided!

October 3, 2012
“DU Transport Lecture – Who We Be: The Colorization of America”
7:00pm
Jeff Chang, Executive Director of the Institute for Diversity and Arts – Stanford University
Fountain Street Church
24 Fountain Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI

Jeff Chang is a radical historian with both street cred and academic chops. Chang addresses multiculturalism, race relations, student activism, political engagement, the state of the arts, and
the politics of abandonment. His book, *Can’t Stop Won’t Stop: A History of the Hip-Hop Generation* is only ostensibly about hip-hop; it’s really a cultural history. In his follow-up, *Who We Be*, he traces the rise of multiculturalism—its roots, its triumphs, its commercialization—to tell a new, vibrant, and necessary people’s history. Jeff Chang is the Executive Director of the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University.

**October 4, 2012**

“Inclusive Communities: Advancing Effective Inclusion Strategies in the Higher Education”
Christine Clark, Ed.D. & Lee A. Gill J.D.
7:30am-1:30pm
DU Lettinga Campus – Sneden Auditorium

This West Michigan College and University Presidents’ Compact Committee Presidents’ Breakfast & Retreat is open to WMPCC member presidents and WMPCC committee members. Immediately following the breakfast is the President and Senior Administrator Retreat, which features plenary speakers, working sessions, and opportunities for networking.

**Featured Speakers**

**Christine Clark, Ed.D.,** - Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Senior Scholar for Multicultural Education, and Founding Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas
She is the co-editor of *Just How Important are Equity and Diversity in Higher Education? Stories From the Frontlines.* Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. (2012)

**Lee A. Gill, J.D.,** - Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Equity/Chief Diversity for the University of Akron.
He is the president of the Ohio Diversity Officers Collaborative, the principal organization of diversity officers at Ohio institutions of higher education. He is also a member of the National Advisory Committee for the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education.

**October 17, 2012**

2012 Inaugural Common Read “The Other Wes Moore”
Wes Moore, Author
7pm-8pm
DU Lettinga Campus – Student Center & Live-Streamed

Featuring author Wes Moore presenting in person:

*Overview*

“The chilling truth is that his story could have been mine. The tragedy is that my story could have been his.” Moore.

Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up
fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? Wes Moore, the author of this fascinating book, sets out to answer this profound question. In alternating narratives that take readers from heart-wrenching losses to moments of surprising redemption, *The Other Wes Moore* tells the story of a generation of boys trying to find their way in a hostile world.

**October 18, 2012**  
*Acts of Courage: A Celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month*  
Paul Chavez, President of the National Farm Workers Service Center, Inc.  
10am-11am  
DU Lettinga Campus – Sneden Auditorium & Live-Streamed

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month and in partnership with the local Committee to Honor César E Chávez, we will hear from Paul Chavez, son of the late civil rights leader César E. Chávez & President of the National Farm Workers Service Center, Inc.  
January 21, 2013  
“Silent March and Celebration”  
12:30pm – Silent March  
1:00pm – Keynote Address (Live-Streamed)  
DU Lettinga Campus – Sneden Auditorium

The DU community will come together for our annual Dr. Martin Luther King commemorative program. This year’s speaker will be U.S. Attorney Patrick Miles who was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 29, 2012 to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on June 29, 2012 and assumed office on July 9, 2012.

**October 24, 2012**  
*“DU Transport Lecture – Burn Down the Ground”*  
Kambri Crews, Author  
7:00pm  
Fountain Street Church  
24 Fountain Street NE  
Grand Rapids, MI

Kambri Crews once lived with her deaf parents in a tiny shed in Montgomery, Texas. She now runs her own PR and production company in New York City and is the author of the critically acclaimed memoir, *Burn Down the Ground*, her story of overcoming poverty, violence and near-crippling adversity. Crews uses comedic storytelling with brutal honesty and fearless humor and inspires with her motto and guiding philosophy, “Life’s Tough, Laugh More.” She is a co-producer of the ECNY Awards and has produced dozens of shows featuring comedians and writers from The Onion, The Daily Show to Saturday Night Live.
### November 13, 2012

**“DU Transport Lecture – Digital Nation”**
Douglas Rushkoff, Ph.D.
7:00pm
Fountain Street Church
24 Fountain Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI

Douglas Rushkoff, Ph.D. is a graphic novelist and globally recognized media and technology theorist specializing in new media and internet culture. He originated several ideas ranging from “viral media” to “social currency” with insight on how interactive communications affect our society as we create, share, and influence each other’s values. Rushkoff is a CNN commentator, author of 12 books, including the *Gen-X Reader, Screenagers, Life Inc.: How Corporatism Conquered the World, and How We Can Take It Back*. He is best known for his association with the early cyberpunk culture, and his advocacy of open source solutions to social problems.

### January 21, 2013

**“MLK Silent March and Celebration”**
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### January 22, 2013

**“Judge Glenda Hatchett – Keynote Speaker”**
10am-11am
DU Lettinga Campus – Sneden Auditorium

Nationally recognized as an expert on juvenile and social issues, Judge Hatchett speaks with authority on saving the generations of today and the future. With compassion and credibility, she affirms that her brand of justice matters for all.

A jurist beyond reproach, her experience as the first African American Chief Presiding Judge of Atlanta's Fulton County Juvenile Court catapulted her to the forefront of the national justice system.

### February 13, 2013

**“DU Transport Lecture – Dare You to Move”**
LZ Granderson, Sports Columnist
7:00pm
LZ Granderson writes a weekly column for CNN.com, and is a senior writer and columnist for ESPN The Magazine and ESPN.com. He is a contributor to ESPN’s Sports Center, Outside the Lines and First Take. This former Detroit gang members rose to be selected a Hechinger Fellow at Columbia University. LZ’s commentary, reaches well beyond the world of athletics tackling subjects such as use of the N-word in the Black community, the presence of gays in the locker room, and the truths and lies of reverse racism. Prior to joining ESPN, Mr. Granderson was a sports columnist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and The Grand Rapids Press.

March 13, 2013
“DU Transport Lecture – Quiet, The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking”
Susan Cain, Author
7:00pm
Fountain Street Church
24 Fountain Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI

Susan Cain is a former corporate lawyer and negotiations consultant—and a self-described introvert. Her book has sparked a genuine national conversation about introverts. Although our culture undervalues them dramatically, introverts have made some of the great contributions to society—from Chopin’s nocturnes to the invention of the personal computer to Gandhi’s transformative leadership. Based on intensive research in psychology and neurobiology, Cain argues that we design our schools, workplaces, and religious institutions for extroverts, and that this bias creates a waste of talent, energy, and happiness.