



CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR SAVE THE DATES

Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

As plans are finalized, the Cultural Engagement Calendar is regularly updated. To download a current calendar in pdf format, go to www.davenport.edu/dei/calendar.

To subscribe to the Cultural Engagement Calendar, go to "Other Calendars" in DMail and in the search box type Cultural Engagement.

If you would like to propose activities or programs to be included on the Cultural Engagement Calendar, email us at diversityis@davenport.edu and put "CEC" in the subject line.

FALL 2018

AUGUST

College of Urban Education Symposium

August 11, 9 am–4 pm, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

The 10:30 am - 11:30 am keynote address is open to DU employees and students. Keynote Speaker, Brian Gutman, Director of The Education Trust - Midwest, will speak on Every Student Succeeds Act and its impact on Michigan educators. For more information, contact Dr Susan Gunn, Susan.Gunn@davenport.edu.

SEPTEMBER

Environmental Justice & You

September 18, 2-3:30 pm, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

Panelists will share of major environmental issues impacting our communities and meaningful ways to get involved so no group of people disproportionately bear negative environmental consequences. Panel Discussion featuring (1) Bill Wood, Executive Director of West Michigan Environmental Action Council giving an Environmental Justice overview of the three issues impacting Grand Rapids: childhood lead poisoning, vapor intrusion, and PFAS, (2) Lyonel Lagrone, Policy Liaison from LINC-UP expanding upon vapor intrusion in neighborhoods, and (3) Lin Bardwell, Water Protector, Community Organizer, Co-Founder of Three Fires Alliance, discussing organizing in the Native community as it relates to Standing Rock and other Environmental Justice issues.

For more information, contact diversityis@davenport.edu.

For Live stream, go to <http://www.davenport.edu/streaming>.

Latino Placemaking in Grand Rapids

September 18, 5:30 – 8 pm, Cook Library Center, 1100 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids

This interactive workshop will focus on the Latino experience in Downtown GR and new ways to grow a welcoming place for all. The workshop will be facilitated by James Rojas, an urban planner, community activist, artist and founder of Los Angeles-based PLACE IT!

This event is free to attend. Childcare, snacks and beverages provided. Space is limited. RSVP here:

lccrojasluncheon.eventbrite.com

OCTOBER

Modern Day Slavery for Black and Brown People: The Parallels between Mass Incarceration and Mass Deportation/Detainment

October 4, 5:30 pm Doors open. 6:30 pm Program begins.

Wealthy Theatre, 1130 Wealthy Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

This event is sponsored by the Grand Rapids A. Philip Randolph Institute in partnership with Urban Core Collective. Dr. Rhae-Ann Booker, DU's executive director of diversity, equity, and inclusion will co-facilitate the panel discussion. For more information, contact Maggi Rivera (rivera.yourvoice.now@gmail.com).

Week Without Violence

10/8 11 am-1 pm Clothesline Project

10/10 4-6 pm 13th Documentary

10/11 No Silence End Violence: The Social Experiment

10/11 11 am-1 pm You Are Loved Day

For more information, contact studentlife@davenport.edu.

2018 NAMI Walks: Grand Rapids

October 13, 10 am-12 pm, W.A. Lettinga Campus

For more information, contact Dr. Neil Shepard, Neil.Shepard@davenport.edu.

Made in Michigan Interfaith Leadership Lab: A one-day training exploring interfaith and leadership skills

October 13, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Grand Valley State University Robert C. Pew Downtown Grand Rapids Campus

DU joins are colleges and universities in sponsoring the Made in Michigan interfaith Leadership Lab. Tickets are \$15 and include t-shirt and meals. Scholarships are available. Register at tinyurl.com/mimil18

For more information, contact:

Kevin McIntosh

Coordinator, Campus Interfaith Resources

Campus Engagement Manager, Kaufman Interfaith Institute

GVSU Division of Inclusion and Equity

616-331-3207

Cultural Diversity Field Trip

October 17, 7 am-10:30 pm, Depart from W.A. Lettinga Campus

This trip includes visiting the Holocaust Museum, The Heidelberg Project, The Islamic Center, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the Blue Nile Restaurant. The \$30 registration fee covers it all and includes transportation, two meals and all museum fees. Register and pay online: www.davenport.edu/experiential-learning. For more information, contact Lindsey Shull, lshull@davenport.edu.

International Pronouns Day

October, 17, 11 am – 6:30 pm

This first International Pronouns Day seeks to encourage asking, sharing and respecting personal pronouns so that individuals can identify their gender in a manner consistent with human dignity. Being referred to by the wrong pronouns particularly affects transgender and gender nonconforming people, including those on college and university campuses.

From 11 am - 6:30 pm, come to the Lettinga Lower Lobby outside the Panther Den to pick up a button or label and to take a photo. This event is sponsored by student organization Diversify.

For more information, contact Dr. Colleen Coughlin, ccoughlin1@davenport.edu

“Oman” featuring Dr. Fahad Bishara

October 18, 7 pm-8:15 pm (Live Stream via “the World Affairs Council of western michigan” Facebook Page)

This presentation is part of the World Affairs Council’s Fall Lecture Series titled Shifting Sands in the Arabian Peninsula. For more information, contact (616) 776-1271.

Fahad Bishara specializes in the economic and legal history of the Indian Ocean and Islamic world. His book, *A Sea of Debt: Law and Economic Life in the Western Indian Ocean, 1780-1950* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) is a legal history of economic life in the Western Indian Ocean, told through the story of the Arab and Indian settlement and commercialization of East Africa during the nineteenth century. It was the recipient of the J. Willard Hurst Prize (awarded by the Law and Society Association) and the Jerry Bentley prize (awarded by the World History Association). He is currently working on a history of the Arab dhow trade between the Gulf and the Indian Ocean during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a project which takes on issues of global capitalism, international law, empire, mobility, and scale in historical writing.

“Music Beyond Boundaries” Indian Festival (West Michigan Bengali Assoc.)

October 20, 9 am—9 pm, October 21, 4-6pm, Comstock Park High School, 150 6 Mile Road NE, Comstock, MI
West Michigan Bengali Cultural Association proudly presents a one of a kind cultural extravaganza “Music Beyond Boundaries” showcasing classical, folk and Bollywood music and dance of India. The Honorable Chris Afendoulis, a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, will grace the festival.

Online Registration <http://wmbca.org/paypal/registration.htm>

Email wmbca.grandrapids@gmail.com

Website <http://wmbca.org>

Contact: Smiti Majumdar 616 250 517, Anwesa Ghosh 616 881 0536, Rana Banerjee 540 239 67212

Program Schedule:

October 20, 2018

9 am – 1 pm	Puja
1 pm – 3 pm	Lunch
4 pm – 5:15 pm	Cultural show by local performers
5:15 pm – 6 pm	Kathak classical and Kathak fusion by Madhura Sane
6 pm – 7 pm	Aarati
7 pm – 9 pm	Dinner

October 21, 2108

4 pm – 6 pm	Indian musical night with Shamit Tyagi
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Interfaith Dialogue: Intersections of Faith, Work, and Life

October 23, 2 – 3 :20 pm, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

Working in partnership with the Kaufman Interfaith Institute, panelists will discuss the intersection of their faith traditions with aspects of business, technology, health, and/or education. Can the practice of their beliefs have an impact on these areas? If yes, then how is this impact embodied? How would we know it if we see it? What strategies are used to accept faith traditions of people who are different from you while, at the same time, maintaining your own faith convictions?

Panelists:

Pete Anderson, Associate Professor, College of Technology

Simin Naz Beg, MD, board-certified internal medicine, primary care, hospice, and palliative care physician

Vandana Pednekar-Magal, Ph.D., professor in the School of Communications and Chair of Area and Global Studies Department at Grand Valley State University

Len Robinson, CFP, financial advisor with Phelps Group, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

For more information, contact diversityis@davenport.edu.

For Live stream, go to <http://www.davenport.edu/streaming>.

“Political Outlook” featuring Ana Navarro, *GOP Strategist and Political Contributor to CNN, ABC News, and Telemundo*

October 24, 7 pm, Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids, MI

This free event is a program of the GRCC Diversity Lecture Series. For more information, please visit grcc.edu/lecture or call (616) 234-3390.

“Qatar” featuring Ambassador Chase Untermeyer (ret.), U.S. Ambassador to Qatar

October 24, 7 pm-8:15 pm (Live Stream via “the World Affairs Council of western michigan” Facebook Page

This presentation is part of the World Affairs Council’s Fall Lecture Series titled Shifting Sands in the Arabian Peninsula. For more information, contact (616) 776-1271.

Chase Untermeyer is founding chairman of the Qatar-America Institute, which aims to increase understanding of the important Qatari-American relationship in security, education, and energy. From 2004 until 2007, he was United States ambassador to Qatar, on appointment of President George W. Bush. A 1968 graduate of Harvard College with honors in government, he served during the Vietnam War as an officer in the United States Navy aboard a destroyer in the Western Pacific and as aide to the commander of US naval forces in the Philippines. Upon his return to Texas, Ambassador Untermeyer was a political reporter for the Houston Chronicle and a member of the Texas House of Representatives, elected for a district in Houston. He left the Legislature in 1981 to go to Washington as executive assistant to then-Vice President Bush. Three years later, President Reagan appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower & Reserve Affairs. When George Bush became president in 1989, Mr Untermeyer returned to the White House as Director of Presidential Personnel and in 1991 was appointed Director of the Voice of America. Ambassador Untermeyer is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and chairman of the Houston Committee on Foreign Relations. He is the author of three volumes of diary-based memoirs of the Reagan and first Bush administrations.

8th Annual Acts of Courage Address featuring Dr. Abdul El-Sayed

October 25, 10 – 11 am, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

In partnership with the Committee to Honor César E. Chávez, keynote speaker Dr. Abdul El-Sayed will share of his life journey--the challenges and opportunities--that have led to his professional and personal pursuits; and connect his work to the legacy of César E. Chávez.

Dr. Abdul El-Sayed is a physician, epidemiologist, public health expert, and progressive activist. He ran for Governor of Michigan in 2018. Had he won, he would have been the first Muslim-American elected Governor, and the youngest Governor since Bill Clinton. Before running for Governor, Abdul served as Health Commissioner in Detroit where he rebuilt Detroit's Health Department after it had been privatized during the City's municipal bankruptcy. Appointed at 30 years old, he was the youngest health official in a major US City. Prior to his work in public service, Abdul was tenure-track faculty at Columbia University's Department of Epidemiology. He was Director of the Columbia University Systems Science Program co-Director of Global Research for Population Health. He has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and abstracts in public health, with expertise in health disparities and complexity science in public health. His co-edited textbook *Systems Science & Population Health*, was published by Oxford University Press (2017). In his role, he was selected to serve on the State of Michigan Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Advisory Committee.

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NOVEMBER

Intercultural Festival

November 1, 12 pm-4 pm

For more information, contact studentlife@davenport.edu.

“Saudi Arabia” featuring Dr. Abdullah Alrebh, Grand Valley State University

November 13, 7 pm-8:15 pm (Live Stream via “the World Affairs Council of western michigan” Facebook Page)
This presentation is part of the World Affairs Council's Fall Lecture Series titled *Shifting Sands in the Arabian Peninsula*. For more information, contact (616) 776-1271.

Dr. Alrebh is Assistant Professor of Sociology of Religion and Sociological Theory at Grand Valley State University. He is an academic and author with research interests in Middle East, Arabic literature and Islam. He earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State University, East Lansing in 2014, in addition to a Master of Sociology from MSU, and a Master of Arabic literature from King Saud University. He has published a number of academic articles and book chapters focusing on religion, Middle East, social movements, and education. The major interest of Dr. Alrebh is Saudi Arabia and Islamic mobilization in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. Prior to joining Grand Valley, Dr. Alrebh worked as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Michigan State University and as adjunct faculty at Saginaw Valley State University.

Don't Mind Me theatre performance by Ebony Road Players

November 14, 4-5:15 pm, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

“Don't Mind Me” explores the subject of mental health by bringing the audience inside the head of someone suffering with it. Steve, a student at a local college, is dealing with challenges from all sides - home, school, romantic relationships - in addition to the potentially devastating voices inside himself. You'll be with Steve on a particularly challenging day, as he struggles with making sense of a world and self-view that can turn from positive to negative at the drop of a hat. But, fear not. This play is not without its lighter moments. Laughter and hope can come from the most surprising of places. For more information, contact diversityis@davenport.edu.

“Yemen” featuring Dr. Gamal Gasim, Grand Valley State University

November 20, 7 pm-8:15 pm (Live Stream via “the World Affairs Council of western michigan” Facebook Page
This presentation is part of the World Affairs Council’s Fall Lecture Series titled Shifting Sands in the Arabian Peninsula. For more information, contact (616) 776-1271.

Gamal Gasim, associate professor of Middle East Studies and Political Science at Grand Valley State University, earned his PhD in political science from Texas Tech. Before Grand Valley, he taught at Texas Tech, University of Wisconsin-Madison during the summers of 2006 and 2007, and at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Beloit College during the summers of 2008 and 2009 respectively. His research interests include comparative politics, Middle East politics, Islamic civilization, Islamic political parties and Muslim Americans. He has contributed articles to Islam and Christian–Muslim Relations, Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, Politics & Religion, Electoral Studies, the Journal of Political Science Education, the Journal of Islamic Perspective and Culture, the Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics and other journals. He also writes for Al Jazeera English, the Arab Daily News, Huffington Post, and Yemen Times.

WINTER 2019

JANUARY

January

MLK Programming

Midland Campus, Rollin M. Gerstacker Library

View MLK's Life Timeline and a display of MLK books that are available for check-out.

40th Annual Citywide Tribute Dinner in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thursday, January 17, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Riverfront Banquet Center, Flint, MI

Individual Ticket Price \$50 Table Sponsorships \$500 (10 seats)

Keynote Address by Dr. Agustin V. Arbulu, Executive Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Activism in Civil Rights: 2019 Inter-Collegiate MLK Celebration

January 21, 6-8 pm, Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Featuring:

- Keynote Speaker - Dr. David Stovall, Professor, African American Studies and Educational Policy Studies, The University of Illinois at Chicago
- MLK Student Community Choir
- Grand Rapids Civic Theatre and School of Theatre Arts
- Opera Grand Rapids

For more information, contact diversityis@davenport.edu.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration & Silent March

January 22, 12 pm – 1:15 pm

Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

This day of celebration includes keynote address by Dr. David Stovall and announcement of MLK Essay Contest Winners.

Poverty Awareness Activity: Mitten Making

January 29, 11 am – 2 pm

Lettinga Campus Lower Foyer

For more information, contact studentlife@davenport.edu.

FEBRUARY

Vietnamese New Year 2018-19

Sunday, February 3, 2019 • 1:30 – 9:00pm

Knight Columbus, 5830 Clyde Park Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Part 1: Children's Tet Festival, 1:30 -3:30 pm

Part 2: Tet Traditional Ceremonial, 4-6:30 pm

New Year Concert & Dance, 7 pm to midnight

For more information, 616 340 6103

Global Discussions Watch Party

February 5, 12-1 pm

“State of the State Department”

Ambassador Barbara Stephenson, president of the American Foreign Service Association

Is the State Department currently equipped to do its diplomatic work?

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

Poverty Simulation

February 7, 2-4:30 pm and 6-8:30 pm, Robert W. Sneden Meeting Rooms

For more information, contact Lindsey Shull, lushull@davenport.edu.

Global Discussions Watch Party

February 12, 12-1 pm

“Democracy on the Run: Dispatches from Eastern Europe”

Carol Schaeffer, freelance journalist

A behind-the-scenes look at rising anti-democratic efforts abroad.

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“Education, Civil Rights and Equality: Cornerstones for our Future” featuring Bakari Sellers, CNN Political Analyst, Lawyer, and Activist

February 13, 7 pm, Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids, MI

This free event is a program of the GRCC Diversity Lecture Series. For more information, please visit grcc.edu/lecture or call (616) 234-3390.

Global Discussions Watch Party

February 19, 12-1pm

“Immigration Policy beyond the Border”

Ambassador Jim Nealon, former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras

Shedding light on a complicated and contentious issue with thoughtful dialogue.

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

World Day of Social Justice

February 20, 12 – 2 pm

Lettinga Campus Sneden Meeting Rooms

For more information, contact studentlife@davenport.edu.

Panther Cinema – Black Klansman

February 20, 8 pm

Lettinga Auditorium, Sneden Auditorium

Global Discussions Watch Party

February 26, 12-1pm

“A New Nuclear Arms Race?”

Kelsey Davenport, Arms Control Association

Russia. North Korea. Iran. What’s our nuclear future?

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

MARCH

Global Discussions Watch Party

March 5, 12-1pm

“China-U.S. Trade War”

Amy Celico, Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG)

How will we handle the most important bilateral relationship of the 21st century?

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

Global Discussions Watch Party

March 12, 12-1pm

“Life After the Arab Uprisings and the Islamic State”

Rania Abouzeid, author of No Turning Back: Life, Loss, and Hope in Wartime Syria

A ground-level report from a brave Lebanese journalist.

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

Tunnel of Oppression

March 13, 12 – 6:30 pm

March 14, 9 am – 4 pm

Lettinga Campus Sneden Meeting Rooms

For more information, contact studentlife@davenport.edu.

19th Annual César E. Chávez Social Justice March & Luncheon

March 14, 11 am-12:30 pm, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

This annual community-wide march and lunch honors the life and legacy of civil rights hero César E. Chávez. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Cook Library on Grandville Ave. SW and progresses to Chicago Ave’s The Potter’s House Chapel for a community gathering with keynote speakers and local presentations. There is also a 1 p.m. unity luncheon but you need to pre-register in advance for this paid function. For more information, contact

diversityis@davenport.edu.

Woodrow Wilson Fellow Visit featuring Mercedes Tunstall

March 18—22

The presentations held over these five days were made possible by grant funding from the M.E. Davenport Legacy Endowment. For more information, contact Barbara Ellis, Barbara.Ellis@davenport.edu.

Global Discussions Watch Party

March 19, 12-1pm

“Global Cyber Threats”

Peter Jolliffe, Special Agent, FBI

Cyber risks are on the rise—can we thwart them?

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

“Feminism Today” featuring Jessica Valenti, Renowned Feminist Author and Journalist

March 20, 7 pm at Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids, MI

This free event is a program of the GRCC Diversity Lecture Series. For more information, please visit grcc.edu/lecture or call (616) 234-3390.

Global Discussions Watch Party

March 26, 12-1pm

“Mexico and the U.S.: The Economic Ties that Bind”

Carlos Capistran, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, New York City

What must we do to make certain both countries thrive?

Visit: <https://www.worldmichigan.org/greatdecisions2019>

For more information, diversityis@davenport.edu

APRIL

Latin American Film Festival

April 4—7, Wealthy Theater, Grand Rapids, Michigan

The entire community is invited to participate in the 9th season of the Grand Rapids Latin American Film Festival. The entire festival is free to the public and all films will be shown with English subtitles. Over the three-day period, the festival features recent films from different countries like Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, and Venezuela. A number of films will also be followed by question-and-answer sessions with directors and panel discussions with special guests. As plans are finalized, more details about the films and the festival schedule will be posted on the website: www.grlaff.org. For more information, contact Jackie Davila, Jackie.Davila@davenport.edu.

2019 Global and Intercultural Competency Student Summit

April 5, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Wilbur & Sharon Lettinga Auditorium

DU will hold its first-ever DU 2019 Global and Intercultural Student Competency Student Summit, an annual signature Global Intercultural Competency conference targeting students working on their GIC development. Participants will learn about current GIC issues in their areas of academic studies. For more information, contact diversityis@davenport.edu.

MAY

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Luncheon

May 3, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Grand Rapids Public Museum

The Committee to Honor César E. Chávez in partnership with the Grand Rapids Public Museum and the Unity Committee invite the community to come together for the 2019 César E. Chávez “5 de mayo” Celebration. Davenport University is a member of the inter-collegiate Unity Committee. The festivities includes authentic Mexican food, traditional Mexican Folkloric dancing, Mariachi music, and honoring members of the community for their work in

education, business growth, and social justice in the Hispanic community. For more information, contact diversityis@davenport.edu.