

MARCH 2012

Women of Color Expo – Coming again to the YSU campus

Date to be announced; contact JAMZ 101.9 at 330-744-5115 (Tiffany Allen aka T-Luv) for more information.

5th Annual Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration

Thursday, March 29, 2012 • 6 p.m. • Mr. Anthony's, 7440 South Ave., Youngstown
For more information, contact EOD at 330-941-3370.

APRIL 2012

Fifth Annual Flight to Freedom Spring Bus Excursion

Saturday, April 14, 2012 • Sites of interest to be announced.

***Check out these and other community and YSU diversity events
at http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/***

Community Conversations on Diversity & Inclusion (Formerly "Diversity Conversation Salons")

The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County have partnered to hold brown-bag lunch discussions on various national, state and local issues addressing inclusion and diversity. Main Branch Library Meeting Room, 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown. Contact Deborah Liptak, PLYMC, 330-740-7086, or EOD at 330-941-3370.

"9/11 Then and Now"

September 12, 2011 • 5:30 p.m.

2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that shocked and changed our great nation forever. Let's re-ignite the remarkable spirit and unity shared by so many following the 9/11 attacks. For the 9/11 Commemorative Celebration at YSU, contact the Office of Student Diversity Programs at 330-941-2086.

"Interfaith Discussions I & II"

October 26, 2011 • Noon

Can we all just get along, despite our religious differences? Come join YSU professors, staff and religious community leaders to explore this important topic.

April 25, 2012 • Noon

The discussion continues as we explore one of the most talked about subjects in America. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "It is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning."

"Race in America: Does it Matter?"

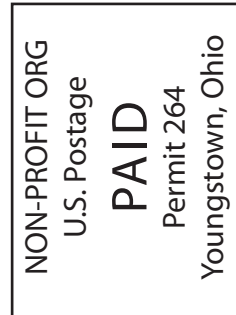
February 29, 2012 • Noon

Black History Month (aka African American History Month) was started as Negro History Week in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson to educate America about African Americans' cultural backgrounds and reputable achievements. In 2008 Barack Obama, was elected. Join us to discuss "Race in America – Does it Matter?"

The Issues of Today's Women

March 28, 2012 • Noon

Women's achievements are integral to the fabric of history. We learn from their tenacity, courage, intellect and creativity as tremendous sources of strength. Women's achievements are often overlooked, distorted, and denied.



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Program Series
2011-2012

Opportunity and diversity

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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY COUNCIL

The Youngstown State University Diversity Council, through its Community Diversity Committee, presents the 2011-2012 Community Diversity Program Series. The purpose of the committee is to plan a variety of events for the community to learn about and participate in programs and activities that promote awareness of cultural, social, economic, racial, gender and other forms of diversity in our society.

The Series is sponsored by YSU's Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. This year's series features campus and community partners who are sponsors and/or co-sponsors of various programs and events.

Thank You to our Partners

- The City of Youngstown
- Eastern Gateway Community College, Office of TRIO Student Support Services
- JAMZ 101.9
- Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past
- Partners for Workplace Diversity – YSU Williamson College of Business Administration
- Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Planning Committee
- Youngstown Area Jewish Federation
- Youngstown City Schools
- Youngstown State University Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies
- Youngstown State University Center for International Studies and Programs
- Youngstown State University Department of Africana Studies
- Youngstown State University Dana School of Music
- Youngstown State University Department of Theater and Dance
- Youngstown State University Office of Student Diversity Programs
- Youngstown State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions

The Community Diversity Committee members include: William J. Blake, Gail Bumbury, Kathy Cody, Dorothy Collins, Atty. Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, Annette El-Hayek, Sherri Harper-Woods, Deborah Liptak, Rev. Dr. Lewis W. Macklin II, Atty. Yulanda McCarty-Harris, Chair, Migdalia McClendon, Gina McGranahan, Zina D. McKinney, Herman Pipe, Randee Walker-Pipe, Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, Brenda Scarborough, Dr. Ronald Shaklee, Tiffany Turner (aka "T-Luv"), Brian Wells, and Penny Wells

The University Diversity Council is made up of campus and community leaders who serve as advisors to YSU President Dr. Cynthia E. Anderson on issues of diversity on campus and in the community. See http://www.yzu.edu/div_yzu/ - University Diversity Council.

Program Series Features

AUGUST 2011

A Universal Café Arts and Lecturer Series Production

"Sex and the Media: Sex Roles Stereotypes, Gender Identity and Inclusiveness"

Monday, August 22, 2011 • 7 p.m. • First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm St., Youngstown

Members of the Mahoning Valley Community Leadership Council of Planned Parenthood Northeast Ohio lead a discussion on how the media perpetuates sex role stereotypes and gender identity, and how that portrayal influences inclusiveness in schools, workplaces and other institutions. Contact Karen O'Malia, 330-718-2390. A \$3 donation will be accepted at the door.

Pride Festival

Friday, August 26, 2011 • 4 – 11 p.m. • B & O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown

This year's Pride Festival will feature a picnic style element with games and prizes, entertainment, informational tables, food, specialty vendors and more. Come support the community in a GLBT and ally-friendly environment. For more information, go to the Pride Center website at www.mvpridecenter.com and click on the festival link.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Of Judaism, Morocco and Israel: The Jewish Question in Contemporary Moroccan Politics

Monday, September 26, 2011 • Noon • Kilcawley Center, Ohio Room, YSU
YSU's Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies presents a lecture by Dr. Aomar Boum of the University of Arizona. An accompanying Moroccan lunch is offered. Cost: \$5.00 per person for YSU students; \$10.00 per person for all others. Reservations are required for lunch. For lunch reservations, contact the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at 330-941-1604 or judaic@ysu.edu.

OCTOBER 2011

"Sojourn to the Past" First Annual Nonviolence Parade - Rally to Follow

Sunday, October 2, 2011 • 3 p.m.

A group of area high school students for the Mahoning Valley Sojourn to Past got together and drafted legislation to declare nonviolence week in the Youngstown schools, the city of Youngstown and Youngstown State University. The parade will begin on Lincoln Ave. and proceed downtown. A rally will follow in City Square downtown. For more information or to participate in the parade, contact Penny Wells, Director, at 330-788-0545. Registration deadline for the parade is September 12, 2011.

Civil Rights Activist and Director Speak Out on Non-Violence

Monday, October 3, 2011 • 5 p.m. • First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave., Youngstown

Jeff Steinberg, creator of "Sojourn to the Past," has spoken to students and community leaders for several years about his nationally acclaimed program where high school students and educational leaders visit landmarks of the civil rights movement in the Deep South to see the destructive effects of racism, sexism, homophobia, etc. This year he will be joined by Minnijean Brown Trickey, one of the Little Rock Nine, who broke the color barrier at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Contact Penny Wells at 330-788-0545 or EOD at 330-941-3370.

Veterans Disability: The Barriers to Survivability!

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 • 5:30 p.m. • Kilcawley Center, Presidents' Suite, YSU

Even with recent congressional efforts that recognize the sacrifices of our service men and women such as the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the Veterans Disability Protection Act, veterans with disabilities continue to suffer emotional and physical barriers to survivability. Come hear an expert panel speak on these issues and more as we celebrate Disability Awareness Month. Contact Jim Olive, Coordinator of YSU's Veteran's Office, at 330-941-2503/2523 or EOD at 330-941-3370.



NOVEMBER 2011

Surviving Modern Society

Sunday, November 13, 2011 • 4 p.m. • Jewish Community Center, 505 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown

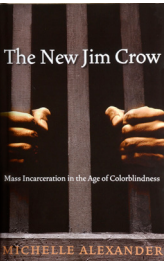
The Pipe family of Austintown shares an appreciation for the Native American Culture through a multi-media presentation in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Learn how this family maintains their heritage while living in today's society. Contact the EOD office at 330-941-3370.

DECEMBER 2011

"The New Jim Crow" Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 • 6:30 p.m. • New Bethel Baptist Church, 1505 Hillman St., Youngstown

Author Michelle Alexander brings her new book and thought-provoking discussion to Youngstown. The book, *The New Jim Crow*, has received national acclaim as the author discusses how, in an era of colorblindness, it is no longer socially permissible to use race, explicitly, as a justification for discrimination and social contempt. Yet, she points out, it is perfectly legal to discriminate against convicted criminals in nearly all the ways that it was once legal to discriminate against African Americans. Once you are labeled a felon, the old forms of discrimination – employment and housing discrimination, denial of the right to vote, denial of educational opportunity—are suddenly legal. Contact EOD at 330-941-3370.



Jabali - African Cultural Celebration

Friday, December 9, 2011 • 6:30 p.m. • Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room, YSU

"Jabali" means "rock of Africa." It is a celebration for all to bring the true African experience to those living in the Mahoning Valley with food, entertainment and intellectual enrichment. This year's speaker is the Honorable Benita Y. Pearson, the first African American federal judge in Ohio. For more information, contact Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, Director of YSU's Africana Studies Program, 330-941-3097.

JANUARY 2012

RIFF RAFF – A Drama by Lawrence Fishburne

January 26, 27, 28, 2012 • 7:30 p.m.

January 29, 2012 • 3 p.m.

Spotlight Arena Theater, Bliss Hall, YSU

The themes of lost brotherhood and friendship are evident in this thrilling drama when a brother and his half brother retreat to an abandoned crack den. WARNING: This play contains obscene language, images of violence and dealing in drugs. It is not recommended for underage spectators or anyone offended by such enactments. Visit <http://web.yzu.edu/fpa/theater>. For ticket information, contact 330-941-3105.



FEBRUARY 2012

The African Marketplace

Saturday, February 4, 2012 • Noon to 6 p.m. • Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room, YSU

The African Marketplace offers a wide range of dazzling sights, sounds, and objects to view, appreciate, and purchase art objects, jewelry, and Afrocentric writings and literature. Dance and musical entertainment will be presented.

An Evening of Gospel Jazz – Save the Date!!!

Sunday, February 26, 2011 • 6:00 p.m. • Kilcawley Center, Chestnut Room, YSU

For more Black History Month celebrations and activities sponsored by YSU and the community, visit YSU's diversity website at http://www.yzu.edu/div_yzu/.

See reverse side for additional events

Hispanic Heritage Events "Latinos: United through Our Diversity"

Kick-off Event at the Rotunda

September 15, 2011 • 12:15 p.m.

Mahoning County Courthouse, 120 Market St., Youngstown

The Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee kicks-off this year's celebration with an opening event in downtown Youngstown. The event will feature the annual flag ceremony, opening remarks by Youngstown Mayor, Charles Sammarone, and YSU President Dr. Cynthia Anderson. The event speaker is Atty. Edwin Romero, senior partner with Manchester, Bennett, Powers & Ullman and former Law Director with the City of Youngstown. Contact EOD at 330-941-3370.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Closing Ceremony

Saturday, October 15, 2011, Noon–3 p.m.

McDonough Museum of Art • 410 Wick Avenue, Youngstown

For more Hispanic Heritage events, visit http://www.yzu.edu/div_yzu/

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Persons who, because of a special need or condition, would like to request an accommodation should contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at (330) 941-3370 as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the event, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

