

MRC NEWS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER (MRC)

MRC OPEN HOUSE AND VIDEO SNEAK PEEK OF “DID YOU JUST SAY WHAT I THINK YOU SAID? ADDRESSING MULTICULTURAL MICROAGGRESSIONS IN ACADEMIA”

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- “Did you just say what I think you said? Addressing multicultural microaggressions in academia sneak peek
- Circle of Sisters (CoS) social group
- October is LGBTQQIA History month

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On Monday, September 20, numerous students, staff, faculty, and campus resource representatives gathered in the COE’s Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) to network and view the highly anticipated, COE student created and directed multicultural training video. In attendance were multicultural resource representatives from across the Lehigh community, which included: the Chaplain’s office and Jewish student life, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), Diversity and Career Development, LGBTQQIA Services, the Women’s Center, Residence Life, Admissions, the Council for Equity and Community, Academic Support Services, Graduate Student Life, and Lehigh University Counseling Services. The open house allowed guests to casually engage with campus resource representatives, as well as connect with fellow students, faculty, and staff while listening to music and enjoying hors d’oeuvres. A continuous flow of guests dropped in and out of the event throughout the afternoon.

In addition to using this opportunity to individually network with campus resource representatives, guests engaged in a



Seth Goren, Assistant Chaplain and Director of Jewish student life



“Did you jus say what I think you said?” Addressing multicultural microaggressions in academia training



MRC open house multicultural resource reps and COE students

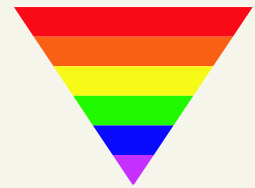
brief group dialogue about the multicultural training video, “Did you just say what I think you said? *Addressing multicultural microaggressions in academia.*” Two of the students who created and directed the project, Kristin Bertsch and Matt Malouf, explained how the project was inspired by personal experiences in the classroom. They also shared that they hope the video reaches beyond the walls of the COE to be utilized campus-wide. Staff members in attendance encouraged the creators to launch a campus-wide viewing of the video and provided suggestions for how to market the video to faculty. Needless to say, this sneak peek sparked the interest of students, faculty, and staff, and the student creators will continue to gain support for the project. A full COE viewing and discussion of the video is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 between 7pm-8:30pm in the MRC, Iacocca Hall, room B-103. For more information, contact video director Kristin Bertsch (knb208) or MRC graduate assistant Shalena Heard (slh209).

CIRCLE OF SISTERS (COS)

In an attempt to provide an outlet and sense of community for female students from under-represented groups, a select group of staff, faculty, and student leaders organized the Circle of Sisters (CoS) social group. Sponsored by the Women's Center, the group provides female students from a variety of racial, ethnic, and social class backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in the Lehigh community a space to socialize, debate, and discuss topics unique to their experience at Lehigh. The group currently meets twice a month in the Women's Center, and it is open to any woman interested in this unique outlet. For more information, contact student coordinator Angie Gregory (ajg409) or multicultural resource center graduate assistant Shalena Heard (slh209).

LGBTQQIA HISTORY MONTH

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, QUESTIONING, INTERSEX, ALLY



In light of recent media coverage of tragic suicides claiming the lives of multiple young adults in the LGBTQIA community, it is essential that we continue to support the work of LGBTQIA services on our campus. Timothy Gardner, LGBTQIA programs and outreach director, and Kim Ketterer, LGBTQIA office coordinator, actively coordinate and promote programs that bring awareness to issues concerning the LGBTQIA community, as well as outreach opportunities to solicit support from all members of the Lehigh community. Upcoming events in celebration of LGBTQIA history month are as follows:

7th Of October, 7pm - 9pm Rainbow Room: *Queer Movie Night! "But I'm a Cheerleader"*

11th of October, 9 pm - 11pm Muhlenberg College Seegers Union Great Room:

Judy Shepard - *"The Meaning of Matthew"* - Speaking from a mother's perspective, diversity speaker Judy Shepard has made the prevention of hate crimes the focus of her efforts, and she urges her audiences to make their schools and communities safer for everyone.

13th of October, 11am -2pm - UC Front Lawn: *National Coming Out Day-* Rainbow Room comes out!

14th of October, 7pm - 9pm Rainbow Room: *Queer Movie Night! "Brokeback Mountain"*

18th of October, 7pm -9:30pm Packard 101: *Orgasm Inc - Film Screening and Discussion*

A look at the pharmaceutical industry's race for the new "female viagra" and questions about how women's bodies and desires are medicalized.

27th of October, 7pm-9pm Global Union: *Dangerous Living: Coming Out in the Developing World-* This one-hour documentary will cover the struggle of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender people for basic human rights in the face of severe oppression.

25th - 29th of October Second Floor UC: *ALLY Week* - Come show your support and stop by the table outside the Rainbow Room.

Upcoming Speaker - November 16th, 4pm: *Edmund White - Author* - His numerous non-fiction works include memoirs, essays, literary criticism, and the first edition of *The Joy of Gay Sex*. He is Professor of Creative Writing at Princeton University.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Peak Performance Training Center workshop schedule:

Wednesday, October 13, 1pm- Power Nap
 Thursday, October 14, 2pm- Intro to Mindfulness
 Monday, October 18, 4pm- Power Nap
 Thursday, October 21, 1:30pm- Intro to Mindfulness
 Monday, October 25, 4pm- Focus and Concentration
 Wednesday, October 27, 1pm- Power Nap
 Thursday, October 28, 11am- Intro to Mindfulness

Circle of Sisters (CoS) Meetings: Next meeting October 14, 5pm-7pm, in the Women's Center

NWC (Nigger, Wetback, Chink): October 19, 7:30pm, Zoellner Arts Center – Baker Hall- Nigger Wetback Chink is a play of three guys who discuss racial stereotypes. A discussion of the play will follow the event, contact infrator@lehigh.edu for more details.

Did you just say what I think you said? Addressing multicultural microaggressions in academia, COE video premier and discussion: October 21, 7pm-8:30pm, Iacocca Hall, room B-103, Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)

Office of Student Leadership and Development Power & Privilege Series:

Oct. 20 at 12 noon (large room in UC)- Seth Goren- Religious and Spiritual Privilege

When we think of diversity and inclusion, religious and spiritual diversity aren't usually what comes to mind. In fact, we're usually told that religion and spirituality are among the top subjects not to talk about, rather than avenues for actively exploring our differences. When we get together, though, we're going to break that unspoken rule by looking at how some religious and spiritual groups have societal advantages over others and talking through the implications of those privileges.

Oct. 21 at 4:30 (classroom with computer/internet/projector)- Rita Jones- Overt, Ambivalent, and Enlightened: Sexism's Many Personas

This session will offer students a chance to learn more about the different versions of sexism developing during the turn of the twenty-first century. Using examples from popular culture, third and second wave feminism, and personal experience, students will have the opportunity to generate their own perspectives about sexism and viable responses to it.

Oct. 26 at 4:30- Cheryl Ashcroft - The Hidden and Visible Disabilities Among Students

Ever thought about getting around campus in a wheelchair? Or reading a textbook if you're visually impaired? Or getting extra time on exams? In this workshop, we will look at hidden disabilities as well as shed light on visible disabilities and related concerns that aren't often acknowledged on campus, such as physical handicaps and handicap accessibility. You will participate in an interactive reading activity, which puts the readers in the shoes of a child with dyslexia, and you will also have the opportunity to speak with Lehigh students with disabilities in a Q&A session and discussion.

Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. (OMA)- Jame'l Hodgdes and Courtney Jones - White Privilege and Cultural Stereotypes

Race and cultural stereotypes are usually based on lack of knowledge of other cultural groups and traditions. Many don't think, consider, or recognize that European Americans have their own culture and identity that determines what lens they use to view the world, just as any other racial identity. We're going to discuss white privilege and how this ties into other cultural stereotypes and perceptions of the world around us.