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College of Education Diversity Awareness Survey

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Recently, Teaching, Learning, & Technology (TLT) doctoral student Yuanyuan Zhang was awarded the COE Equity & Community Initiative grant to conduct a COE climate assessment with regard to cultural competence training. With grant assistance from the COE Diversity Committee, survey questions were developed and distributed throughout the COE community via Surveymonkey.com. Participation was surprisingly low given the COE's reputation for incorporating culture into its programs' course work and/or research. Out of the 762 students, faculty, and staff that occupy the college and

its partnering programs (e.g., Lehigh Support, Centennial School)



only a little over 100 COE members completed the survey. At this point in the assessment, two student focus groups have been composed from the participant sample. These groups will provide details about the most pressing diversity issues perceived by the COE student community.

In order to maintain the COE's reputation for training culturally competent professionals from a number of diverse backgrounds, it is essential that the college support efforts to assess the quality of such training. Providing students, faculty, and staff with the space and structure they need to uphold the College's diversity mission is essential to maintaining excellence. For more information about how to share your opinion, or to receive the results of the internal climate assessment, contact mrc@lehigh.edu.

New Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) Director



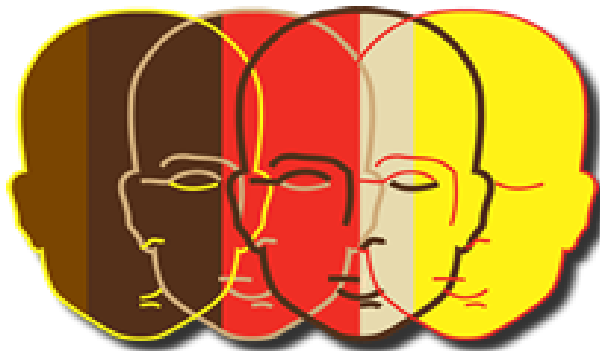
Tyrone Russell
OMA Director

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With a new academic year underway, Lehigh is reaffirming its commitment to diversity and inclusion in all aspects of campus life. Dr. Henry Odi, the new Vice Provost for Academic Diversity (VPAD), has hit the ground running, focusing his efforts on faculty and staff cultural competence training as well as retention. In addition, Tyrone Russell, who has taken on the position of Director of Multicultural Affairs, is already hard at work supporting the quality of campus life for Lehigh’s students of color.

A former Residential Life employee, Tyrone is no stranger to the Lehigh community. He brings positive energy, a wealth of experience, and a genuine connection with students to his new post. Students familiar with Tyrone are elated about his appointment, and new students are anxious to learn what all the buzz is about. From distributing an activity-filled OMA calendar at the university club fair to assembling the 2012 MLK Celebration Committee, our new director is on the move. Catch him if you can in his office, University Center room C208!

Office of **MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**



Cultural Campus Events and Announcements 10/6-10/15

American Studies Lecture: The Visuality of Black Political Thought - 10/6/11 @ 4:10pm - Linderman 200

On October 6, Lehigh will present "The Visuality of Black Political Thought: The Museum Idea and Political Aesthetics Between Slavery and Freedom" featuring speaker Dr. Ivy Wilson, Associate Professor of English at Northwestern University. A reception with Dr. Wilson will follow for all interested students and faculty. This event is co-sponsored by the American Studies program and the department of English. For more information, contact the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs in Maginnes Hall-Room 490, 610-758-3996, or incasip@lehigh.edu.

Turning Point Candlelight Vigil - 10/6/11 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Lamberton Hall

Also on October 6 is Turning Point's Candlelight Vigil, a show of support designed to celebrate survivors and honor victims of domestic violence. Empty Place at the Table and Clothesline Projects will be represented, and the event will feature performances by Lehigh students.

Gay Day at Six Flags Great Adventure - 10/7/11

Lehigh's Rainbow Room will be hosting Gay Day at Six Flags for all interested persons! This event will also coincide with the theme park's Fright Fest festivities. Tickets are \$30 each, including transportation to and from Six Flags. Please note that space is limited and tickets are first come, first serve—so act fast! Anyone attending should plan to leave Lehigh's campus at 4:15pm on October 7 from the intersection of University Drive and Library Drive. Please bring snacks and drinks with you, as food will not be served on the bus. Tickets can be purchased in the Rainbow Room Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. For additional information, contact kak210@lehigh.edu.

COE Student Meeting with the new Vice Provost for Academic Diversity - 10/18/11 from 3pm-4pm - MRC

On October 18, COE students are invited to meet and greet Lehigh's new VPAD, Dr. Henry Odi. Hear all about his new role and how students can get involved. Refreshments will be served!

Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month events- September 15th to October 15th

Celebrate Latino culture by checking out the OMA calendar of events link below!
<http://www.lehigh.edu/~inmca/events.shtml>

40 Years of Women at Lehigh website!

As Lehigh celebrates 40 years of women being a part of the university, be sure to look into a number of events taking place in different colleges, departments, and corners of campus.
<http://www.lehigh.edu/~in40yrs/index.html>



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The MRC seeks to foster knowledge, skills, understanding, and awareness in the area of multiculturalism and diversity. Its core goals are to: (1) create a space with resources to foster discussion and development; (2) foster a culture among faculty, staff, and students that is supportive of and open to diverse perspectives and experiences; (3) help develop the school community to better reflect the diverse communities served by the College's fields of professional practice; and (4) strengthen the curriculum across programs to better reflect issues of multiculturalism and diversity.

Check out www.lehigh.edu/mrc for updates, events, and the monthly newsletter **MRC NEWS** or email mrc@lehigh

