



FEBRUARY BLACK History Month

2/6/08

The African Discipline II

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
7 p.m.

During this dynamic demonstration, participants will observe a diverse martial arts teaching session that will encompass techniques from Hekima "Wisdom", Intuitive Defense System (IDS), and Tae Kwon Do. This demonstration will feature instructor Jonte Grasty, creator of The Afrikan Discipline II. This event is free and open to the public.

2/7/08

Difference Between Charles Lynch & Willie Lynch

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

This discussion, part I in a series of IV, will present a comparison between Charles and Willie Lynch. Further discussion will be on the validity and/or implications of the letter. Food will be served. This event is free and open to all WMU students.



2/11/08

From African to African American

Room 211 Bernhard Center
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

This discussion will attempt to bridge the racial gap that has strategically divided African students from African American students. It will focus on the cultural beliefs and practices of both groups, while addressing critical issues that continue to prevent solidarity among them. This event is free and open to the public and co-sponsored by the Africana Studies program.

2/18/08

The Cuban Guy

Bernhard Center Room 209
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Latino Student Alliance and Division of Multicultural Affairs are sponsoring the campus visit by author and motivational speaker Andres Lara, the Cuban Guy. Andres Lara, escaped Cuba at age 16, spoke no English, was homeless and became a millionaire by the age of 26.

2/14/08

Time for Change

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
12 p.m. - 2p.m.

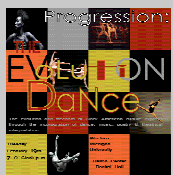
Part II of IV. This program will address the injustices in our society, such as Katrina, Jena 6, etc., and how the issues we face are remnants that have followed us from slavery. Food will be

2/21/08

Progression: The Evolution of Dance

Recital Hall, Dalton Center
7 p.m.

This "edutainment" event will present the evolution & freedom of Black American culture through as represented through time. Beginning with the 1800s & ending with the 21st century, "Progression" will incorporate dance, music, poetry and theatrical interpretation to create a night of entertainment & education. This event is free & open to the public.



2/18/08

Politics & Pancakes

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
7:30 p.m.

Participants will be engaged in a discussion on issues that affect their community. A free pancake meal will be served.

2/21/08

Unveiling a Cloud of Ignorance

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Part III of IV. This discussion will explore the differences in the meaning of success and racism from a multicultural perspective. Food will be served. This event is free and open to all WMU students.

2/25/08

West Michigan Hispanic Chamber Community Meeting

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.



The Division of Multicultural Affairs in cooperation with West Michigan Hispanic Chamber will be hosting a community meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways on how the business community can assist with migrant students in West Michigan, who are seeking opportunities for internships and scholarship in the business sector.

2/26/08

Black Arts Gallery: BAG

Bernhard Center West Ballroom
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

This event is designed to showcase the (visually) artistic talents of WMU students. The artists will be available to discuss their exhibits and meet with the guests.

2/28/08

Whitney M. Young Scholars Celebration

Room 4010 College of Health & Human Services
7 p.m.



Dr. Kwame Dawes, a writer, a poet, and professor from the University of South Carolina, born in Ghana and grew up in Jamaica. He has just completed a book on Bob Marley, and has written and spoken on Colonialism and its aftermath. The presentation will focus on Bob Marley and social movements.

2/28/08

Oppression & Racism Today

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Part IV of IV. This final discussion will review the status of traditional ethnic underrepresented groups from both the historic and contemporary perspectives. This event is free and open to all WMU students.

For more information on the Division of Multicultural Affairs' Calendar of Events please visit www.multicultural.wmich.edu or call (269) 387-4420.

MARCH

3/12/08

Introduction to Exploring Institutional Racism

Room 1010 College of Health & Human Services
8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

This session on anti-racism provides an introductory process for exploring the meaning and the effects of systemic racism. This four-hour session will engage participants in thinking and talking about racism so that, over time, we may develop a common language that will help us collectively identify and dismantle racism and other inequities that affect the work of the University. The session will be led by facilitators from Crossroads who are currently working with several organizations in the Kalamazoo area.

3/19/08

Film & Discussion

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
6:30 p.m.



The Division of Multicultural Affairs and WMU's Diversity Council have teamed up to sponsor this film review and discussion. After viewing Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing", facilitators will engage participants in a discussion about the "isms" present in the film, the similarities on campus, and dismantling those "isms". Beverages will be provided.

3/19-21/08

Spanish Spring Festival

Multicultural Center, Trimpe Building
4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

The Division of Multicultural Affairs is collaborating with WMU's Department of Spanish to sponsor a Spring film series. On the first day the a film will be shown at 4pm. The other two will be shown at 6pm. The films are in Spanish with English subtitles. Some of the films content will deal with issues of Latino culture in the US. The film titles will be announced in early 2008.

3/29/08

Cesar E. Chavez Birthday Celebration

Fetzer Business Development Center
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



The Division of Multicultural Affairs and several organization in the Kalamazoo area are co-sponsoring the second annual banquet that will celebrate the work of Cesar E. Chavez, one of the greatest American civil rights leaders. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Antonio Flores, President, of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

3/30/08-4/1/08

18th Annual Equity in the Classroom Conference

Ferris State University,
Big Rapids, MI

Faculty, department chairs, faculty search committees, deans, and administrators will be collaborating to implement new ideas and strategies in campus programming, curriculum and faculty recruitment.

For more information visit

eup.wmich.edu/olle/conferences/equity072/

APRIL

4/8/8-4/4/08

Multicultural Theatre Program Visitation

Presenter: Rodney Saulsberry, one of the nation's top film/television voice talents. This Detroit native and University of Michigan graduate is one of the premiere voiceover talents in the country. Recently, he became a published author with the release of his first book, You Can Bank on Your Voice: Your Guide to a Successful Career in Voice-Overs, and his new book, Step Up to the Mic: A Positive Approach to Succeeding in Voice-Overs.

Division of **MULTICULTURAL** Affairs

To embrace and enhance the involvement of individuals and groups of students by engaging in cultural and academic learning experiences that lead to greater engagement and success through academic and personal connections on the WMU campus; to foster an environment where diversity in all of its forms is celebrated, affirmed, and vigorously pursued.



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Spring Calendar of Events

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