

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

# INTERNATIONAL

## EDUCATION WEEK 2017

November 12-18,

#WorldAtWestern #GloballyEngagedBroncos #IEW2017

**Sunday, Nov. 12**

### Western World Cup

1 to 7 p.m., WMU Student Recreation Center

This co-ed soccer tournament will kick off International Education Week 2017 and collect soccer donations for distribution by Aspiras to children in low-income soccer clubs in the Dominican Republic. Registration is \$5 per player plus donation item.

Hosted by: International Student Activities and Aspiras

**Monday, Nov. 13**

### CELCIS Conversation Circles

November 13 to 16

2 to 3 p.m., 4th floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall

Join students in learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics.

Thursday, Nov. 16 will be a women-only CELCIS Conversation Circle.

Hosted by: Center for English Language and Culture for International Students

### International TasteFest Potluck

5 to 7 p.m., Lee Honors College Lounge

Attend the International TasteFest Potluck where RSO's will provide food from the cultures represented by their members.

Hosted by: Lee Honors College and Western Student Association

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**

### Mesa Española

November 14 to 15

4 to 5 p.m., Brown Hall Lobby

Practice Spanish with other students and native Spanish speakers while enjoying refreshments.

Hosted by: Department of Spanish

### International Trivia Night

6 to 7:30 p.m., 3508 Knauss Hall

Test your international knowledge with a Trivia Night complete with free food and prizes!

Hosted by: Study Abroad Alumni Ambassadors

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

### "Vision of Wisdom 2025"

4 to 5:30 p.m., TBD Sangran Hall

Join us for Dr. Matebe Tafere Gedifew's (Bahir University) discussion of the achievements and challenges in developing a premier research university in Africa.

Hosted by: Center for African Development Policy Research

### "What kind of language is Chinese?"

4 p.m., 2028 Brown Hall

This public lecture by Dr. Wenfang Sun (Confucius Institute at WMU) looks at some distinctive features of the Chinese language from the perspective of language typology.

Hosted by: Confucius Institute at WMU

### Japan Festival

4 to 7 p.m., New Wesley Foundation

Don't miss the Japan Festival where members of the Japan Club will make traditional foods for guests and offer cultural activities.

Hosted by: Japan Club

**Wednesday, Nov. 15 cont.**

### Rakugo

6 p.m., New Wesley Foundation

A traditional Japanese comedy performance that will take place during the Japan Festival.

Hosted by: Soga Japan Center

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

### "The discovery of Puerto Rico in 1493"

6:30 to 7 p.m., 1750 Sangren Hall

Join Dr. Ángel Gullón-Rivera (WMU) in a discussion of Christopher Columbus' second trip to the Caribbean which brought the Spanish to the island we call Puerto Rico today.

Hosted by: Division of Multicultural Affairs

### American Thanksgiving

12 to 2 p.m., Kanley Chapel

Attend this annual dinner that explains how thanksgiving fits into U.S. culture and how it has changed throughout the years.

Hosted by: International Student Fellowship

**Friday, Nov. 17**

### "Dams Large and Small"

3 to 4 p.m., 2119 Wood Hall

Join Dr. Stephen K. Hamilton (MSU) in a discussion of ecosystem impacts on the world's tropical river systems.

Hosted by: Department of Geography

### Orchestra Rouh

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., 2452 Knauss Hall

Don't miss a performance by Orchestra Rouh, an educational initiative of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, that provides ongoing music instruction to children of Syrian and other refugee families in Kalamazoo.

Hosted by: Arabic Program and Refugee Outreach Collective

### China Night

6 to 8 p.m., New Wesley Foundation

Join China Night for a demonstration of traditional Chinese culture through dress, cinema and other cultural activities.

Hosted by: Chinese Students and Scholars

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

### Pakistani Saqafat (Colors of Pakistan)

9 to 10 p.m., Trimpe Building -MCC

Join this activity-filled informational night filled with Pakistani culture. The event will include traditional Pakistani food, unique poetry from the region and history taught by Pakistani students.

Hosted by: Pakistani Student Association

### Dominican Night

5 to 8 p.m., Trimpe Building-MCC

Dominican students at WMU will showcase their culture through food and dance classes for the attendees.

Hosted by: Dominican Student Association

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Mark your calendars for International Festival 2018: Sunday, March 25 at 4 p.m.