March is National Women’s History Month, a time to study, observe and celebrate the vital role of women in American History. The celebration’s origins go back to 1981 when Congress passed a public law authorizing and requesting the President to declare the week of March 7, 1982 as Women’s History Week. The week designation continued for the next five years, until a petition by the National Women’s History Project led to the designation of March 1987 as Women’s History Month. Congressional resolutions and presidential proclamations since then have continued the designation for the month of March. Multiple national agencies have exhibitions, collections and resources available at https://womenshistorymonth.gov/


In honor of Women’s History Month, Lehigh University’s Center for Gender Equity celebrates WHAM—Women’s History & Awesomeness Month! All are welcome, and we want to make our events as accessible as possible, so please reach out to Azalea Chacon at amca21@lehigh.edu with any accommodations needed!

Events include:

- International Women’s Day Celebration Tabling: Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, EWFM Circulation Desk
- Producing Chocolate Is Not So Sweet– The Hidden Cost to Women and the Environment of Cocoa Cultivation with Prof. Kelly Austin: Tuesday, March 8, 12:00-1:00 PM, Roemmele Global Commons, Williams Hall
- Lehigh Women’s Network Gathering: Friday, March 11, 12:00-1:00 PM, via Zoom here. (This event is open to faculty, staff and graduate students)
- Our Stories, Our Voices—Name a Lehigh woman (graduate or undergraduate student) who inspires you or yourself to be featured in an art series highlighting Lehigh’s women and their strength: all month, using this link.
We need your feedback! We will be administering the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS) Diversity & Equity Climate Survey on Monday March 21. In this survey you will be asked about your perception of Lehigh’s climate, how we support equity & diversity on campus, and your experiences with harassment and discrimination here. All staff, faculty, and students will receive an email invitation from HEDS with a unique link to the survey—so do not share your link with anyone else! The survey should only take about 15 minutes to complete and your responses will be completely anonymous. Participation is voluntary, but the higher the level of participation in the survey, the more meaningful and accurate the data will be. As a token of appreciation for your time, you may be randomly selected to win one of the following: a $100 Amazon gift card (2 available), a $50 Amazon gift card (4 available), or a $20 Amazon gift card (20 available).

For more information about the steps HEDS takes to keep your information anonymous, click here. Questions about the survey can be directed to vpec@lehigh.edu.

Join the Lehigh Asian Alumni Network (LAAN) for a discussion with Krystal Ka’ai ’10, executive director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI). Ka’ai will discuss her role with WHIAANHPI, her experience at Lehigh as an Asian American, her non-traditional career path, and more. This event is brought to you through a partnership with LAAN, the Lehigh Women’s Professional Alliance, and the South Asian Student Association. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM and is open to alumni, faculty, staff and students! For more information and to register, please visit this link.
The Office of Multicultural Affairs celebrates Women’s Herstory Month with a series of themed Community M-Rooms. The next session—Maternal Mental Health—is Thursday March 10 from 12-1 PM, either in person in UC204 or via Zoom at bit.ly/OMAlounge. Other sessions include First Generation & Guilt, Consumerism—Feeding and Filling the Void, and Criminal Justice System: Mass Incarceration and the School to Prison Pipeline. Email inmca@lehigh.edu for more information.

Data journalist Meredith Broussard will deliver the inaugural l-DISC Data and Computing Equity and Justice (DCEJ) lecture on Wednesday April 6 at 4:30 PM. Broussard is an associate professor at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute of New York University, research director at the NYU Alliance for Public Interest Technology, and the author of Artificial Unintelligence: How Computers Misunderstand the World. You can attend in person at Whitaker Lab Room 303, with reception to follow, or virtually, via Zoom webinar. [The event will be live-streamed but will not be recorded.] Registration is required for both types of attendees. Please visit this page to register.