



## October 2022 Newsletter

Check out the latest from the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity!




The [ADVANCE Center for Women in STEM Faculty](#) and [The Pride Center for Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity](#) are partnering to provide a series of learning opportunities based on ideas central to the new book *Queering STEM Culture in US Higher Education: Navigating Experiences of Exclusion in the Academy*, available [online from the Lehigh Libraries](#) to students, faculty, & staff (Lehigh credentials required).


**QUEERING STEM CULTURE  
IN US HIGHER EDUCATION:  
BOOK CLUB & KEYNOTE SIGN UP**


The ADVANCE Center for Women in STEM Faculty and The Pride Center for Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity are sponsoring a book club for faculty, staff and students. We are interested in creating brave spaces for learning, understanding, relating and growing; thus we aim to organize book discussion group(s) for LGBTQ folks and book discussion group(s) for allies and learners.

The first book discussion group window will be between Oct 1-17 before Dr. Kelly Cross, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech University and co-editor of *Queering STEM Culture in US Higher Education*, visits campus for a keynote address on Wednesday, October 19 at 12 pm.




**REGISTER NOW!**

BOOK CLUB SIGN UP 

10/19/22 KEYNOTE SIGN UP 



**DR. KELLY CROSS**

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to [join a book club](#). We are interested in creating brave spaces for learning, understanding, relating and growing; thus we organized a book discussion group for LGBTQ folks and a book discussion group for allies and learners. There is still room in the first allies and learners session, scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 10:45 AM. Each group is discussing two specific chapters defined in the [registration form](#); location will be shared with registrants. Future reading groups will discuss other chapters. *More about the book:* Adopting an intersectional lens, this timely volume explores the lived experiences of members of the queer and trans community in post-secondary STEM culture in the US to provide critical insights into progressing socially just STEM education pathways. Offering contributions from students, faculty, practitioners, and administrators, the volume highlights prevailing issues of heteronormativity and marginalization across a range of STEM disciplines.

All can register to attend the Fall Keynote and Q&A featuring Dr. Kelly Cross, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Tech University and co-editor on October 19, 2022 in HST101 at 12:00. [Register for the keynote with this form no later than October 14th](#). You don't need to participate in a book group to attend the keynote.

Contact Lehigh ADVANCE at [advance@lehigh.edu](mailto:advance@lehigh.edu) with questions or for more information.



Lehigh University Art Galleries asked over 100 faculty, staff, students and Bethlehem community members “**What Matters Most?**” Participants were then able to select a work from the LUAG collection that helped them answer that question. The results are on display in all five of the LUAG galleries across campus and at the South Bethlehem Greenway Trail, part of a partnership with the Southside Arts District. In addition to the artwork, there will be a series of videos with participants discussing their chosen works. The “What Matters Most” exhibition will continue through the 2022-2023 academic year. Read more about the exhibition [here](#), and see the exhibition locations, videos and example artworks [here](#).

Image: *A Spirit Uplifted -- Helping Each Other, Lexington Avenue, New York City*, Erika Stone, 1970's, Gelatin silver print, Gift of George Stephanopoulos, accessed at: [luag.cas.lehigh.edu](http://luag.cas.lehigh.edu)



We are proud to announce that we have once again been identified as a Best of the Best LGBTQ-Friendly College and University by Campus Pride. This recognition is extended to 40 schools across the country who have received a 5/5 on the Campus Pride Index. We want to acknowledge the tremendous work of our Pride Center staff: Scott Burden, Ariel Torres, Mary Ellen Kitchen and Caroline Patricio . It is because of them that we are receiving this award again. Congrats!

The Campus Pride Index is the premier national benchmarking tool which self-assesses LGBTQ-friendly policies, programs and practices. In order to be in the “Best of the Best” listing, an institution had to score the highest percentages in the LGBTQ-friendly benchmarks for policies, programs and practices. For more information and to see the full list, [click here](#).



We are also pleased to announce that Lehigh University has been announced as a 2022 HEED Award recipient for our commitment to diversity and inclusion. This is our fourth year as a HEED Award recipient, a strong indication that our efforts toward creating a diverse and equitable campus environment that celebrates everyone are making an impact. Of particular note to the award committee was the publication of the University [Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Strategic Plan](#) and our continued relationship with [the Posse Foundation](#). Though we still have work to do, this recognition is a great achievement.



**Soaring Together, Lehigh's celebration of 50 years of undergraduate coeducation, continues in Bethlehem!** The Soaring Together Conference Series began last spring when nearly 50 Lehigh women volunteers gathered on campus to discuss the past, present, and future of Lehigh. Continue the momentum in a more intimate setting, and connect with fellow intergenerational alumnae in the Lehigh Valley region. The dinner will take place on Thursday November 3 at 6:00 PM at Anna's Brick Oven Pizza in Bethlehem. [Click here](#) for more information or to register for the event.

As a part of Lehigh's Soaring together, we are getting Lehigh women together throughout the country. We are scheduling several casual dinners with a small group of alumnae and we would love you to join. Upcoming dinners can be [found here](#).

Check out Diversity, Inclusion & Equity offerings coming up soon!



**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

¡Hola familia! Please join us in celebrating this special holiday. There will be fun activities, food, & PRIZES.

- Sponsored by Lehigh's [Latin American and Latino Studies Program](#) -

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 13th  
**TIME:** 7:30pm to 9pm  
**WHERE:** Williams Hall Roemmele Global Commons



Close out **Hispanic Heritage Month** with the final event on campus! Join Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated, The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Lehigh F1RST for a fun event on Thursday October 13 from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Roemmele Global Commons in Williams Hall. Food, activities, prizes and FUN! See you there!

## HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER PANTRY



**AVAILABLE ITEMS**

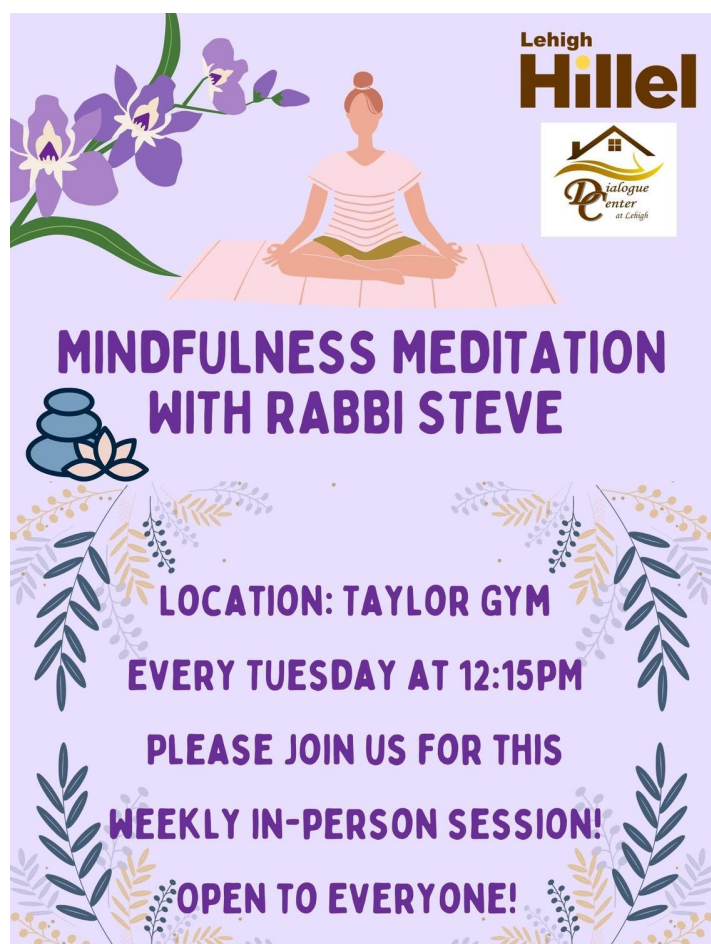
- beverages
- snacks
- menstrual products
- condoms
- first aid kits
- hygiene products
- covid antigen tests
- & more

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36 UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
JOHNSON HALL - 3RD FLOOR  
WELLNESS CENTER ROOM  
M-F, 9-4PM




The **Health and Wellness Center** now has a pantry, including items like beverages, snacks, first aid kits, COVID test kits, menstruation products, condoms and more. Located on the 3rd Floor of Johnson Hall and open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM, the pantry is available to any student who is eligible for Health & Wellness Center services. [Click here](#) for more information on eligibility.



Lehigh **Hillel**



**MINDFULNESS MEDITATION WITH RABBI STEVE**

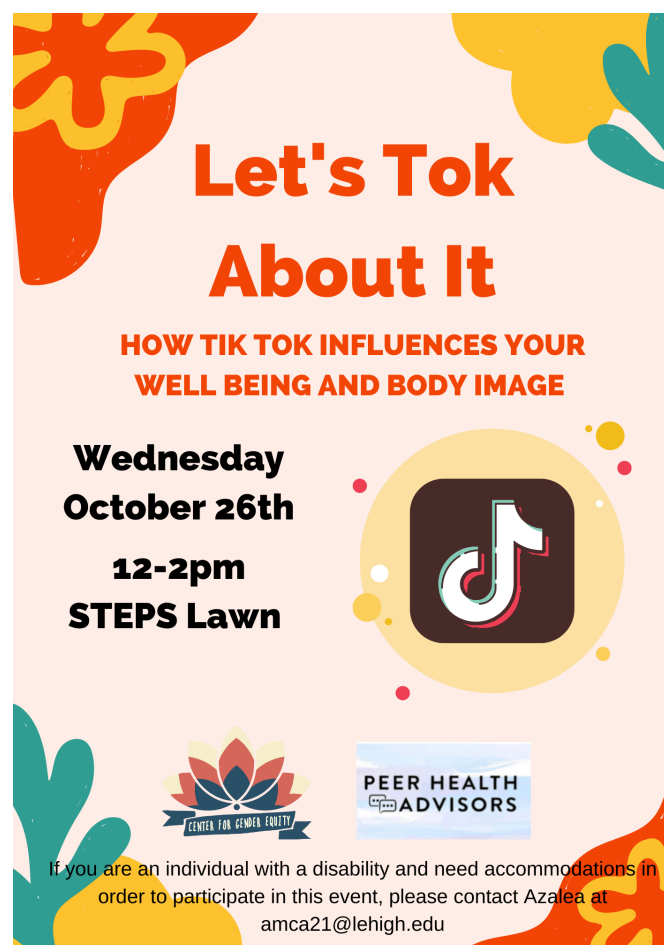


**LOCATION: TAYLOR GYM**  
**EVERY TUESDAY AT 12:15PM**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WEEKLY IN-PERSON SESSION!**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE!**




Join Rabbi Steve Nathan from the Office of Jewish Student Life for Mindfulness Meditation, every Tuesday at 12:15 PM at Taylor Gym. Open to everyone, no need to RSVP!



**Let's Tok About It**

**HOW TIK TOK INFLUENCES YOUR WELL BEING AND BODY IMAGE**

**Wednesday**  
**October 26th**  
**12-2pm**  
**STEPS Lawn**



If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Azalea at [amca21@lehigh.edu](mailto:amca21@lehigh.edu)

The Center for Gender Equity and the Peer Health Advisors want to Tok About It—How Tik Tok Influences your Well-Being and Body Image. Join them Wednesday 10/26 from 12-2 PM on STEPS Lawn!