



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

Welcome to Fall 2023 at Lehigh University! For those unfamiliar with our office, we are responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to enhance and build on Lehigh's efforts to advance its commitment to a diverse, inclusive and antiracist campus. We do this through strategic planning, training, education and research, community relations, policy development and communications. Our stem is comprised of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity and our advocacy centers: the Center for Gender Equity, the Center for Student Access and Success, the Chaplain's Office, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Pride Center for Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity. This newsletter will give you a taste of what's happening through ODI&E on campus, but we invite you to [explore our website](#) to get a richer picture of all that we have to offer.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

WED SEPT. 6
11 AM - 1 PM
STEPS LAWN

ROCK THE BLOCK

WE WELCOME ALL TO JOIN

FACULTY STAFF GRADS UNDERGRAD

& TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS!

DR. CARLY DICKERSON
& DR. ROBERT ROBINSON



Another great way to learn more about us is to visit us at **Rock the Block 2023!** This annual mini block party offers all of campus the opportunity to come chat with us about who we are, what we do and how we do it together. Stop by STEPS Lawn (STEPS Concourse if it rains) on Wednesday September 6 between 11 AM and 1 PM to grab some information, swag, tacos, and to meet our newest team members Dr. Carly Dickerson (CGE) and Dr. Robert Robertson (OMA)! First Year students can get 5x10 credit for their participation. Special guest appearance by Princess Buttercup, the (un)official mascot of ODI&E! All are welcome—we're excited to see you!

Meet Our New Team Members!



The Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity welcomed two amazing team members this summer.

Dr. Robert Robinson is the **Interim Director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs**. Dr. Robinson was most recently the Chief Culture, Equity, and Advancement Officer for the Allentown School District (ASD). Prior to his role at ASD, Dr. Robinson was the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Northampton Community College. He was also the Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at the University of North Georgia. “I feel privileged to have been granted my chance to contribute my services in this significant role. I urge each member of our community to actively engage with OMA. I eagerly anticipate collaborating with each of you as we work towards creating an even more inclusive and fair campus community. Visit Robert in Christmas Saucon 233, email him at rlr323@lehigh.edu or stop by Rock the Block to meet him!

Carly Dickerson, Ph. D., is the **Associate Director for the Center for Gender Equity**. She received her PhD in Linguistics from The Ohio State University, and most recently was a postdoctoral associate with the Language and Social Justice Initiative of the Language Engagement Project at Rutgers University-New Brunswick. Her area of expertise is language and gender, with a special research interest in how notions of gender (and specifically masculinity) are constructed, perceived, and performed in Albanian society. Carly is very excited to get to know the Lehigh community and to find ways to collaborate meaningfully with groups across campus. She is particularly looking forward to working with and mentoring students. Stop by Christmas Saucon 342, email cad623@lehigh.edu or join us at (you guessed it) Rock the Block to meet Carly!

(Rock the Block full details are directly above)



Save The Date for Lehigh/Lafayette! Join BALANCE, LAAN, and LAPA for an unforgettable weekend and celebration of the Lehigh/Lafayette Rivalry. We will gather at Taste Smokers for great food and conversations on **Friday, November 17th**. Join us the following morning with a breakfast co-sponsored with The Office of Multicultural Affairs, and The Pride Center. We will continue the celebration up on Goodman Campus for an all-affinity Tailgate. For more information or to make sure you get the invite email, please reach out to Keith Gustafson, Associate Director of Alumni Engagement and Inclusion Initiatives at keg415@lehigh.edu.

Check out what Diversity, Inclusion & Equity is offering as we kick off the semester!

Interested in being a part of the Center for Gender Equity team? You're in luck—we're hiring! Work study positions are available for those with federal work study in their financial aid package, and internships are available for WGSS credit (majors, minors and grad certificates). Neither of those apply to you? That's ok! Connect with us to find out how we can support you in gender equity work! [Email incge@lehigh.edu](mailto:incge@lehigh.edu) or [apply via Handshake here.](#)

The Health & Wellness Center is offering Free STI Testing on campus, Tuesday September 12 and Tuesday September 26 (more dates will follow as the semester continues). Appointments are available from 9-11 AM and 1-4 PM. Access the student health portal to schedule your appointment by scanning the QR code above, or visiting <https://lehigh.studenthealthportal.com> or [email inluhc@lehigh.edu](mailto:inluhc@lehigh.edu) for more information.

Do you love food? Would you like to learn about international Jewish cultures? Join the Office of Jewish Student Life for their Jewish Cooking Fellowship. You'll learn about different cultures within Judaism while you cook and eat various cuisines including Ethiopian, Argentine, Chinese, Cajun and more! Plus you earn a \$100 stipend! Spaces are limited for this opportunity, which takes place at the Jewish Student Center, 233 W Packer Ave, every other Thursday beginning 9/21 from 4:30-7:00 PM. Sign up by 9/18 at go.lehigh.edu/jewishlife.

The Pride Center is committed to making each and every one of our programs and initiatives accessible and inclusive. If you are planning to attend a program and have any accessibility needs or desires, please contact Mel Kitchen at mbk411@lehigh.edu in advance of the program for coordination.

Join The Pride Center this Fall for events filled with celebration and learning! Fierce Film Fridays kicks off on Friday September 15 from 2-4 PM, and the Big Queer Lunch is the next week on Friday September 22 from 12-2 PM! No RSVPs needed. Find out how we live the motto "Love is ACTivism" while enjoying food and fellowship! Please [contact Mel Kitchen at mbk411@lehigh.edu](mailto:mbk411@lehigh.edu) if you have questions or accessibility needs.