



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

Welcome to Fall 2020 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. The division is comprised of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity; 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; and a Multicultural Community Liaison. 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.



We are proud to announce that Lehigh University is one of 90 institutions of higher education to receive the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. The HEED Award is the only national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion across their campus. The 90 honorees will be featured in the November 2020 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. [Read more here.](#)



Three Lehigh programs were selected as recipients of the INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine 2020 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award. The award is designed to honor colleges and universities that encourage underrepresented students to enter science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The RARE Program, Greer Scholars program, and Women in Engineering PreLUision program were selected for the honor. [Read the full story here.](#)



Congratulations to three of our stem members who received prestigious University awards this year! Mary Ellen "Mel" Kitchen won the Perry & Carol Zirkel Nonexempt Staff Award, which recognizes outstanding performance and contributions by a member of the nonexempt staff. Scott Burden received the Alfred Noble Robinson Exempt & Nonexempt Staff Award, which recognizes outstanding performance in service to the university and unusual promise of professional achievement. And Rita Jones was honored with the Lehigh University Exempt Staff Distinguished Service Award which recognizes a member of the exempt staff who has contributed in significant ways to the Lehigh community over a number of years. [A full list of the awards can be found here.](#)



University Chaplain Lloyd Steffen discusses "living centered on love" in an op-ed for The Morning Call. "Love may always associate with romance, but in such difficult days, we need a broader and deeper idea of love...love that can put a check on our impatience with one another and blunt the temptation to hopelessness" he says. [Read the full op-ed here.](#)

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

LUally

Fall 2020 Virtual Sessions

allyship & inclusion

Sept. 9 LGBTQ+ 101 11:30am-1pm

Oct. 7 QTPOC: Queer & Trans People of Color 11:30am-1pm

Nov. 11 Queer Criminalization 11:30am-1pm

Register at go.lehigh.edu/virtuallyally
Earn 25 Be Well Points!

we believe that allyship is an active, lifelong commitment to showing up for and advocating alongside historically marginalized communities. by leveraging power and privilege, allies practice ongoing learning, embrace challenges, and own their mistakes in order to create a just, equitable world for all.

questions? email us at pridecenter@lehigh.edu

THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY
FALL 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- 9/8: Social Media Outreach
- 10/6: Event/ Dialogue
- 11/3: Event/ Dialogue
- 12/1: Social Media Outreach

READING GROUP

- September 10th and 24th
- October 8th and 22nd
- November 5th and 19th
- December 3rd and 17th

GENDER IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

- 9/24: Dialogue
- 10/22: Dialogue
- 11/19: Dialogue
- 12/3: Social Media Outreach

BODY POSITIVITY

- 9/16: Social Media Outreach
- 10/14: Dialogue
- 11/11: Dialogue
- 12/2: Social Media Outreach

Keep an eye out for further dates, including zine-making workshops and more!

Want to learn more about a customized workshop or group facilitation? Don't hesitate to email us!

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Tess Pyne IN ADVANCE at tmp218@lehigh.edu.

"ZOOM" INTO SHABBAT

JOIN LEHIGH HILLEL

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!

LED BY RABBI STEVE NATHAN



FRIDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (EDT)

GO.LEHIGH.EDU/LEHIGHSHABBAT

THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
VIRTUAL M-ROOM
FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS ↪
OMA Community Virtual M-Rooms
Continuing the great discussions from the summer and open to all Lehigh community members (staff, faculty, students, and alumni)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

THURSDAYS ↪
OMA Virtual Student M-Rooms
Designed for student's only. Come for resources, support and great discussions!!
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us at: <http://bit.ly/OMAlounge>

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING THE LEHIGH COMMUNITY BY DOING A 15- 30 MINUTE VIDEO TO HELP OCCUPY THOSE BEING CARED FOR DURING REMOTE WORK?

CAREGIVING SUPPORT VIDEOS

STORY TIME, YOGA, ART, DANCING, SINGING, SCIENCE, HISTORY, WRITING, ANIMALS- USE YOUR PASSION AND IMAGINATION TO HELP OUT OUR CAREGIVING COMMUNITY.

Parenting Caregiving Network

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP

A weekly Zoom meditation session to help us deal with physical and spiritual isolation we haven't experienced before. Join with or without video. Open to all! No experience required!

mindful meditation

ONLINE WITH
RABBI STEVE NATHAN

FRIDAYS @ 1PM (EDT)
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/MEDITATION