Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs and Events
August 2020

7/1-8/15  Black Fusionist Society: Antoine Williams/The Center for Afrofuturist Studies/virtual
A transmedia historical fiction project by CAS artist-in-residence Antoine Williams, Black Fusionist Society takes the 1898 Wilmington Massacre as the beginning of a new narrative of the lives of a group of Black families who form a belief system based on physics and apotropaic magic that protects them in daily life and works towards an ultimate goal of migrating to a new dimension free of white supremacy.
Williams’ art will form a framework for the Black Fusionist Society story and invite Black writers and artists to contribute to creating a growing digital mythos.
https://afrofuturist.center/programming/digital_projects/black-fusionist-society

8/6-8/9  Listening Posts on Social Justice & Racial Equity/North Liberty City Gov/11:30am-12:30pm
Through these listening posts, city leaders hope to hear diverse stories to further understand the experiences of residents, take comments and hear ideas to address barriers and inequities locally, and to gain insights into policies and practices that have disproportionate impact on marginalized people in our community.
Each listening post will be in a public-comment format, with commenters able to attend the session as they are available.
Thursday, Aug. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Ranshaw House, 55 W Penn St.
Sunday, Aug. 9, at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. online
https://northlibertyiowa.org/listeningposts

8/7 & 8/21  Healing Spaces/Division of Student Life/1-3pm
Ruth Kahssai, Director of Justice and Equity, USG, and Dr. Maria Bruno, Executive Director of Belonging and Inclusion, DSL, have created space for students, faculty, and staff who identify within the African Diaspora. Our aim is to create space for open and brave conversation, to listen and share in the community as we process national events, and provide a platform to hold each other up.
https://events.uiowa.edu/36098

8/10-8/13  Indigenous Art Alliance presents: Spoken Word Poetry Virtual Writing Camp/12:30pm-1:30pm
Designed for students entering 6th grade, each of the 4-day camps meet online for one hour a day with host, Dawson Davenport and a teacher. In addition to writing skills, each class will also include an introduction to different Indigenous histories and stories. Each class is taught over Zoom by an Indigenous writer/artist who will also share some of their own work. Each class can accommodate 10 students. Students may register for only one class. All classes are offered at no cost to participants and sponsored in their entirety by Beloved Community Initiative.
This class will help entering sixth-grade students understand the poetry form of Spoken Word, which is similar to Lyric Verse, however, spoken word is the A Capella version. Spoken Word is initial thought version, rather than writing to follow a rhythm or beat. By the end of this course a student will be able to stand up and perform a Spoken Word poem, and can perform it if interested. Register in advance:
https://becomingbelovedcommunity.org/calendar/virtual-writing-camps

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8/10- Indigenous Art Alliance presents: Lyric Verse Poetry Writing Camp/2-3pm
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8/10- Indigenous Art Alliance presents: Creative Writing Virtual Camp/3:30-4:30pm
Register in advance: https://becomingbelovedcommunity.org/calendar/virtual-writing-camps

8/12- Critical Conversations/Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success/Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm
Virtual community conversations about allies, advocacy, and activism. Facilitated discussion around race, family, policing, social inequity, and the impact on our youth.
https://mailchi.mp/0e28ada52211/crtical-conversations?fbclid=IwAR35U5FQRfY9Us5SNeQjHUvsuj251ArFEU4EK_JjuG6YcFrqLPXL0pJQ

8/12 Know Your Rights/Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County/G! World/5pm
Join us for an opportunity to engage in a presentation geared to help students of color know their rights. Our goal is to inform you on how to advocate within a system when you feel your rights have been violated.

8/17 Black Women’s Maternal Health Conference featuring Loretta Ross/virtual/8am-5pm
Topics include: A Public Health Perspective on Black Maternal Health, Improving Community Engagement in Research, Maternal Health Experiences, Navigating the Healthcare System During a Maternal Mortality Crisis, Historical Perspectives for Black Maternal Health and more.
CME/CE credits available
medicine.uiowa.edu/bwmh

8.23 Virtual Doc Dash/Carver College of Medicine/9am
All proceeds benefit the Free Medical & Dental Clinics of Iowa City and the student-run UI Mobile Clinic, both of which been bringing healthcare to underserved populations during the current pandemic. The UI Mobile Clinic has been hard at work providing online telemedicine appointments and will begin reopening in-person clinics in the coming months! Likewise, the Free Medical Clinics have been operating on a smaller scale than usual, continuing to provide care to those in and around Iowa City; however, they are planning a phased reopening of their clinics and are in need of the annual support Doc Dash brings to their organization. Help us help them!
https://uiccomstores.org/event/doc-dash-2020/

8.25 Asian Americans: Different Waves, a panel discussion/Monsoon/3:15-5pm
Who are Asian Americans? What are the issues affecting them? Learn about the Asian Diaspora from individuals who were born in the U.S. or migrated at an early age.
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYof-utrT8iGdVVf1K8Rtftq12OlqRra4e

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**Varies**  
**John Lewis: Good Trouble/FilmScene/Virtual Screening Room**  
Using interviews and rare archival footage, John Lewis: Good Trouble chronicles Lewis’ 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action on civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health-care reform and immigration. Using present-day interviews with Lewis, now 80 years old, Porter explores his childhood experiences, his inspiring family and his fateful meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957. In addition to her interviews with Lewis and his family, Porter’s primarily cinéma vérité film also includes interviews with political leaders, Congressional colleagues, and other people who figure prominently in his life.  
[https://watch.eventive.org/johnlewis/play/5ee01e41b17f760068215158](https://watch.eventive.org/johnlewis/play/5ee01e41b17f760068215158)

**Varies**  
**Ai Weiwei: Yours Truly/FilmScene/Virtual Screening Room**  
Human rights become profoundly personal when Ai Weiwei, China’s most famous artist, transforms Alcatraz Island prison into an astonishing expression of socially-engaged art focused on the plight of the unjustly incarcerated. At the core of the installation, called @Large, were portraits of prisoners of conscience coupled with the opportunity to write letters of solidarity to the imprisoned. In her impassioned and powerful film, Cheryl Haines visits current and former prisoners, including American whistleblower Chelsea Manning, and learns how these letters were vital to their survival.  

**Ongoing**  
Building University of Iowa Leadership for Diversity (BUILD) Certificate Program  
[https://diversity.uiowa.edu/build-program](https://diversity.uiowa.edu/build-program)

LGBTQ Safe Zone Project  
[https://diversity.uiowa.edu/lgbtq-safe-zone-project](https://diversity.uiowa.edu/lgbtq-safe-zone-project)

Exploring White Identity Workshop  
[https://diversity.uiowa.edu/ewi](https://diversity.uiowa.edu/ewi)

National Coalition Building Institute  
[https://diversity.uiowa.edu/national-coalition-building-institute](https://diversity.uiowa.edu/national-coalition-building-institute)

Diversity Councils (faculty and staff) & Committees  
[https://diversity.uiowa.edu/about/dei-across-campus](https://diversity.uiowa.edu/about/dei-across-campus)

*Cook Ross Webinars: Free, on-demand webinars with topics ranging from Race to Tackling Transphobia in the Workplace*  
[https://cookross.com/webinars/](https://cookross.com/webinars/)

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