Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs and Events

September 2020

9/5  Africana Hemispheric Performance, Actions, Socially Public Participations, Rituals, and Ceremonies/Center for Afrofuturist Studies/6pm
https://afrofuturist.center/programming/program/ahp-livestream
Curated by Raul Moarquech Ferrera-Balanquet as the culmination of the Afro-Hemispheric Performance workshop.

9/8  A History of Violent Protests/UI Center for Advancement/12pm
https://www.facebook.com/events/249989602803566/
https://foriowa.info/2DmjQTO
University of Iowa Diversity Resources will be hosting three virtual discussion opportunities for alumni and friends in September. In this session, participants will consider any uncomfortable feelings about or reflections on protests in the United States from the past and present. Kellie Carter-Jackson shares her perspective that “these historical loops only stop skipping when something breaks” and why peaceful protests may not yield the structural changes needed in this country.

9/8  Beyond Hawai‘i: Connecting Iowa to Marshall Islands/4pm
Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity
With Julia Alfred, community leader in Majuro, capital of Marshall Islands, & Irene Maun, Marshallese community leader in Iowa. Two Pacific Islanders will bridge the more than 6,000 miles between Marshall Islands and Iowa, discussing shared histories and diverse experiences.
Register in advance for this webinar:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eSk18vuHQLKSYajM92Kmow

9/8  Gabrielle Calvocoressi: Writers @ Grinnell x Prairie Lights/7pm
https://www.prairielights.com/live/gabrielle-calvocoressi-writers-grinnell?fbclid=IwAR09IAE6pTxw-D8xRUE_xvYVse2_s_xbP8RbYCKTRiLBmNHMr5gJhKBa3xY
Join award-winning poet Gabrielle Calvocoressi for a reading from their work, followed by a discussion with Writers @ Grinnell Director Dean Bakopoulos about the ways we can re-imagine creative writing and the teaching of creative writing during this tumultuously challenging year. For the link to access the event, register here.

9/9  Meet the Iowa Black Doula Collective/12pm
https://www.facebook.com/events/1042926266168572
Black Doulas in Iowa will be discussing all things fertility, birth, postpartum and wellness for our community. We will cover what is a doula, our services and support, mission and work in the community, and goals moving forward

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9/9  **Step Afrika! Virtual Premiere: Stono/Hancher/7pm**  
Hancher is lead commissioner of a timely new project from Step Afrika! The company presents a virtual world premiere of Stono on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020—the 281st anniversary of the Stono Rebellion.

9/10  **UI Latinx Council Welcome Event/11:30-1pm**  
Grab your lunch, meet the council members and new people across campus!  
[ui-latinxcouncil@uiowa.edu](mailto:ui-latinxcouncil@uiowa.edu) for inquiries.

9/10  **UI African American Council Welcome Event/4pm**  
[Shalisa-gladney@uiowa.edu](mailto:Shalisa-gladney@uiowa.edu) for inquiries

9/16  **Womxn of Colour Network Fall 2020 Virtual Mixer/5:30pm**  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/319280122628696](https://www.facebook.com/events/319280122628696)  
Join the Womxn of Colour Network (WOCN) for their 4th annual Fall Mixer! This year, we will be taking things ONLINE. Whether you have attended WOCN events in the past or this is your first time, we want to invite you to this special event where we can create community and sisterhood with one another.  
All womxn of color faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduate students are welcome!  
REGISTER TODAY! After registering, you will receive an exclusive link to the event.

9/17-  **Iowa Aging Summit/School of Social Work & College of Nursing/8:30am-5:30pm**  
Sign up at [www.iowaaging.org](http://www.iowaaging.org).  
The Iowa Aging Summit, presented by the University of Iowa Aging & Longevity Studies Program, the UI School of Social Work, and the Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence, will be held on September 17-18, 2020, using Zoom.  
We’re drawing our inspiration for the Iowa Aging Summit from one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: “Quality Education to transform our world”—and we will focus on exchanging information and ideas related to enriching the experience of older adulthood through education across the lifespan.

9/17  **Critical Masks: A Panel Discussion/6pm**  
Southeast Asian community leaders in Iowa talk about stigmas, struggles, safety and solutions during Covid-19, and urge more such open dialogue on addressing the dangerous global virus.  
Register in advance for this meeting:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclce-oqDMvEtKLDQ-SXkFrmh-XEgSbFSF](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclce-oqDMvEtKLDQ-SXkFrmh-XEgSbFSF)

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9/17  **Hieu Minh Nguyen and Angel Nafis**/Prairie Lights 7pm
Join poets (and pals) Hieu Minh Nguyen and Angel Nafis, during their week working with Writers @ Grinnell, for a reading and conversation about the craft of poetry, literary friendships, queerness, the art of mentorship, and working and surviving in a time of social upheaval. For the link to access the event, register [here](https://www.prairielights.com/live/hieu-minh-nguyen-and-angel-nafis-writers-grinnell).

9/24  **Jamel Brinkley: Writers @ Grinnell x Prairie Lights/7pm**
https://www.prairielights.com/live/jamel-brinkley-writers-grinnell?fbclid=IwAR2yTWGpD4Wj8OBeTgdegk_Ol4EgJ7Pp84Q7uTYMNPANMyVK3De08JR4
Join award-winning writer Jamel Brinkley during his week working with the Writers @ Grinnell program, for a reading and discussion. For the link to access the event, register [here](https://www.prairielights.com/live/jamel-brinkley-writers-grinnell).

9/25-  **Social Justice Reading Group** (register by 9/11)
4/30 https://diversity.uiowa.edu/social-justice-reading-group
The Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Center for Teaching are offering a virtual Social Justice Reading Group for instructors and staff. Utilizing Zoom and ICON, participants will attend a monthly session to engage in critical conversations with their colleagues about the readings and practice new skills and techniques. All UI Instructors (faculty, staff, and graduate students with teaching responsibilities) are welcome to register.

9/29  **Jenny Zhang: Writers @ Grinnell x Prairie Lights/7pm**
https://www.prairielights.com/live/jenny-zhang-writers-grinnell?fbclid=IwAR11hMZmKxtFdFvVwMfR4OC32k79zZWq9UctCm73gSSFiOpXiCWY0oMU8
Join writer and poet Jenny Zhang during her week working with the Writers @ Grinnell program, for a reading and discussion. For the link to access the event, register [here](https://www.prairielights.com/live/jenny-zhang-writers-grinnell).

various  **River City Drumbeat** (FilmScene)/Virtual Screening Room
https://vimeo.com/ondemand/rcdfilmscene
Edward "Nardie" White devoted his life to leading the African-American drum corps he co-founded with Zambia Nkrumah in Louisville, Kentucky three decades ago. Together they inspired youth from their West Louisville neighborhood to thrive by connecting them with the art and cultural traditions of their African ancestors. Now Albert Shumake, whose destiny was shaped by the drumline, must take up the mantle for the next generation. Meanwhile, student drummers Imani, Jailen, and Emily navigate adolescence and life changes. River City Drumbeat follows this creative community of mentors, parents, and youth making their way in a world where systemic forces raise obstacles to fulfilling their dreams.

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various **Sunless Shadows** (FilmScene)/Virtual Screening Room
[https://cinemaguild.vhx.tv/checkout/sunless-shadows-filmscene/purchase](https://cinemaguild.vhx.tv/checkout/sunless-shadows-filmscene/purchase)

The follow-up to Oskouei’s critically acclaimed *Starless Dreams*, *Sunless Shadows* takes another look at the lives of teenage girls in an Iranian juvenile detention center. But this time the focus is narrowed: each of the film’s principal subjects is serving time for the murder of a male family member. One by one, Oskouei invites them to go into a room alone, push the red button on the camera and address their victims or accomplices—three of the girls having killed their fathers with the help of their mothers, who now wait on death row.

With this new confessional approach combined with the ever-deepening relationships he has with his subjects, Oskouei presents a picture of the disenfranchised in this aggressively male-dominated society and of the prison that is their shelter from it.

**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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