

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATES DIVERSITY FOR ALL

Explore the **WCU Celebrates Diversity for All** calendar which showcases programs led by WCU faculty, staff, and departments. Join us to learn, connect, and help strengthen our inclusive campus. Each event is designed to inform, inspire, and build our collective cultural competence and campus engagement. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend.

AUGUST

Rams Roll Out: Glow in the Dark Skate Party

Sunday, August 24

7 pm | Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Kick off Welcome Week in the Sykes Student Union Ballroom with an exciting night of roller skating, music, and glowing neon fun! Register via RamConnect and follow @dowdymc_wcu on Instagram for the latest updates!

Sponsored by the Dowdy Multicultural Center. Register via RamConnect: https://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/dmc/rsvp_boot?id=2266575

For more information, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu.

Big Queer Welcome

Tuesday, August 26

5 pm – 8 pm | Sykes Ballrooms

I hope you're ready for the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy's annual Big Queer Welcome! Summer may be over, but pride isn't! This year's theme is Never-ending Pride; so, let's rewind the clock and break out our pride gear once again! Come start the school year off right: party with your peers, enjoy delicious food, create awesome crafts, discover LGBTQ+ student groups, compete in our lip synch extravaganza, and beat everyone in a game of musical chairs. Come be authentically you! Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy and the Center for Women and Gender Equity

Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. Register here: <https://cglink.me/2f3/r2266285>

For any questions, please email transandqueer@wcupa.edu

HOW TO REQUEST Accommodations

To request ADA accommodations for a program or event please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance at 610-436-2433 or eoc@wcupa.edu. Please make your needs known as early as possible, but no less than one week in advance of the event.



DIVERSITY SERIES | FALL 2025

SEPTEMBER



D-CAP PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INQUIRY NIGHTS

September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4
6 pm | Dub-C Autism Program (D-CAP) building
located on 20 Linden St.

These events are introduction sessions for prospective students to learn about WCU's D-CAP program and supports from student ambassadors and staff. Prospective students can be individuals who are not yet WCU students and are looking at autism support programs at different colleges before applying, but they can also be autistic students who are currently enrolled already at WCU and want to learn about and possibly join the program.

Sponsored by Dub-C Autism Program (D-CAP)

For more information contact Amanda Martin from Dub-C Autism Program (D-CAP) at AMartin2@wcupa.edu or at 610-436-3150 or visit the website at: <https://www.wcupa.edu/deputy-provost/dcap/>



"Fighting For Our Lives" Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Film Series

Monday, September 8

4:30 pm – 6 pm | Sykes 254

Learn about this important moment in history through a documentary screening of the 1973 strike by the United Farm Workers union led by Cesar Chavez where California grape farmworkers made history by walking off the job from Coachella to Fresno to fight for a UFW contract. A moving testimony to the bravery of the farm workers in their non-violent struggle against police and grower brutality and violence on the picket lines.

Sponsoring Departments: Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, and the Latino/a/x Communities Conference

For more information see <https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/ethnicStudies/> or contact Dr. Miguel Ceballos, Anthropology & Sociology at mceballos@wcupa.edu.

SEXY BINGO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7 PM – 9 PM | SYKES BALLROOMS

This is not your grandparents' bingo! Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fun bingo game to grow your knowledge in a light-hearted and shame-free space! Engage in conversations about health education and learn about safer sex practices, sexual anatomy, sexual behavior, and pleasure. Winners will be given prizes. Sponsored by The Center for Women and Gender Equity

Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. Register here: <https://cglink.me/2f3/r2266095>

For any questions, please email cwge@wcupa.edu

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
11am-2pm
Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Study Abroad Fair
Wednesday, September 10
11 am – 2 pm | Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Discover global opportunities at the WCU Study Abroad Fair! Meet program directors and education abroad partners to learn about the opportunities to explore the world. The WCU Passport Facility and other offices will be on-site to help students take their first step on their international journey.

Sponsored by the Global Engagement Office. For more information, contact: Dr. Matheeha Majeeth,

International Programs Coordinator at the Global Engagement Office, 610-436-3515, MM918170@wcupa.edu

SAVE THE DATE



**REGISTER FOR 2025
PASSHE SUMMIT HERE!**

The deadline to submit a proposal is Thursday, September 11, 2025



Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15

Join WCU as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through various events and activities aimed at honoring the contributions and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans. For the calendar of events visit https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/multicultural/calendarOff-events.aspx

LATINO AMERICANS



“Latino American: V. Prejudice and Pride (1965-1980)” Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Film Series

Monday, September 15
4:30 pm – 6 pm | Sykes 254

Join this viewing and discussion on a PBS documentary about the Chicano Movement in the 1960s and 1970s. It looks at the building of the new Chicano identity and the different movements, including the farm workers movement led by Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, Corky Gonzalez and the Crusade for Justice in Colorado, the Los Angeles high school student walk out, and the La Raza Unida party in Texas.

Sponsoring Departments: Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, and the Latino/a/x Communities Conference

Transportation Equity in Chester County: A Community Panel Discussion

Tuesday, September 16
6:30 pm | BPMC 116

Join the West Chester Green Team and WCU Office of Sustainability for a transportation equity panel discussion. Hear from local transit advocates and experts on the current state of transportation equity in Chester County. Join us in the Business and Public Management Center Room 102 for a reception at 6:30pm and in Room 116 at 7:00pm for the panel. Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability. For more information, please contact: Calli Lambard, clambard@wcupa.edu.

Multicultural Mixer

Wednesday, September 17
12 pm | Dowdy Multicultural Center

Join the Dowdy Multicultural Center to celebrate the start of Latin Heritage Month! Don't miss out on the chance to learn more about the diverse Latin community! For more updates, follow the DMC Instagram account @dowdymc_wcu. No registration required. For more information, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know, Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance maintains a Calendar of Religious Holidays and Observances. For complete details [click here](#).

Registration is open for the 2025 PASSHE Summit!

REGISTER HERE!

Each year, the PASSHE Summit provides a unique opportunity for faculty, staff, students, and administrators from across the State System to gather and share best practices and research towards our mission-driven priorities. The **2025 PASSHE Summit** will be October 29-30, 2025, with in-person sessions at PennWest Clarion and virtual sessions for all available on Zoom.

We know that in our universities and our communities, many successful and innovative practices are already occurring, so this year's theme, "Together We Thrive," is an invitation to share and coordinate our work within and across our institutions. It encourages us to build relationships and link our efforts; to create cohesion and

collaboration that allow innovations to have a pervasive rather than isolated impact. We can do more and better when we come together.

In-person and virtual registration is FREE for PASSHE employees and students.

INTERESTED IN PRESENTING?

There is still time to submit a proposal! You can review the [Request for Proposals here](#).

The deadline to submit a proposal is September 11, 2025.

If you have any questions, please reach out to emily howe (ehowe@passhe.edu), Christa Cobb (ccobb@passhe.edu), and Sheleta Camarda-Webb (camardawebb@pennwest.edu).



N.I.C.E. Concert on the Quad
Friday, September 19
7:30 pm | Academic Quad
(Rain Space: Asplundh)

Join the Criterions, the West Chester University Symphony Orchestra, and the WCU Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band for a showcase concert under the stars. This concert is a N.I.C.E. (Neuro-Inclusive Campus Environments) Concert and is open to all! For more information about this N.I.C.E. concert, please visit: <https://library.wcupa.edu/NICE>

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will take place in Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall.

For more details, visit: <https://www.wcupa.edu/music/eventsCalendar.aspx?event=1252586547&startMonth=09&startYear=2025>

For more information, please contact: Dr. Angela Guerriero at AGuerriero@wcupa.edu or (610) 436-3028.

Into the Woods with CWGE & OAP
Friday, September 19 – Sunday, September 21
Adirondack Park, NY

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity and Outdoor Adventure Pursuits and head into the woods! On this 3-day trip, we'll cultivate community care, share outdoor adventure skills, and enjoy a beginner-friendly hike (or two!). Space is limited and advance registration is required: bit.ly/WCUoapRegistration. For questions, contact Center for Women & Gender Equity, Outdoor Adventure Pursuits, or email kwalden@wcupa.edu

Sponsored by The Center for Women & Gender Equity and Outdoor Adventure Pursuits

Register at bit.ly/WCUoapRegistration

Inclusive Classroom Series

Dates Coming Soon

A set of five 60–90-minute workshops designed to foster an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students.

Topics include:

- **Green Zone Training: Supporting our Student Veterans & Family Members**
- **Strategies for working with students who are parents presented by The Center for Women & Gender Equity**
- **Fostering Success for Students with Autism – Presented by D-CAP**
- **Universal Design for Learning**
- **Do's & Donuts – A session for faculty and staff on gender, sexuality, LGBTQ+ identity, and moving toward best inclusive practices.**

ALL SEMESTER



Immigration Rights and Immigration Lives in Chester County

Tuesday, September 23
4:25 pm – 5:45pm | Sykes Student Union Theater

Presenters: Immigration Lawyer Lindsey Sweet, Dr. Miguel Ceballos, WCU Anthropology/Sociology & Ethnic Studies

Local immigration lawyer Lindsey Sweet will provide an overview of how the rights of immigrants are being challenged and redesigned with massive ICE detention and deportation on the rise. Dr. Ceballos will describe ways in which local immigrants' lives are being affected and the ripple effects in the economy and social fabric of our communities.

Sponsoring Depts: Ethnic Studies, Anthropology/Sociology, Political Science, Latin American and the Latinx Studies, Latino/a/x Communities Conference

Contact Info: Dr. Miguel Ceballos, mceballos@wcupa.edu Anthropology/Sociology

If interested in participating, email Porsche Murray at pmurray@wcupa.edu

7th ANNUAL WCU GLOBAL HISPANIC FILM FESTIVAL 2025

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 | VIRTUAL



The 7th Annual Global Hispanic Film Festival at WCU (directed by West Chester University's own Dr. Pagán-Teitelbaum) is a chance to see award-winning international films and get to know Spanish-speaking regions across Latin America, the Caribbean, the US, Europe, and Africa during Hispanic Heritage Month. Each film will be available in an online screening room for a week, with some in-person events, September 22 to October 27, 2025. The festival is free and open to the public. All films are subtitled in English. Registration opens in September at: www.wcupa.edu/cine

- 1. September 22-28 - Boca Chica.** Dir. Gabriella A. Moses / Dominican Republic / 2023 / 97 min. <https://pragda.com/film/boca-chica/> (We hope to do an in-person screening with director Q&A during the Latinx Communities Conference dedicated to Ernesto Cardenal's 100th Birthday, Sept. 23 or 24, TBA)
- 2. September 29-October 5 – Chinas.** Dir. Arantxa Echevarría / Spain / 2023 / 119 min. <https://pragda.com/film/chinas>
- 3. October 6-12 - Los Hongos.** Dir. Oscar Ruiz Navia / Colombia / 2014 / 95 min. <https://pragda.com/film/los-hongos/>

4. October 13-19 - Alice Júnior. Dir. Gil Baroni / Brazil / 2019 / 87 min. <https://pragda.com/film/alice-junior/>

5. October 20-27 – La cocina. Dir. Alonso Ruizpalacios / Mexico, United States / 2024 / 139 min. <https://pragda.com/film/la-cocina-by-alonso-ruizpalacios/>

The festival is brought to you by the College of Arts and Humanities and the Department of Languages and Cultures in collaboration with Latin American and Latinx Studies-LALS, Latinx Communities Conference, LASO, and WCU IAA with the support of Pragda, SPAIN arts & culture, and the Secretary of State for Culture of Spain. Organized by Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum, Director; Dr. Jason Bartles, Co-Director; Ayannah Stanton, Graduate Assistant, Assistant Director for Festival Marketing and Outreach; Emely Pabón, Latino American Student Organization-LASO President, Co-Sponsor.

For more information, contact: Dr. Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum, <https://www.wcupa.edu/cine>, ipagan@wcupa.edu

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PANEL BY PANEL

THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL IMPACT OF COMICS

Opening Reception - Panel by Panel: The Social and Cultural Impact of Comics

Friday, September 26

5:00 pm | Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library), Gallery 102

Join us for the opening of the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology's latest student-curated exhibition, Panel by Panel: The Social and Cultural Impact of Comics. Experience the excitement and diversity of comics of all kinds—from political cartoons to manga, graphic novels to Marvel superheroes—as we explore the history, development and artistic craft of comics; their impact on education, commerce, and collecting culture; and their reflection of society's treatment of diverse genders, sexualities, races, and religions. This interactive exhibition includes authentic artifacts such as the earliest political cartoons published in the U.S., rare cross-over collectibles, and even original sketches by Spiderman creator Steve Ditko! Food and a live band will be featured at the opening reception. Sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, the Department of English, and the Anthropology Club. For more information, contact museum@wcupa.edu, Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, Department of English, and the Anthropology Club

No registration required. For more information, visit museum@wcupa.edu or call 610-436-2247



Film Screening and Discussion on Immigrants Documentary: Home is Somewhere Else

Tuesday, September 23

6 pm – 8 pm | Sykes Student Union Theater

Presenters/Discussion Facilitators: Dr. Miguel Ceballos and Dr. Linda Stevenson

Sponsoring Depts: Ethnic Studies, Anthropology/Sociology, Political Science, Latin American and Latinx Studies, Latino/a/x Communities Conference

Contact Info: Dr. Miguel Ceballos, mceballos@wcupa.edu Anthropology/Sociology, Dr. Linda Stevenson, l Stevenson@wcupa.edu 610-436-2719, Political Science

United to End Racism

Wednesday, September 24

12 pm – 1:20 pm | The Center for Contemplative Studies: 700 S. Church St. West Chester, PA 19383 (across from Anderson Hall)

United to End Racism (UER) aims to hold space for members of our community to process thoughts and emotions in relation to various forms of oppression, with a goal of building solidarity and better aligning our behaviors to zestfully face the challenge of bringing about a more just world.

Brief introductions of participants and guidelines will be followed by holding space for one another to share and process thoughts and emotions related to racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, war, genocide, the climate

emergency, sustainability, our shared humanity, and goals of human flourishing.

Sponsored by RUCCAS. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Burns (mburns2@wcupa.edu) or Dr. Ellie Brown (ebrown@wcupa.edu), or email uer@wcupa.edu

Winning and Losing a Mushroom Workers' Union in Kennett Square: Reflections on Three Decades of Organizing and Solidarity

Wednesday, September 24

4:25 pm – 6:00 pm | Sykes Student Union Ballroom A

Presenters: Luis Tlaseca, Tom Cronin, Art Reid; Discussants: Dr. Janet Amighi & Dr. John Lavin, Rutgers University, Moderator: Dr. Linda Stevenson, WCU

Description: The panel will bring together labor leaders from the period of the Kaolin Mushroom Workers' Union (1989 – 2001) to discuss the experience of workers from Mexico who led striking workers to dissent against unfair labor practices and to seek to form a labor union and negotiate a contract under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board. The process of building bridges of solidarity across cultural, economic, and legal divisions will reflect upon the meaning in 2025 of the mushroom workers cause in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Sponsoring Depts: Political Science, Latin American and Latinx Studies, Latino/a/x Communities Conference

Contact Info: Dr. Linda Stevenson, l Stevenson@wcupa.edu 610-436-2719, Political Science



"Palante, Siempre Palante! The Young Lords" Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Film Series

Monday, September 29

4:30 pm – 6 pm | Sykes 254

Want to be inspired? Don't miss this invitation to view and discuss a documentary of the 1960s and 70s Puerto Rican community struggle for economic and social justice from Chicago to New York City and other urban centers social movement. The Young Lords emerged to demand decent living conditions and raised a militant voice for the empowerment of Puerto Rican people. The documentary surveys Puerto Rican history, the Young Lords' activities and philosophy, and its inspiring legacy that lives on today.

Sponsoring Departments: Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, Latino/a/x Communities Conference

**CONNECT
AND LEARN**

**The Society and The Multicultural Faculty Commission
Welcome Back Dessert Social**

**Tuesday, October 7
3 pm – 4:30 pm | SECC - Club 1871**



OCTOBER

Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar: Toward a 'World Where Many Worlds Fit': Thinking-Feeling Our Way into the Pluriverse

Wednesday, October 1 | Sykes 255 A/B and Zoom

Join Dr. Michael Burns for a presentation on making our world a more sustainable and just society in the weekly Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar. Visit wcupa.edu/sustainability for more details.

Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability. For more information, please contact: Calli Lambard, dambard@wcupa.edu.



The Sixth Annual Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste Frederick Douglass Institute Lecture

**Thursday, October 2
3:00 pm | Philips Autograph Library**

The Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste Frederick Douglass Lecture serves as an educational and cultural resource, dedicated to advancing multicultural studies and preserving the intellectual heritage of Frederick Douglass. Each year, a guest lecturer is invited to engage the campus, local, and regional community in reflecting on Douglass's legacy as a great abolitionist, orator, and statesman. This annual program is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste, the first African American mayor of West Chester and a lifelong champion of education and community service.

This year's speaker is The Honorable Mayor Lillian DeBaptiste, Mayor of West Chester, PA. The event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Institute. For questions, contact fdouglass@wcupa.edu



Pumpkin Patch Palooza

**Saturday, October 4
Time: TBD | Linvilla Orchards,
137 W Knowlton Rd., Media PA**

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a fall day at the Orchards Sponsored by the Justamere Foundation. Decorate pumpkins, enjoy lunch and the sights and sounds of fall on the farm. Advanced registration is required. Register here: <https://cglink.me/2f3/r2266096>

Space is limited

Coming Out Week

Monday, October 6 – Thursday, October 9

Join us for a week of celebrating coming out!

Oct 6: LGBTQIA+ Health & Wellness: The CTQA and Wellness are tabling in Sykes Food Court. Stop by for pronouns pins, pride flags, and learn more about Ram Boxes.

Oct 7: Want to learn what the L, G, B & T mean? And what about the Q? Hoof it over to Sykes and come explore queer identities.

Oct 8: Join us for Do's and Donuts. A session for faculty and staff on gender, sexuality, LGBTQ+ identity, and moving toward best inclusive practices.

Oct 9: Ready to fly your colors, and be utterly fabulous? Join the CTQA for our tie-dye spectacular!

Sponsored by: Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy, Wellness Promotion, Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance

Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. More info: https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/transAndQueer/programs.aspx

For any questions, please email transandqueer@wcupa.edu

LGBTQ+ IOU Speaker

Monday, October 6

5 pm – 8 pm | Sykes Student Union Ballrooms

Join the Center for Women & Gender Equity for a speaker event Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's It's on Us Grant! It's On Us is a national program aimed to combat sexual assault on college campuses and foster a culture of prevention, awareness, and support for survivors. Dinner will be served. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged. Register here: <https://cglink.me/2f3/r2266097>

Sponsored by the Center for Women & Gender Equity



Decolonizing Courses Workshop: Syllabi

**Wednesday, October 8
3:00 pm | SECC 106**

This is the first part of a two-part workshop for faculty who are interested in decolonizing their courses. This fall we'll be meeting, discussing, and working together to identify ways to decolonize course syllabi. In the spring we'll be discussing ways to decolonize classroom spaces.

People can register using this link: https://wcupa-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/jmiller4_wcupa_edu/EZnSU7oT-ZllgXmyuU3u19QBtkri9uW-p8Ra46ho-YPURyQ?e=CnA0us.

Joseph Len Miller, Department of Philosophy, (610) 436-2844, JMiller4@wcupa.edu

Beyond Black and White Training

Week of Oct 19

Date & Time: TBD

Location: Sykes Student Union

Come join us for Beyond Black and White: The Asexual and Aromantic Spectrums! We'll explain what the A in LGBTQIA+ means and break down myths surrounding aro and ace identities.

Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy. Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. More info: https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/transAndQueer/trainings.aspx

For any questions, please email transandqueer@wcupa.edu

NOVEMBER

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month, a chance to celebrate Native voices, stories, and history. Join us for events throughout the month that highlight and honor Indigenous history. For the calendar of events visit https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/multicultural/calendarOfEvents.aspx

Allyship to Advocacy Training Week of Nov 3

Time: TBD | Sykes Student Union

What does it mean to be an ally vs an advocate? During this training participants will critically examine privilege, explore language, discuss strategies for accountability and ways to improve the climate for trans and queer communities. This training will provide tools and resources aimed towards deepening awareness, understanding, and knowledge. Sponsored by the Center for Trans and Queer Advocacy. Advanced registration is encouraged but not required. More info:

https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/transAndQueer/trainings.aspx

For any questions, please email transandqueer@wcupa.edu

“After the Mayflower” Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Film Series

Monday, November 3

4:30 pm – 6 pm | Sykes 254

During the nation’s annual celebration of Native American Heritage Month, you are invited to join this screening and discussion of Episode 1 of the award-winning PBS documentary “We Shall Remain America - Through Native Eyes” which is about the first contact of the Wampanoag people with the Pilgrim settlers arriving on the Mayflower beginning in 1621. This contact is exemplified by the quote my Metacom (Wampanoag sachem) as told by John Easton (deputy Governor of Rhode Island in 1675): “The Wampanoag had been the first in doing good to the English and the English were the first in doing wrong.”

Sponsoring Departments: Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, Department of Anthropology & Sociology



Learning with New York Liberation School

Monday, November 3

5:30 pm | Recitation Hall 301

Join us for this presentation & dialogue about the text “New York Liberation School” by Conor “Coco” Tomás Reed. In the 1960s and ’70s—when Toni Cade Bambara, Samuel Delany, David Henderson, June Jordan, Audre Lorde, Guillermo Morales, Adrienne Rich, and Assata Shakur all studied and taught at CUNY—New York City’s classrooms and streets radiated as epicenters of Black, Puerto Rican, queer, and women’s liberation. This discussion will highlight the decolonial feminist metamorphosis that transformed our educational landscape at the New York Liberation School.

Sponsored by the Educational Foundations & Policy Studies. For more information, contact Dana Morrison DMorrison@wcupa.edu



“Trail of Tears” Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Film Series

Monday, November 10

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Sykes 254

During the nation’s annual celebration of Native American Heritage Month, you are invited to join this screening and discussion of Episode 3 of the award-winning PBS documentary “We Shall Remain America - Through Native Eyes” about force removal of thousands of Cherokee from their homes in Southeastern United States, driving them toward Indian Territory in Eastern Oklahoma. More than 4,000 died of disease and starvation along the way.

Sponsoring Departments: Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, Department of Anthropology & Sociology

Sisterhood Social

Wednesday, November 12

6 pm – 8:30 pm | Sykes Ballrooms A & B

Join us for an evening of sisterhood. The Sisterhood Social Event intends to amplify the experience of women and femmes of color through networking, fellowship, and a panel of professionals in diversified fields. Dinner will be served.

Sponsored by the Center for Women and Gender Equity and the Dowdy Multicultural Center. Advanced registration is highly encouraged. Register here: <https://cglink.me/2f3/r2266099>

“Wounded Knee” Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies Film Series

Monday, November 17

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Sykes 254

During the nation’s annual celebration of Native American Heritage Month, you are invited to join this screening and discussion of Episode 5 of the award-winning PBS documentary “We Shall Remain America - Through Native Eyes” about the 1973 occupation of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by some 200 Oglala Lakota and American Indian Movement (AIM) activists demanding redress for grievances—some going back more than 100 years. The film examines broad political and economic forces that led to the emergence of AIM in the late 1960s as well as the immediate events—a murder and an apparent miscarriage of justice—that triggered the takeover.

Sponsoring Departments: Institute of Race and Ethnic Studies, Department of Anthropology & Sociology

CCESI Fall 2025 Events

- October 8: Volunteer Fair
- October 16: World Food Day/ North Campus Pop-Up 25 U Lawn
- November 12: South Campus Pop-Up Sturzbecker Lawn
- November 19: Grocery Bingo w/ Wellness Promotion

Sponsored by: The Center for Community Engagement and Social Impact and the Student Experience Office. More details at [CCESI](https://www.wcupa.edu) or Resource Pantry, pantry@wcupa.edu, [wcupa.edu/impact](https://www.wcupa.edu/impact)

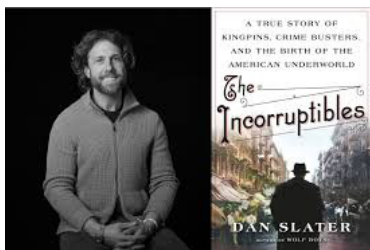
Fall 2025 Kente Celebration

Thursday, December 11

6 pm | Hollinger Fieldhouse

The Dowdy Multicultural Center is excited to invite graduating undergraduate and graduate students to register for the Fall 2025 Kente Celebration! Created in the fall of 1992, the Kente ceremony is a true West Chester University tradition in which participants are celebrated through a rich cultural rite-of-passage and presented with a special stole symbolic of their achievement. For more information and updates, follow the DMC Instagram account @dowdymc_wcu.

Registration will be available via RamConnect. For complete details contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu



A Conversation and Book Signing with Dan Slater, Author of *The Incorruptibles*

Tuesday, November 18

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Philips Autograph Library

Join us for an exclusive public lecture and book signing by author Dan Slater as he relates the incredible history of organized crime, Jewish immigrants and vigilantes in 1920s New York. Called “mesmerizing” and “exuberant,” *The Incorruptibles* is a fast-paced book recounting the story of Eastern European-Jewish mobsters such as Arnold Rothstein (who notoriously fixed the World Series), and the German-Jewish immigrants in NY who formed a vigilante group to stop them. They were worried not only about crime in their community, but of how these notorious gangsters would bolster the anti-immigration lobby of the 1920s. Their efforts, however, led to unforeseen consequences in the form of a new mobster class who realized, in the country’s burgeoning reform efforts, unprecedented opportunities to amass power. After Dan Slater’s lecture and book signing in Philips Autograph Library—filled with never-before-seen photographs—a reception and tour will be held in the Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology (Old Library). Co-Sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Institute and the Anthropology Club. For more information, contact museum@wcupa.edu, 610-436-2247

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Multicultural Mixer

Wednesday, November 19

12 pm | Dowdy Multicultural Center

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, join us at the Dowdy Multicultural Center’s Monthly Mixer. This is a great opportunity to come and meet new people and engage in healthy conversations while having fun. For more updates, follow the DMC Instagram account @dowdymc_wcu. For more information, contact the Dowdy Multicultural Center at multicultural@wcupa.edu.

DECEMBER

What is the state of climate change education in the United States?

Monday, December 1

5:30 pm | Virtual/Zoom

The United States struggles to develop a nationwide educational response to climate change. This presentation, with Dr. Joseph Henderson, will explain the current state of climate change education in the United States and how educators and educational institutions might engage in the face of organized climate denial campaigns. Dr. Joseph A. Henderson is a faculty member at the University of Vermont. He is trained as an anthropologist of environmental and science education, and his research investigates how sociocultural, political, and geographic factors influence teaching and learning about climate change. He is an appointed member of the National Academies of Sciences’ **Committee on Education for Thriving in a Changing Climate**.

Contact: Dana Morrison DMorrison@wcupa.edu for link to attend



Annual
MLK Commemoration 2026
January 21 – 27, 2026

United to End Racism

Wednesday, November 19

12 pm – 1:20 pm | The Center for Contemplative Studies: 700 S. Church St. West Chester, PA 19383 (across from Anderson Hall)

United to End Racism (UER) aims to hold space for members of our community to process thoughts and emotions in relation to various forms of oppression, with a goal of building solidarity and better aligning our behaviors to zestfully face the challenge of bringing about a more just world.

Brief introductions of participants and guidelines will be followed by holding space for one another to share and process thoughts and emotions related to racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, war, genocide, the climate emergency, sustainability, our shared humanity, and goals of human flourishing.

Sponsored by RUCCAS. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Burns (mburns2@wcupa.edu) or Dr. Ellie Brown (ebrown@wcupa.edu), or email uer@wcupa.edu

Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar: Environmental Justice as Social Work Practice: Stories, Systems, and Solutions

Wednesday, November 19

12 pm | Sykes 255 A/B and virtually on Zoom

Join Dr. Ginneh Akbar for a presentation on the connections between environmental justice and the practice of social work in the weekly Sustainability Research and Practice Seminar. Visit wcupa.edu/sustainability for more details.

Sponsored by the Office of Sustainability. For more information, please contact: Calli Lambard, clambard@wcupa.edu.

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