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Happy Black History Month and Happy Lunar New Year!

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Happy Black History Month!

What does Black History Month mean to you?

Starting February 1st, we celebrate Black innovations, creativities, and lives in the making of these United States of America today by raising the Black Lives Matter Flag. Meet us in the atrium, in front of the bookstore, in the Memorial Union at 12pm.

The dedication of this month started in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, who is called the, "father of Black history." His purpose was to educate people by starting academic programs that explore African American experiences. A way to acknowledge that Blackness, its representation and influence is present in all facets of American society. These last couple of years, during the pandemic, we started to face the inequities based on race, gender, sexuality, and other underrepresented identities. All while also losing BIPOC lives.

This year's theme for Black History Month focuses on Black Health and Wellness. [Click on this link to learn more here.](#) I hope you will take time that to expand your understanding of Blackness, Black History, representation and influence in your life.

Proudly celebrating Black History Everyday!

Anila Karunakar (She, her, hers)
Director of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion



OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- Jan 27- "Holocaust Remembrance Day" North Pod | 6pm- 7pm
- Feb 4,11,18,25 - "Stargazers of Africa" Versant Power Astronomy Center | 7pm
- Jan 27, Feb 10, 24 - Solidarity Meeting (BIPOC Support) Union Rm 314 | 5pm- 6pm
- Feb 9 - Lunch and Learn Multicultural Student Center| 12pm- 1pm
- Jan 27- Resilience and Empowerment Multicultural Student Center | 4pm-5pm
- Feb 10 - Know your Rights: Sean OMara Multicultural Student Center | 2pm- 3pm
- Feb 1- Black Lives Matter Flag Raising 1st floor Union - near the Bookstore| 12pm
- Feb 14 - Interracial Dating Multicultural Student Center| 12pm - 1pm
- Feb 2 - Snack and Chat: Jen Costa Multicultural Student Center| 2pm-3pm
- Feb 16- Lunch and Learn: Frank Wang Multicultural Student Center| 12pm- 1pm
- Feb 2,9,16,23 - LGBTQ Support Grp Rainbow Resource Center| 3pm - 4pm
- Feb 16 - Trace the Line: Maine Business School Virtual| 6:30pm
- Feb 3 - Decentering Whiteness: Sabrina Murray Multicultural Student Center| 3pm- 4pm
- Feb 16 - Dinner & Dialogue Wilson Center| 6pm- 8pm
- Feb 17 - Climb Night and Film Series Maine Bound | 6pm- 8pm
- Feb 23- The Hair Care Fair Woolley Room DTAV| 10am - 4pm
- Feb 25- Coffee Hour: OIP North Pod | 4pm - 5pm



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Happy New Year to all of our friends who start celebrating the Lunar New Year on February 1st! We welcome the year of the Tiger. If you are born in the years of 1950,1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010 and 2022 - this is your year. We hope for good health, safety and prosperity for all year!

Intersectional Feminist Brunch Bunches

from 11am - 12pm
in the IFRC
rm 127
Memorial Union

A series of organized conversations throughout the semester.
No need for prior knowledge on the different topics, just come and chat.

White Saviorism & Colonialism
Monday, February 7th

Sex Workers' Rights
Thursday, March 3rd

Roe v. Wade & Reproductive Justice
Monday, March 21st

Activism in Rural Areas
Monday, April 11th

Pandemic Burnout
the week before finals
Friday, April 22nd




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13 Black Women In Wellness Share What Wellness & Self-Care Means To Them

Black History Month is a great time to dive deeper into intersectional feminism and examine how you can support and uplift black women. These black women have created platforms to promote wellness and self-care within the black community and remind the world that wellness isn't whiteness. It's for everyone. Hear from them in their own words what wellness means to them and what inspired them to share their journey with the world to create change.

Leah Thomas




**JOIN US WEEKLY ON
WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM IN
THE RAINBOW RESOURCE
CENTER (UNION 224) FOR
LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT GROUP**

Spring start: Jan. 26th
***On Zoom until Feb. 9th**

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This group is in partnership with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion and the University of Maine Counseling Center. This group is a private, non-confidential support group.


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**VIRTUAL
FILM
SCREENING**

**Wednesday
February 16
6:30 p.m.**

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LEARN MORE



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Trace the Line is a powerful narrative that follows the lives of two artists, one black and one white. These characters forge a relationship through the tumultuous year of 2020, showing what needs to happen for these two communities to work together and not against each other. Director Alejandro Miranda Cruz hopes that viewers will experience a truly authentic film that doesn't have any answers but shows a lot of hope.

"Trace the Line offers an intimate look at life in the United States while living through a pandemic, a spotlight on racial inequality, and increased political division," says C. Matt Graham, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business Information Systems. "The goal of sharing this film is to provide faculty, students and staff an opportunity to see life in these trying times through the lens of someone different than them. This film shows how art can be a medium to bring us together and remind us of what we have in common — our humanity."

Alejandro Miranda Cruz, the director, producer, and screenwriter for *Trace the Line*, is fueled by a passion for creating authentic narratives that portray all people with dignity. He worked as an actor for 15 years, witnessing the lack of equity and diversity on set. With Huichol and Taino roots, Miranda Cruz was routinely typecast as a delinquent, a gang member, and uneducated. As a

script reader, he saw how stories of BIPOC communities were ignored and dismissed. These experiences set him on the path to transforming the narrative pushed by film and advertising.

Zoom link:

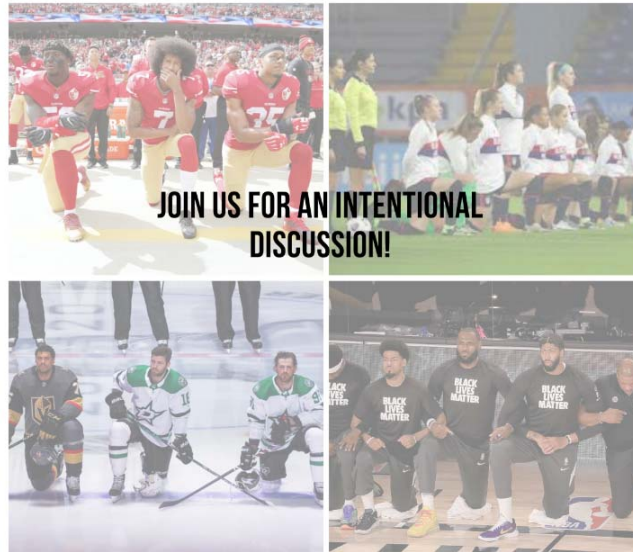
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SNACK AND CHAT
(TO GO SNACKS)

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE KNEEL DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?



FEB. 2 AT 2-3PM
MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER RM 314

ODI PRESENTS

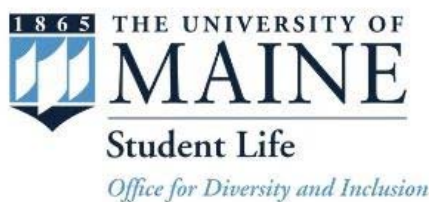
Decentering Whiteness

A three-part conversation about
whiteness, allyship, & identity.

Starting Thursday, February 3
at 3-4 pm

Multicultural Student Center

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SNACK & CHAT: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**Conversation around protesting and interactions
with the police with Attorney Sean O'Mara from
Student Legal Services**

**Thursday, February 10, 2022
Multicultural Student Center (MSC) in
the Memorial Union 312**

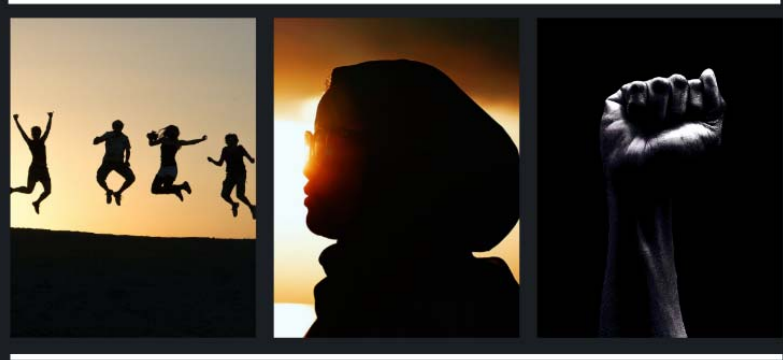
This event is free and open to everyone
Food provided

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SOLIDARITY MEETING

A SAFE PLACE TO FIND SOLIDARITY! A PLACE TO SHARE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS STUDENTS OF COLOR AT UMAINE



MEETING WILL BE HELD BI-WEEKLY IN PERSON STARTING 1/27/22 AT 5PM
SIGN UP VIA QR CODE OR THE LINK BELOW



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