



Welcome to Perspectives!

Welcome to Perspectives' latest edition, this is a newsletter that includes events, stories, and opportunities for education from our team in Diversity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Education (ODIME) & Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources (LGBTQ Resources)! Thank you for opting in to learn more about us and the diverse community of students, graduates, faculty, and staff here at Mason. As the last newsletter of the semester, we will be highlighting some of the final events of the year as well as sharing some important information for the upcoming Spring semester.

Office Closed for Winter Break: December 22st, 2018 until January 6th, 2019

Special thanks to our Assistant Director in Outreach and Marketing, Katlin Barrett, for making this newsletter happen, as well as our student staff contributors: Nina Johnson, Eric Williams, and Hannah Vandegrift.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your organization, friends, or family!

ODIME + LGBTQ Resources

Feedback Sessions

We are excited about the recent merger of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Multicultural Education and LGBTQ Resources that was initiated during the Summer of 2017. As we continue as a new office and engage in conversations regarding our mission, scope, and structure, we want to engage constituents regarding the office's strategic direction. Please join us for free food and feedback session next Thursday, December

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times depending on whether you are faculty/campus partners or students. Here are the following times:

Faculty and Campus Partners (free coffee and pastries): 8:30am-11:00am in the ODIME & LGBTQ Resources Multipurpose Room (SUB 1 2400).

Students (free lunch/tacos): 12:30pm-2:00pm in the ODIME & LGBTQ Resources Multipurpose Room (SUB 1 2400)

Your input is invaluable and we hope you can engage with us. If you cannot make it, please feel free to send a representative from your office and even if you've never partnered with us in the past, we encourage you to join us. Additionally, we will send out a survey post-event for additional feedback from the broader University Life community.

[You can access the survey at anytime using this link https://bit.ly/Listen2018](https://bit.ly/Listen2018)



Thank you to our donors!

For our First Generation, Next Generation Scholarship Fund Crowdfunding Campaign, we have raised \$1,500 with the generous help of 36 donors. Your support of the First Gen, Next Gen Scholarship provides financial assistance to degree-seeking first generation students, and will supply emergency assistance to Mason students whose immigration status might otherwise hinder them from graduating. If you didn't get a chance to donate, we are always taking donations through [this link](#).

Students who are undocumented, DACAmented (Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals),

or who have TPS (Temporary Protected Status) are ineligible for Federal Aid. Only six (6) states in the United States and the District of Columbia allow students state-wide access to in-state tuition. Virginia is not one of them.

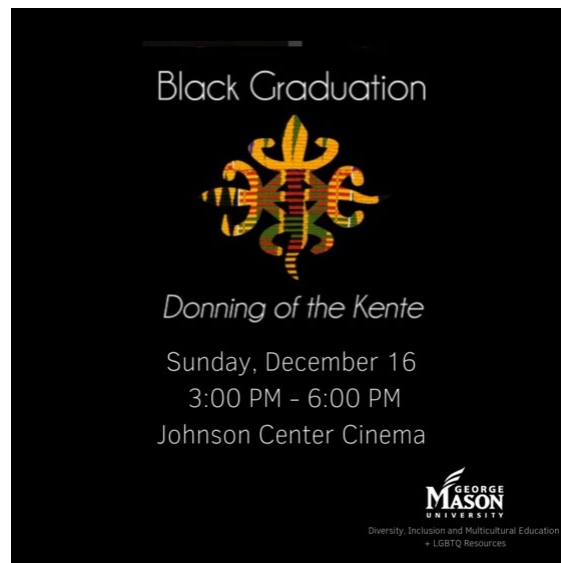
During the 2018-2019 academic year, 44 scholarships were awarded! These donations support present and future degree-seeking first generation students, including this coming Spring Semester.

Black Graduation

The Black Graduation Donning of the Kente ceremony celebrates December Graduates The Black Graduation Donning of the Kente ceremony celebrates May Graduates who identify as a part of the Black/African heritage identity. Participants receive special tokens including a Kente Stole and gifts from the Alumni Association and The Black Alumni Chapter.

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The event will be taking place THIS Sunday in the Johnson Center, Cinema from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Please join us to get your kente and celebrate. An email was also sent last month.




Featured Spring 2019 Classes: Register Today!

Check out the upcoming Spring 2019 courses, focused on topics related to diversity, inclusion, and multicultural education, as well as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBTQ) issues.

- T. Garey Davis

- Sexuality Culture and Global HIV Pandemic
- Global and Community Health 450
- Thursdays
- 4:30 PM until 7:10
- Dr. Lisa Lindley
 - LGBTQ Health
 - Global and Community Health 515/ Women and Gender Studies 450
 - Wednesday
 - 4:30 PM until 7:10 PM
- Dr. Michelle Allen
 - Voice of Black Women
 - African and African American Studies 390/Women and Gender Studies 300
 - Tuesdays and Thursday
 - 3:00 PM until 4:15 PM



DESTIGMATIZE
Global and Community Health (GCH) 450
Sexuality Culture Global HIV Pandemic
(R 4:30-7:10pm)

This master class is being taught by T. Garey Davis, a faculty member in the area of global and community health service learning, and sexuality health education with an emphasis on the HIV and AIDS pandemic.

Spring 2019 | College of Health and Human Services

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

**Interested in Health Disparities?
Need an Elective this Spring?**

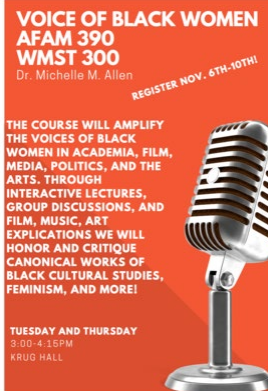
NEW COURSE!
GCH 515/WGST 450-003

LGBTQ Health

Examines health status and health disparities among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) populations across the lifespan.

Spring 2019
Wednesdays, 4:30 - 7:10 p.m.

Open to graduate students and upper-level (junior/senior) undergraduates.
For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Lindley: llindley@gmu.edu



**VOICE OF BLACK WOMEN
AFAM 390
WMST 300**
Dr. Michelle M. Allen

REGISTER NOV. 6TH-10TH!

THE COURSE WILL AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF BLACK WOMEN IN ACADEMIA, FILM, MEDIA, POLITICS, AND THE ARTS: THROUGH INTERACTIVE LECTURES, GROUP DISCUSSIONS, AND FILM, MUSIC, ART EXPLANATIONS WE WILL HONOR AND CRITIQUE CANONICAL WORKS OF BLACK CULTURAL STUDIES, FEMINISM, AND MORE!

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
3:00-4:15PM
KRUG HALL

Let Your Voice Be Heard: Submit to *Perspectives!*

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter and have your story, travel pictures, articles, book/movie reviews, Mason experience, or anything else featured over the summer, please submit your work at kbarret8@gmu.edu or through our [submission form](#). We accept content from diverse perspectives across Mason: submit your work and you could be featured in our next newsletter!

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