



MULTICULTURAL, WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDENT CENTER

A STUDENT FORUM FOR PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Mission

The mission of the Multicultural, Women's & Gender Student Center (MWGSC) is to educate students on issues of diversity and equality, to advocate for underrepresented groups on campus, to affirm and celebrate the unique heritage of our students, to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation for all peoples and cultures, to be a uniting force on campus, and to foster an environment that is emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually safe and beneficial to all areas of student life and development.



Vision



It is the Center's goal to be proactive by encouraging collaboration and dialogue between students, faculty, staff, and administrators of diverse backgrounds, and to offer a forum, through which people can communicate, voice their concerns, and learn from one another.

The Center will especially focus on how racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of discrimination work together. We honor intrinsic

human worth that cuts across lines of race, religion, gender, sex, class, and culture and we are working to take this message to the campus community and beyond.

Programs and Services

The MWGSC offers resources and events that address current societal issues and concerns. For Cervical Cancer Awareness Month 2007, the MWGSC combined forces with the Student Health Center to provide free HPV vaccines to female students. The event was featured in the Ventura County Star newspaper.



DIVERSITY TRAINING AND MULTICULTURAL WORKSHOPS

As part of the mission to provide diversity workshop and training, the MWGSC partners with other campus affiliates, such as the Center for Multicultural Learning and Engagement and SAFE on Campus, to provide quality and relevant programs for issues and current events that touch our community. In the future, the MWGSC will act as a conduit for more opportunities to provide training.

EDUCATION MATERIALS AND DIVERSITY RESOURCES

- MWGSC Reading Room- Includes:
- Book Library, Diversity Magazines and a DVD/Movie Library
- Community and Campus Event Postings
- Informational and Educational Pamphlets

MWGSC Celebration Series

The MWGSC Celebration Series incorporates national monthly themes into signature events designed to raise awareness, promote cultural sensitivity and provide students with a platform for creative forms of self-expression, by offering engaging co-curricular activities that reach a variety of learning styles.

Programs including Now & Then, CiTunes, Cultural Celebration events, and the Speaker Series, aim to create a sense of cultural appreciation, citizenship, and intellectual growth that foster cultural competency, develop community, and further enhance the personal growth process through peer and professional education.

NOW AND THEN

Now and Then is a monthly Celebration Series event providing a forum for cultural discussion between students, faculty and staff on diverse topics to promote and increase cultural awareness and understanding.

CiTUNES

A multicultural performance of students sharing original work or their favorite artists, based on the Celebration Series, theme of the Month!



GUEST SPEAKERS

The Celebration Series includes guest speakers focusing on a wide variety of multicultural issues relevant to the campus culture, related to the Celebration Series theme of the month.

Dr. Gerald Horne, author: *Black and Brown: African Americans and the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920*. In his lecture, Dr. Horne offered insight into the past and future of race relations along the border and between African Americans and Latinos.

CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAMS

To celebrate National Coming Out Week in October



2004, Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, spoke at CSUCI in conjunction with a presentation of the film, *Laramie Inside Out* (2004, 56:00) by Beverly Seckinger.



Get on the Bus, February 2006

An Afternoon with award winning Native American Director Chris Eyre

Chris Eyre, a Native American of Cheyenne-Arapaho descent, is the acclaimed director of the award winning film *Smoke Signals*. *Smoke Signals* was the first major theatrical feature written, directed and starring Native Americans.



Shall We Dance? Latino Culture Dance Celebration, September 2006

In addition to supporting the mission of Student Life in the Division of Student Affairs, the MWGSC is dedicated to:

- The University mission of graduating students with multicultural perspectives
- Promoting the integration of curricular and co-curricular activities in the area of multicultural studies
- Collaborating on the CMLE's vision for promoting the value of diversity campus wide