



2017-18 Campus Dates

- August 28: Classes Begin
- September 4: Labor Day Holiday
- September 20: Federal Work Study Disbursement
- October 9: Registration Begins for Spring
- October 20: Federal Work Study Disbursement
- October 25: Mid-term Grades Due
- November 3: Last day to Withdraw
- October 9: Registration Begins for Spring
- November 20: Federal Work Study Disbursement
- November 19-26: Fall Break (no classes/campus closed)
- December 8: Last Day of classes
- December 9-15: Final Exams
- December 16: Commencement
- December 20: Federal Work Study Disbursement
- December 19: Final Grades Due
- December 24-January 1: Campus Closed
- January 15: No Classes/Campus Closed
- January 16: Classes begin



Native American Heritage Month Icon: Mildred Loving

Mildred Loving was born on July 22, 1939, in Central Point, Virginia. She was of African-American and Native American descent, and in marrying Richard Loving—who was white—violated Virginia’s Racial Integrity Act. After the couple was ordered to leave the state, Mildred wrote to then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who suggested she contact the American Civil

Liberties Union. In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Virginia law, also ending the remaining ban on interracial marriages in other states. The Lovings then lived as a legal, married couple in Virginia until Richard’s death in 1975. Mildred died in 2008.

Source: <https://www.biography.com/people/mildred-loving-5884>



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Director Welcome



My name is Latoya Fitzpatrick, and I am the Multicultural Education Director in the Center for Multicultural Education here at Missouri Western State University. We are thrilled to have you be a part of our campus & community. The Center for Multicultural Education is here to serve our underrepresented populations on campus and we

would love for you to come by and see our office. We are here to serve you by maintaining an open door policy, assisting you in finding campus resources to help you be successful, supporting and advising student groups, and encouraging student involvement and leadership opportunities. We strive to educate students through programming, community involvement, and educational workshops. We recognize our students come from diverse backgrounds, which help to enhance the educational experience of all students on our campus. We invite all students to connect with our office through an office visit, a phone call, social media interactions, or an email.

For further questions or information, stop by the Center for Multicultural Education on the second floor of the Nelle Blum Union, Room 207. I can be reached by phone at (816) 271-4150 or via email at cme@missouriwestern.edu. Our hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Sincerely,

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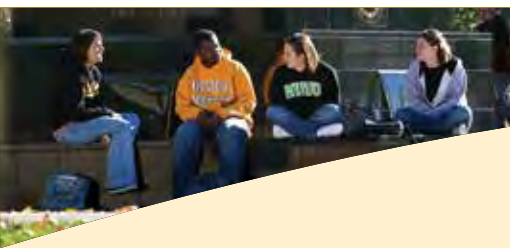
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Center for Multicultural Education Resources:

- Students of Color Initiative Mentoring Program
- Library of books that focus on Social Justice Issues
- Time Management Tips
- Study Tips
- Television & Couches
- Charging station for phones
- Crafting supplies (markers, glue, paper, etc)
- Button Maker
- Die cuts
- Copier/Fax Machine
- Butcher Block Paper
- Multicultural Guide to St. Joseph & Kansas City
- Multicultural Faculty & Staff Resource List
- LGBTQIA+ Faculty & Staff Resource List



Hispanic Heritage Month Icon: Rosa Clemente

Rosa Clemente, a native of the South Bronx, is one of the most raw, honest, political, social, and cultural voices in the country. From Harvard to prisons, Rosa has spent her life dedicated to scholar activism. She is currently a doctoral student in the W.E.B. DuBois department of UMASS-Amherst. Throughout her scholarly career, Rosa has been a constant on the ground presence through the many political struggles facing Black and Latinx people in the 21st century.

Rosa is the president and founder of Know Thy Self Productions, which has produced four major community activism tours and consults on issues such as Hip-Hop activism, media justice, voter engagement among youth

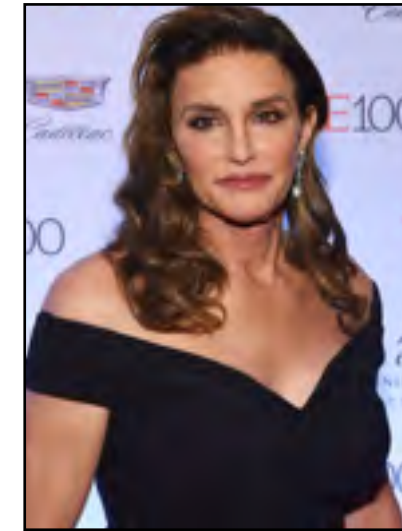
of color, third party politics, intercultural relations between Black and Latinx, immigrants' rights as an extension of human rights, and universal healthcare. She is a frequent guest on television, radio and online media, as her opinion on critical current events is widely sought after.

Rosa is a leading scholar on the issues of Afro-Latinx identity. Her groundbreaking article, *Who is Black?*, published in 2001, was the catalyst for many discussions regarding Blackness in the Latinx culture. She continues to discuss cultural identity, political identity and racial identity in and out of the academy.

Source: <http://rosaclemente.net/biography-of-rosa-clemente/>

2017-18 Religious & Cultural Calendar

- Aug. 1: Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
- Aug. 5: Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
- Aug. 6: Transfiguration (Christian)
- Aug. 7: Raksha/Bandham (Hindu)
- Aug. 13-15: Bon/Obon (Buddhist)
- Aug. 15: Dormition of Theotokos (Christian)
- Aug. 15: Krishna Jammashthami (Hindu)
- Aug. 25-Sept 6: Onam (Hindu)
- Aug. 31: Waqf al Arafah (Muslim)
- Sept. 1-4: Eid al Adha (Muslim)
- Sept. 5: Ullambana/Ghost Festival (Buddhist)
- Sept. 8: Nativity of Theotokos (Christian)
- Sept. 9: Radha Asthami (Hindu)
- Sept. 14: Triumph of the Cross (Christian)
- Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month (Cultural Event)
- Sept. 21-22: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- Sept. 21-29: Navarati (Hindu)
- Sept. 22: Native American Day (Cultural Event)
- Sept. 30: Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Sept. 27-Oct. 4: Sukkot (Jewish)
- Sept. 27-30: Dassera/Durga Puja (Hindu)
- Sept. 30: Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- All of October: LGBT History Month (Cultural Event)
- Oct. 1: Muharram (Muslim)
- Oct. 1: Ashura (Muslim)
- Oct. 2: Feast of Guardian Angels (Christian)
- Oct. 4: Fast of Gedaliah (Jewish)
- Oct. 5-11: Sukkot (Jewish)
- Oct. 10: Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish)
- Oct. 12: Spanish National Day (Cultural Event)
- Oct. 12: Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
- Oct. 13: Simchat Torah (Jewish)
- Oct. 17: Birth of Guru Ram Das (Sikh)
- Oct. 19: Diwali (Sikh & Hindu)
- Oct. 29: Reformation Day (Christian)
- Oct. 31: All Hallow's Eve Reformation Day (Christian)
- Oct. 31: Dia de los Muertos (Cultural Event)
- All of November: Native American Heritage Month
- Nov. 1: All Saints Day (Christian)
- Nov. 2: All Souls' Day (Christian)
- Nov. 4: Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving (Cultural Event)
- Nov. 24: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving (Cultural Event)
- Dec. 1: Mawlid al-Nabi (Muslim)
- Dec. 3: Beginning of Advent (Christian)
- Dec. 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception (Christian)
- Dec. 8: Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Christian)
- Dec. 13-Dec. 20: Hanukkah (Jewish)
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve (Christian)
- Dec. 25: Christmas (Christian)
- Dec. 26- Jan. 1: Kwanzaa (Cultural Event)
- Dec. 27: Dia de los Santos Inocentes (Cultural Event)
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve (Cultural Event)
- Jan. 1: New Year's Day (Cultural Event)
- Jan. 2-4: Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)
- Jan. 5: Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)
- Jan. 6: Epiphany (Christian)
- Jan. 7: Baptism of the Lord (Christian)
- Jan. 14: Makar Sankranti (Hindu)
- Jan. 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Cultural Event)
- Jan. 16: Religious Liberty Day (Cultural Event)



LGBTQIA+ History Month Icon: Caitlyn Jenner

One of the most beloved athletes of the 1970s, track athlete Bruce Jenner was born on October 28, 1949, in Mount Kisco, New York. Jenner had dyslexia and struggled in school at a young age, but excelled at sports. An injury in college forced him to give up football and turn to track and field. His coach encouraged him to train for the Olympic decathlon, and, in 1972, Jenner placed third in the Olympic trials and tenth at the Munich Games. At the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Jenner won a gold

medal and broke a world record, scoring 8,634 points in the decathlon. In recent years, Jenner has appeared with his family on the popular reality show *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* and later revealed in a Diane Sawyer interview that he is transgender and identifies as female. In June 2015, Jenner announced on Twitter that she is a woman, now known as Caitlyn.

Source: <https://www.biography.com/people/caitlyn-jenner-307180>