

Center for Multicultural Education

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Director Welcome



My name is Latoya Muhammad, 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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For a list of upcoming events
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www.missouriwestern.edu/cme
or find us on social media!

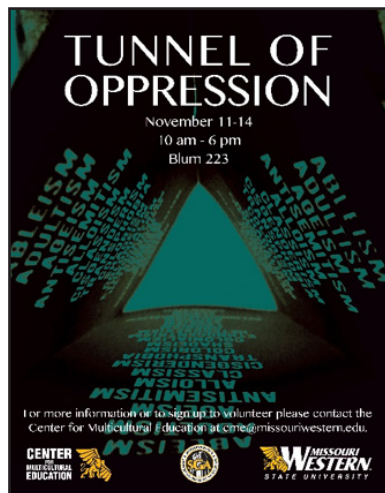
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2019-20 Religious & Cultural Calendar

- Aug. 6: Transfiguration (Christian)
- Aug. 10: Waqf al Arafa (Islam)
- Aug. 10: Tish'a B'av (Jewish)
- Aug. 12-15: Eid al Adha (Islam)
- Aug. 15: Dormition of Theotokos (Christian)
- Aug. 15: Ulambana/Ghost Festival (Buddhist)
- Aug. 23: Krishna Jammashdami (Hindu)
- Aug. 29: Raksha/Bandham (Hindu)
- Aug. 31: Muharram (Islam)
- Sept.1-Sept 13: Onam (Hindu)
- Sept.1: Hijra (Islam)
- Sept. 6: Radha Asthami (Hindu)
- Sept. 8: Nativity of Theotokos (Christian)
- Sept. 10: Ashura (Islam)
- Sept. 13: Ganesh Chaturhi (Hindu)
- Sept. 14: Triumph of the Cross (Christian)
- Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month (Cultural Event)
- Sept. 10: Ashura (Islam)
- Sept. 27: Native American Day (Cultural Event)
- Sept. 29-Oct.8: Navaratri (Hindu)
- Sept. 30: Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Sept. 30- Oct. 1: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- All of October: LGBT History Month (Cultural Event)
- Oct. 2: Fast of Gedalliah (Jewish)
- Oct. 8: Dasara (Hindu)
- Oct. 9: Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Oct. 9: Birth of Guru Ram Das (Sikh)
- Sept. 29-Oct.8: Navaratri (Hindu)
- Oct. 12: Spanish National Day (Cultural Event)
- Oct. 14-20: Sukkot (Jewish)
- Oct. 19-20: Hoshana Rabbah (Jewish)
- Oct. 21: Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
- Oct. 22: Simchat Torah (Jewish)
- Oct. 27: Diwali (Sikh & Hindu)
- Oct. 29-31: Reformation Day (Christian)
- Oct. 31: All Hallow's Eve, Reformation Day (Christian)
- All of November: Native American Heritage Month
- Nov. 1: All Saints Day (Christian)
- Nov. 1: Dia de los Muertos (Cultural Event)
- Nov. 2: All Souls' Day (Christian)
- Nov. 3: Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
- Nov. 10: Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving (Cultural Event)
- Nov. 23: Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
- Nov. 24: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
- Dec. 1-24: Advent (Christian)
- Dec. 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception (Christian)
- Dec. 8: Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
- Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Christian)
- Dec. 23-Dec. 30: Hanukkah (Jewish)
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve (Christian)
- Dec. 25: Christmas (Christian)
- Dec. 26- Jan. 1: Kwanzaa (Cultural Event)
- Dec. 28: Dia de los Santos Inocentes (Cultural Event)
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve (Cultural Event)



2019 Tunnel of Oppression

The Center for Multicultural Education presents the Tunnel of Oppression every other year at Missouri Western State University. The event goes on for four days with three additional days to put the tunnel together and to take down the tunnel at the end. This event is an interactive way to show participants the different forms of oppression in our society and the effects it has on people. The CME starts to prepare for the Tunnel in the Fall the year before the tunnel by findings articles, statistics and

facts about oppression. The staff have to be in tune with what is happening in the world to make sure all information has been included. When the spring of that academic year rolls around, the staff start to come up with different forms of oppression to present in the tunnel based on the research. In the past we have presented on racism, names & stereotypes, eating disorders, suicide, homelessness, LGBTQIA+, religious oppression, sex trafficking, sexism, immigration and many more. We present the different forms of oppression through video, acting scenes, facts written on paper to be displayed, pictures, audio and interaction. After groups walk through the tunnel they participate in a debriefing session with faculty and staff discussion leaders to process the experience. The CME is currently looking for people to assist with the tunnel of oppression. If you are interested please email us at cme@missouriwestern.edu.

Center for Multicultural Education Resources:

- **Students of Color Initiative Mentoring Program**
- **Library of books that focus on Social Justice Issues**
- **Time Management & Study Tips**
- **Multicultural Guide to St. Joseph & Kansas City**
- **Multicultural Faculty & Staff Resource List**
- **LGBTQIA+ Faculty & Staff Resource List**
- **LGBTQIA+ Student Resources**