

what's going on?

AUGUST 2021

A series of workshops, conversations, and brave spaces led by and for the WSU community in response to what's going on surrounding issues of racism, inclusion, equity, and social justice.

Tuesday, August 3 | 1 - 2 P.M.

[Structural Inequality in Historical and Global Perspective](#)

Explore the colonial roots of contemporary inequality, reflect on the ways we may (unintentionally) reproduce structural inequality and systemic violence, and think about what a more just future might require.

Facilitated by: Jennifer Hart | Associate Professor, History-College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Wednesday, August 4 | Noon - 1 P.M.

[The Intersection of Disability & Race](#)

This session will explore the unique challenges of individuals with disabilities who are also people of color. The experience of living within two (or more) marginalized groups is one that brings a level of difficulty worth considering as we all move throughout life.

Facilitated by: Cherise Frost | Interim Director of Student Disability Services

Thursday, August 5 | Noon - 1 P.M.

[Bring a Friend to Work Day: Activate an Ally](#)

If you consider yourself an ally the objective is to bring a silent or ambivalent friend and to activate them as an ally for racial equity and social justice. If you're that friend, you're more than welcome to bring yourself as well. In this discussion we will talk about the impact of systemic racism, perspectives on the decision in George Floyd's murder trial (outlook on justice/progress), as well as what it means to be an ally and others' motivation for being an ally.

Facilitated by: Terrel White | Philanthropy Officer, College of Nursing

Tuesday, August 10 | Noon - 1 P.M.

[Building Psychological Fortitude as a Form of Resistance and Activism](#)

This session will offer a guide for assessing, building and maintaining Psychological Fortitude with special attention given to Black mental health. Attendees will be encouraged to attend to Psychological Fortitude (PF) in the same way we attend to SPF (sun protective factor).

Facilitated by: Jennifer Bohanon | University Counselor II, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Wednesday, August 11 | 1-2 P.M.

[Latina Representation in Higher Education](#)

A panel discussion based on personal experiences. Open to students, faculty, and staff. Join us for a candid conversation about the importance of Latina representation and the challenges on college campuses.

Facilitated by: Vanessa Reynolds | Admissions Counselor, Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Melissa Miranda Morse | Assistant Director, Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies

Thursday, August 12 | Noon-1 P.M.

[Beyond Diversity: Envisioning and Building Inclusive Community](#)

Wayne State is one of the most diverse institutions in the state, and is celebrated as such. Students want to come here because of the diversity of the student body. But how do we move beyond simply being a diverse campus toward becoming a truly inclusive community? In this interactive session participants will engage around what a truly inclusive Wayne State would look like and how we might come together to create it.

Facilitator: Marquita Chamblee, Ph. D. | Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer

For more information, please email the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement (omse@wayne.edu)

