

DIVERSITY UNIT SCHEDULED EVENTS AND HOLY DAYS
Through June 2009

Date & Time	Event	Place	Unit Responsible
Oct 13-31, 2008	Exhibit of photos by Rachel Foster-Lifson (PSY); the photographs include portraits, flowers and landscapes	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC
Tuesday, October 28, 2008	Diwali (Hindu & Sikh Festival of lights)		
Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 7-9:30p	Speak Up Speak Out— Domestic Policy: The Candidates and their Platforms	UC Auditorium	HSBS/MEC/and many others
Friday, October 31, 2008, Noon-1:00pm	Disability as Diversity—Al Swain, Associate Director of Capital Area Center for Independent Living	Park Library Auditorium	College of Health Professions/Office for Institutional Diversity
Saturday, November 1, 2008, Noon-4:00p	Environmental Awareness— Cleaning Up Campus; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	Meet in Multicultural Education Center, UC125	NAP/NAISO
*Saturday, November 1, 2008	Samhain (Wiccan holy day)		
Nov 3-Nov 30, 2008	Selections from the Olga Denison Collection	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC/NAP/Clarke Historical Library
Tuesday, Nov 4, 2008 Noon	One Dead Indian, documentary, and discussion afterward; Native American Heritage Month Activity	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC/NAP/NAISO
Tuesday, Nov 4, 2008, 7:00-11:00p	Speak Up Speak Out : Election Night Watch	Down Under Food Court	HSBS/MEC/and many others
Wednesday, Nov 5, 2008, 7:00p-8:00p	“Odawa Experience in Michigan,” presented by Dr. James McClurken; Keynote address for Native American Heritage Month	Park Auditorium	NAP
Thursday, Nov 6, 2008, 12:00-1:00p	Soup & Substance – Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Native Americans; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	UC Gold & Chippewa	MEC/NAP
Sunday, Nov 9, 2008, 6:00p	AISES Social; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	AISES/NAP

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Monday, Nov. 10, 2008, 3:00p	Open Forum with the Kevin Locke Native Dance Ensemble; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	UC Auditorium	WCMU/NAP/MEC/KCP/UE
Monday, Nov 10, 2008, 7:30p NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS	The Kevin Locke Native Dance Ensemble, "The Drum is the Thunder, The Flute is the Wind"; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	Plachta Auditorium	WCMU/NAP/MEC/KCP/UE
Wednesday, Nov 12, 2008, 4:00-7:00p	Mitten Making with Lee Ruffino; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities RESERVATIONS REQUIRED x2508	7 th Generation, on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation RESERVATIONS REQUIRED x2508	NAP/7 th Generation
Thursday Nov 13, 2008, 6:00p	Ghost Feast; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities Bring Food Bundle, women required to wear long skirts (3/4 length or longer)	7 th Generation, on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation	NAP/7 th Generation
Thursday, Nov 13, 2008, 5-10p	Unified Holiday Celebration	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS
Thursday, Nov 13, 2008	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikh holy day)		
Nov 16-22, 2008	International Student Week		
Monday, Nov 17, 2008, 5:00-7:00p	Native American Heritage Month Food Taster; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	UC Rotunda	NAP/NAISO/Program Board
Tuesday, Nov 18, 2008, 12:00-1:00p	Soup & Substance – Black Ash Basket Weaving Demonstration by Renee Dillard; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	UC Maroon/Gold/Chippewa Rooms	MEC/NAP
Thursday, November 20, 2008, 5:00pm	Black Ash Basket Weaving Workshop; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, x2508	UC Isabella Room RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, x2508	NAP
Sunday, Nov 23, 2008, 6:00p	NAISO Social; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	NAISO/NAP
CANCELLED: Sunday, Nov 23, 2008, 7:00-8:00p	Through the Eyes of Joe – Performance	UC Auditorium	MEC

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Monday, Nov 24, 2008, 1:00p and 5:00p	Movie & Discussion: "Canary Effect"; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	NAP/MEC/NAISO
Tuesday, Nov 25, 2008, 1:00p & 5:00p	Movie & Discussion: "Canary Effect"; part of Native American Heritage Month Activities	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	NAP/MEC/NAISO
Dec 3-18, 2008	Rarely Viewed Collections— Pieces from MEC's poster and photograph collections will be displayed	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC
*Tuesday, Dec 9, 2008	Eid al-Adhah (Islamic holy day)		
Friday, Dec 12, 2008, 5:00pm-9:00pm	Multicultural Celebratory	UC Auditorium; reception after ceremony in UC Rotunda	MSS
*Sunday, Dec 21, 2008	Winter Solstice (Yule; Wiccan holy day)		
*Dec 22-29, 2008	Hanukkah (Jewish holy day)		
Thursday, Dec 25, 2008	Christmas (Christian holy day)		
*Monday, Dec 29, 2008	Muharram - (Islamic New Year)		
Thursday, Jan 1, 2009	Gantan-sai (Shinto New Year)		
Wednesday, Jan 7, 2009	Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christian holy day)		
*Wednesday, Jan 7, 2009	Ashura (Islamic holy day)		
Jan 12-30, 2009	Underground Railroad Exhibit—Photos by Nedra Frodge (ART; Emerita); Each photo highlights a stop on the underground railroad and provides information on current slavery	Multicultural Education Center	MEC
Monday, Jan 19, 2009, 7:30a-9:30a	MLK Peace Breakfast	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS
Monday, Jan 19, 2009, 11:00a-1:00p	Unity March (downtown & back)	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS
Wednesday, Jan 21, 2009, 6:00-8:00p	Candlelight Vigil	UC Terrace A-D	MSS
Thursday, Jan 22, 2009, 12:00-1:30p	Soup & Substance—Civil Rights Movement	UC Terrace A&B	MEC
Friday, Jan 23, 2009, 6:00-10:00p	Unity Ball	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS
Monday, Jan 26, 2009	Chinese New Year (Confucian/ Daoist/Buddhist holy day)		
Wednesday, Jan 28, 2009, 7:00-9:30p	Speak Up Speak Out (subject & speaker to be announced)	UC Auditorium	HSBS/MEC/and many others
Monday, Feb 2, 2009, 6:00-8:00p	ThinkFast Gameshow	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS

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Wednesday, Feb 4, 2009, 12:00-1:30p	Soup & Substance – Subject & Speaker to be determined)	UC Terrace A&B	MEC
Wednesday, Feb 11, 2009, 5:00-7:00p	Black Family Reunion	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS
Sunday, Feb 15, 2009	Nirvana Day (Buddhist holy day)		
Thursday, Feb 19, 2009, 12:00-1:30p	Soup & Substance (Subject & speaker to be determined)	UC Gold & Chippewa	MEC
Tuesday, Feb 24, 2009, 7:00-9:30p	Speak Up Speak Out (topic to be announced)	UC Auditorium	HSBS/MEC/and many others
Wednesday, Feb 25, 2009	Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent, a period of fasting; Christian holy day)		
Mar 16-Apr 17, 2009	Afghan Women’s Exhibit	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC/Women’s Studies
Thursday, Mar 19, 2009, 12:00-1:30p	Soup & Substance—Women’s History Month (Speaker to be determined)	UC Terrace A&B	MEC
Saturday & Sunday, Mar 21-22, 2009	Pow Wow	Rose Arena	NAP
*Saturday, Mar 21, 2009	Vernal Equinox (Ostara; Wiccan holy day)		
Saturday, Mar 21, 2009	Naw Ruz (New Year; Baha’i holy day)		
Wednesday, Mar 25, 2009, 5-7:30p	Asian Heritage Month Cook-off Competition & Food Taster	UC Rotunda & Terrace A-D	MSS
Wednesday, Apr 1, 2009, 12:00-1:30p	Soup & Substance—Asian Heritage Month, speaker to be determined	UC Terrace B&C	MEC
Friday, Apr 3, 2009	Ram Navami (Hindu holy day)		
Tuesday, Apr 7, 2009, 5-10p	Asian Heritage Month Showcase Finale	UC Rotunda A-D	MSS
*Apr 9-16, 2009	Pesach (Passover; the first 2 nights are the most important; Jewish)		
Friday, Apr 10, 2009	Good Friday (Christian)		
Sunday, Apr 12, 2009	Easter (Christian)		
Apr 13-17, 2009	Pride Week		OGLP
Tuesday, Apr 14, 2009	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi; Sikh holy day)		
Wednesday, Apr 15, 2009, 12:00-1:30p	Soup & Substance—Pride Week	UC Maroon & Gold	MEC/OGLP
Friday, Apr 17, 2009	Good Friday (Orthodox Christian holy day)		

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Sunday, Apr 19, 2009	Easter (Orthodox Christian holy day)		
Apr 20-May 7, 2009	9 th Annual CMU Staff and Faculty Quilt Exhibit	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC
Friday, May 1, 2009	Beltane (Wiccan holy day)		
Thursday, May 7, 2009, 4:00-6:00p	Quilters' Reception	Multicultural Education Center, UC125	MEC
Saturday, May 9, 2009	Wesak (also: Vesak, Buddha Day; date can vary depending on the country)		
Friday, May 29, 2009	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i holy day)		
*Sunday, Jun 21, 2009	Summer Solstice (Litha; Wiccan holy day)		

* holy day begins at sunset the day before

Native American holy days: Though there are no set dates, major ceremonies tend to fall around the full moon and the solstices.

The **Gay Straight Alliance** registered student organization meets in the MEC every Wednesday evening at 8p, beginning September 3, 2008.

NAISO (North American Indigenous Student Organization) registered student organization meets in the MEC on scheduled evenings.

KEY

AISES	American Indian Science & Engineering Society
GSA	Gay Straight Alliance, a registered student organization
HSBS	College of Humanities & Social & Behavioral Sciences
KCP	King/Chavez/Parks visiting professors program
MEC	Multicultural Education Center
MPADG	Mt Pleasant Area Diversity Group
MSS	Minority Student Services
NAISO	North American Indigenous Student Organization, a registered student organization
NAP	Native American Programs
OGLP	Office of Gay & Lesbian Programs
UE	University Events
WCMU	Radio & TV station

If you have questions, please contact the Multicultural Education Center at 774-7318.