Luther College Spring Events 2018

Conversations you never thought you’d have: Exploring the Uncomfortable

This booklet is intended to inform the community about many of the upcoming events for the spring semester. Some of the issues being addressed and ideas and opinions that will be expressed are designed to challenge our values, attitudes and worldviews with the goal of shifting us beyond our immediate interests and present knowledge into broader understanding and community-building.

For some of us, the conversations emanating from these events may be very difficult to engage with. We encourage you to be curious, open minded and to engage with the material in ways that will provide you with a greater depth of knowledge around the complex issues we face today.

Feb. 12 – Mar 3
Hateful Things Exhibits

Luther Gallery, Upstairs the CFL
Sponsors: Luther Galleries, primary sponsor and facilitator, Africana Studies, Center for Ethics and Public Engagement, Diversity Council, Diversity Center, Dean’s Office, English and Religion Departments

Hateful Things” is a traveling exhibition from Ferris State University’s Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia. Here is the accompanying curator’s note: "These images make up the Jim Crow Museum traveling exhibition – a sampling of the 10,000 pieces that represent nearly 150 years of anti-Black, racist objects and images. Each piece is accompanied by a didactic panel explaining its historical and cultural significance. The traveling exhibition has made its way around the state of Michigan at various colleges and universities."

Feb 18
Dr. David Pilgrim
Watermelons, Nooses, and Straight Razors: Stories From the Jim Crow Museum

4:00 pm CRH
Sponsors: Student Activities Council, Dean for Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Diversity Center

Dr. David Pilgrim is a public speaker and one of this country's leading experts on issues relating to multiculturalism, diversity, and race relations. He has been interviewed by National Public Radio, Time magazine, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and dozens of newspapers, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, and the Los
Angeles Times. Dr. Pilgrim is best known as the founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum—12,000 piece collection of racist artifacts located at Ferris State University. The museum uses objects of intolerance to teach tolerance.

**Feb 22nd, 23rd & 24th**

*Vagina Monologues*  
7pm, 7pm, 3pm (respectively) Jewel Theatre

One of every three women in the world will be physically or sexually abused in her lifetime, according to information from the United Nations. To raise money and awareness to stop violence against women and girls, 26 Luther students will present three benefit performances of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues". The performances include heartwarming, funny, poignant and at times heartbreaking stories of women across the globe.

**March 3**

*Ethnic Arts Festival*

International Culture & Cuisine  
from 2-5pm in CFA; Entertainment at 7-8:30pm in CFL  
Sponsors: Diversity Center, Center for Global Learning, Facilities, Campus Programming

Luther College celebrates the cultures of the world when it hosts Ethnic Arts Festival. Beginning in the 1980s, the festival features presentations, programs, study abroad experiences, and displays by Luther's students. The Ethnic Arts Festival is family friendly, educational, and enjoyed by people of all ages. Visitors can tour the world with their own "passport," getting it stamped while they visit with students who provide information about their cultural backgrounds.

**March 4**

*Gospel Sunday*

Lenny Duncan  
10:30 am CFL  
Sponsors: College Ministries, Music Department, Diversity Center

Vicar Lenny Duncan challenges the ELCA for presenting itself as a denomination that welcome all while many of its churches are thick in states that ultimately catapulted Trump to the presidency. As a black man who is formerly incarcerated, he writes and speaks unflinchingly of what this new political reality means to him, and many
marginalized communities that now worry for their survival.

**March 6**
7:00 pm CFL
Matthew Boger
*Hope Over Hate*

*Facing Fear* is an Academy Award-nominated short film that tells how former neo-Nazi, Tim Zaal, and the gay victim of a hate crime, Matthew Boger, met 25 years after the incident that shaped both of their lives and their work together at the Museum of Tolerance.

Sponsors: Campus Programming, Center for Ethics and Public Engagement.

**March 8**
7:00 pm CFL
*Daryl Davis*
*AccidentalCourtesy*

A musician, author, actor, and activist who for over 20 years has befriended hundreds of KKK members who have then broken their ties with the Klan after becoming friends with Davis. *Accidental Courtesy* captures Daryl's search for answers to the question, "How can you hate me when you don't know me?"

Sponsors: Campus Programming, Center for Ethics and Public Engagement

**March 11**
*Post “Hope over Hate” week discussion*
6:00 pm Hovde
Sponsors: Center for Ethics and Public Engagement, Dean for Institutional Equity and Inclusion

Come join us as we talk about the two lectures during the Hope over Hate week and the Hateful Things exhibit in February. We invite you to share your thoughts, questions and experiences with these events.

**March 16**
7:00 pm
Marty’s
*BTQ Talent Show*

Organized by the Beta Theta Omega Women’s leadership group, the show is an annual event that showcases Luther students’ talent and raises funds for local and international charities.
April 5
Oludamini Ogunnaike
*The Role of Women in African Sufism*
Sponsors: Religion Department, Center for Ethics and Public Engagement,

Oludamini Ogunnaike is an assistant professor of Religious Studies at the College of William and Mary. He teaches courses on Islam, Islamic Philosophy, Spirituality, and Art, as well as African and African Diasporic Religions.

Professor Oludamini Ogunnaike will give a talk on the role of women in African Sufism. He will also talk about the conceptualization of and interaction with minorities and members of the “other” gender.

May 12th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hammarskjöld, Dahl Centennial Union
*Graduate Recognition Brunch*
Sponsors: Dean for Student Life, Dean for Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Diversity Center

May 18th
3:00 - 6:00 pm
Ylvisaker Sand Volleyball area (Rain location: Regent’s North Gym
*End of Year BBQ*
Open to all Diversity Center students, faculty, staff and friends