



IME Newsletter Week 4



Welcome to a new week! February is Black History Month, and IME has lots of exciting programming coming up to celebrate and uplift our Black community -- stay tuned! To learn more about the origins of Black History Month and for a defense of the continuing importance of this month, check out [this article](#).

For PDF versions and archives, visit the IME website or click this [link](#).

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IME Events and News

2026

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEB 4TH
WEDNESDAY - 7PM
BLACK BOX THEATRE

ROSA PARKS MONOLOGUE

As we commemorate more than 70 years of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Shandra L. Terry becomes Rosa Parks. Join us on February 4th in the Black Box Theatre at 7pm to watch this highly interactive one-woman show.

FEB 13TH
FRIDAY - 7PM
STAMM

WILD 'N OUT

Bringing the show to campus! Come enjoy a night of fun with a mocktail bar and a head to head roast battle. Come find out which team will win!



FEB 22ND
SATURDAY - 12PM
OFF-CAMPUS

GRAND GESTURE BOOKS

Join us off-campus to visit Grand Gesture Books, a Queer and Black Owned Book Store that recently opened up in Portland.

SPIRIT WEEK
FEB. 23RD TO FEB. 27TH
RAFFLE PRIZE

Monday - Durag + Bonnet Day
Tuesday - Twin Day
Wednesday - Swagged Out
Thursday - Throwback Thursday
Friday - Colors: Red, Black, Green

FEB 28TH
SATURDAY - STAMM
DOORS @ 6:30PM

CELEBRATION OF BLACK ART

Dinner, dance, and a fashion show. The Black History Month Planning Committee would like to invite you to a night of celebration!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE RSVP REQUIRED

RSVP REQUIRED FOR DINNER!



A big THANK YOU to our Black History Month Planning Committee. IME would not have been able to do any of this without you. Thank you as well to all the amazing people who help put together these amazing events. We can't wait to see you at our events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email multicultural@clark.edu



Black History Month

Join IME, Black Student Union, and the Black History Month Planning Committee in a MONTH of celebrations centering our Black & African American community! Check out our IME website to get connected to all the events that are happening!

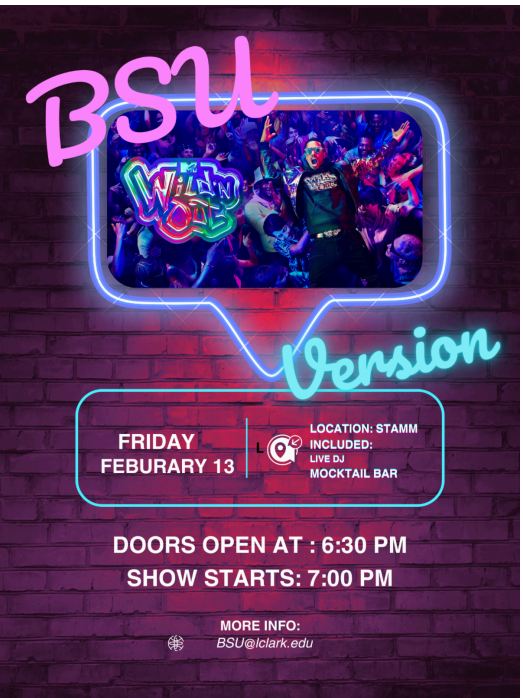
Visit our Black History Month Website

Wild'N Out

Friday, February 13
7:00pm
Stamm

The hit TV show Wild'N Out is coming to campus. Come watch a head-to-head rap battle between the Red Squad and the Blue Squad. Who will win? What friendships will come out of this? Which team is gonna Cut The Beat? Find out at the Black Student Union version of Wild'N Out.

Doors open at 6:30. A live DJ and a mocktail bar are included!



BSU

Wild'N Out

Version

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 13

LOCATION: STAMM
INCLUDED:
LIVE DJ
MOCKTAIL BAR

DOORS OPEN AT : 6:30 PM
SHOW STARTS: 7:00 PM

MORE INFO:
BSU@clark.edu



Spring First-Gen Table Talks Are BACK!!

Tuesday, February 17
3:30-5:00pm
Beth Miller Lounge

Enjoy some free food and engage in a monthly community/networking informal meeting with other First-Generation students, staff, faculty, and those just interested in learning more. Gain navigational skills by asking 'adulting 101' questions! All are welcome!

Special Guests: Jenna Reinhart (Health Promotion & Wellness) & Maggie Musty (Center For Social Change And Community Involvement)

Community Connect: Fostering Love

Wednesday, February 18
6:00-7:30pm
IME Suite

GEM Coordinator, Christianah, and GEM Mentors Luz, Jat, and Nkeletso are hosting the Community Connect event, Fostering Love, on Wednesday, February 18, from 6:00–7:30 PM in the IME Suite.

They will explore how love extends beyond romantic relationships to include familial, platonic, parental, interpersonal, pet, and self-love.





Grand Gesture Books

Sunday, February 22
12:00pm

In honor of Black History Month, we are heading off-campus to Grand Gesture Books, a local, Queer, Black-owned Bookstore! Please join us for a tour of the bookstore and an opportunity to meet and talk with the owner.

Limited spots are available, so make sure to RSVP by February 16th. Excited to see you there!

Any questions or concerns? Email multicultural@lclark.edu



Calling all student artists!

We're looking for student artists to highlight for this year's I.D.E.A. Catalyst Awards during the IME Banquet!

If you're an artist with existing art or are willing to create art that reflects our mission of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, we want to hear from you!

Email multicultural@lclark.edu by Feb. 14th if you're interested. Compensation will be provided.

First-Generation Connections Program Interest Form

IME's First-Generation Connections Program aims to bridge generational gaps by supporting first-generation college students through meaningful connections with staff, faculty, and alumni. By sharing insider knowledge about industries, higher education, and navigating complex social systems, participants gain valuable insight into life at L&C and beyond.

Faculty/Staff/Alumni Sign-Up

Current Student Sign-Up



IME Presents

FIRST-GENERATION CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Bridge generational gaps through meaningful connections!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- 1:1 or group meetings with connected student(s)
- Attending First-Generation Table Talks
- Invitations to connect at First-Gen events throughout the academic year

Why Volunteer?

- Support student growth & learning
- Build connections with first-generation college students
- Be part of a positive school culture that provides insight into life at L&C or beyond

<https://tinyurl.com/FGConnections>

If you have any questions, please reach out to the IME email (multicultural@lclark.edu)!



Heritage Month Form

The Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement (IME) office is looking to create inclusive Heritage Month Planning Committees for the next school year! Anyone (students, staff, faculty, and allies) is welcome to take part in the planning committees. ADPI or Asian Diaspora and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is coming up, and we want you to join the team!

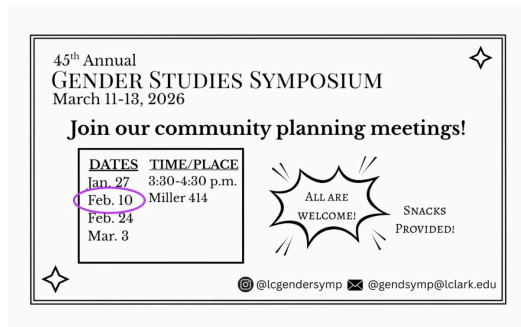
Planning Committee Interest Form

More Events and News

GSS Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 10
3:30-4:30pm
Miller 414

Our second spring community meeting is this coming Tuesday! Come learn about this year's symposium and the ways you can get involved. No previous experience or involvement with the Gender Studies program or symposium is required. Snacks provided! Reach out with any questions or concerns to gendsymp@lclark.edu.



45th Annual
GENDER STUDIES SYMPOSIUM
March 11-13, 2026

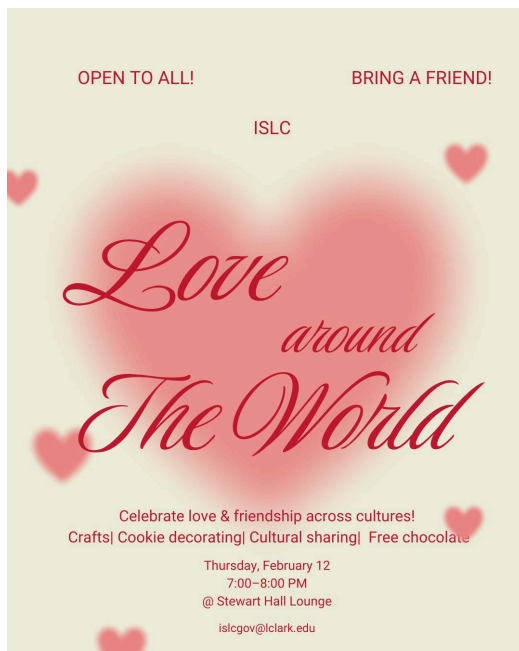
Join our community planning meetings!

DATES	TIME/PLACE
Jan. 27	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Miller 414
Feb. 24	
Mar. 3	

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SNACKS PROVIDED!

@lclgendersymp @gendsymp@lclark.edu



Love around the World: Cookies and Crafts

Thursday, February 12
7:00-8:00pm
Stewart Main Lounge

Join ISLC this Valentine's season for Love Around the World, a cozy gathering to celebrate all kinds of love and friendship across cultures. Come hang out with friends, decorate cookies, make crafts, and share how love is viewed in your culture, all while enjoying free chocolate and good company. We hope to see you all there! :)

Ethical Engagement Workshop

Friday, February 13
3:00-4:30pm
Fowler 350

Come explore what it means to be ethically engaged in our Portland community. Leave with a toolkit and skills to do meaningful community work. Snacks provided! Join L&C Community Partnerships and the Center for Social Change for an interactive workshop that provides you with the skills to thoughtfully engage with community members, organizations, and nonprofits.



NAYA Two Spirit Events!

Join the Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA) community in some connections! They will be hosting a Drag Bingo Night on Feb. 13th. They will have tasty snacks while enjoying performances from Poison Waters and friends. Prizes include WNBA tickets, Native-made jewelry, and more! See flyers to learn more about their Safe Space Alliance! If you're interested in attending and need transportation support, please email multicultural@lclark.edu!

TWO SPIRIT SAFE SPACE ALLIANCE PRESENTS

DRAG BINGO

HOSTED BY:
POISON
WATERS

NAYA FAMILY CENTER - CAFETERIUM
5135 NE COLUMBIA BLVD,
PORTLAND, OR 97218

FEBRUARY 13, 2026
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

REGISTER:
[LINKTR.EE/TSSSA](https://linktr.ee/TSSSA)



CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:
KIARA WEHRENBURG -
KIARAW@NAVAPDX.ORG




TWO SPIRIT SAFE SPACE ALLIANCE

EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY AT 4:30PM
(EXCEPT FOR HOLIDAYS/SCHOOL BREAKS)
[A1] THE COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER [A1] NAYA FAMILY CENTER

NAYA's Two Spirit Safe Space Alliance provides a safe and supportive environment for 2SLGBTQ+ youth where they can connect with others who share similar experiences, and have fun!

What do we do?
Art and Game Nights
Workshops
Queer Prom
Field Trips
and more!



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
KIARA WEHRENBURG | PHONE: 971-421-4186 | EMAIL: KIARAW@NAVAPDX.ORG

Brunch Date with Mixed LC

Sunday, February 15
11:00am-12:30pm
IME Suite

Need a place to vent or destress? Join Mixed LC this Sunday to chat and enjoy some bagels with a variety of toppings to choose from:) This event is open to all community members, but people of mixed cultures/backgrounds are encouraged to come.

BRUNCH DATE W/ MIXED LC

Join us to
vent, talk,
and enjoy a
bagel bar!



DATE: February 15, 2026	TIME: 11:00am-12:30pm
ADDRESS: IME Suite in Upper Fowler	
ANY QUESTIONS: EMAIL MIXED@LCLARK.EDU	



Valentine's Week Serenatas

Bring out your inner romantic by booking a serenade for someone (or yourself). We will be booking serenades from February 7th to the 14th. In order to ask someone to be your Valentine or celebrate Valentine's Day. Check out our flyer and Google Form for further booking information. The deadline to book us is February 7th, to prepare as best as possible.

[Book a Serenata](#)

TCK Symposium: Art and Experience

Tuesday, February 17
3:40-6:30
Stamm

The TCK Symposium is an annual event hosted by the ISSO's (International Students and Scholars Office) TCK (Third Culture Kid) intern. A TCK is someone who grew up in a culture different from their parents' culture.

The theme for this year is "Art and Experience" and will focus on how our speaker's unique identity as a TCK led to their work as an artist and how it influences their creative process.





Join A Jam

Featuring:
Professor Freddy Vilches

When:
February 19th, 2026
@5pm

Where:
Platt Main Lounge

Join us in learning about Prof. Freddy's work with Latin music and create a song together!

Questions? Ask or email RA Judith at garciajudith@lclark.edu

Join a Jam with Professor Freddy Vilches

Thursday, February 19

5:00pm

Platt Main Lounge

Join RA Judith and Professor Freddy Vilches from the Latin American and Music departments to learn about the different ways in which music and culture influenced Freddy's work. Additionally, create a song alongside him. It is recommended to bring your own instrument, but if you don't have access to instruments, we have a few available for those who would like to come and play alongside us.

Pre-Law Symposium and Law Fair

The National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) will host its Pre-Law Symposium and Law Fair on **March 21st** in Portland, Oregon.

This will serve as an opportunity for students interested in law school to learn more about the legal profession and the journey to law school. If you're interested in attending, let us know so we can help coordinate rides! All are welcome.

[Register Here](#)



NBLSA
58th Pre-Law
Symposium & Law Fair

Saturday, March 21st, 2026
Hilton Portland Downtown
Open to anyone interested in a legal career!

[REGISTER FOR JUST \\$15](#)

Visit the IME Suite on the 3rd floor of Fowler: 9-5pm Monday to Friday

Interested in submitting something to be added to the IME Newsletter?

If you would like to submit something to be added to the IME newsletter, please fill out the form below. The IME newsletter goes out every Friday morning. All submissions to make it into the weekly newsletter must be done by Monday at 9am, or they will be put in the next week's newsletter.

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