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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED, OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR PRESENTS

RADICALLY MOVING THE NEEDLE

SHAPING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE, AND BELONGING AT UC MERCED

FEATURING: DR. TERRELL STRAYHORN

NOVEMBER 4TH | 5PM - 6PM (PT)

LOCATION: DR. VIKRAM AND PRIYA LAKIREDDY GRAND BALLROOM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:
https://diversity.ucmerced.edu/RadicallyMovingtheNeedle

GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL DIVERSITY@UCMERCED.EDU
The Office of the Chancellor Presents

Radically “Moving the Needle”: Shaping Equity, Inclusive Excellence, and Belonging at UC Merced, featuring Dr. Terrell Strayhorn
November 4th, 2021 | 5pm - 6pm (PT)

Dr. Vikram and Priya Lakireddy Grand Ballroom (UC Merced)

For more information and to register, visit: https://diversity.ucmerced.edu/RadicallyMovingtheNeedle

This will be an in-person event. Seating is limited to 250 attendees due to COVID-19 restrictions. Registration will close when at capacity.

If you have any questions, email diversity@ucmerced.edu

Uprooting Inequity

Uprooting Inequity offers in-depth, evidence-based remote seminars on the history, economics, and behavioral science of structural racism. All seminars consist of a 90-minute presentation followed by an (optional) 1-hour discussion.

NOVEMBER 3 | SEMINAR 5
A Short History of Asian Americans

If you have any questions please email, oprimitivo@ucmerced.edu

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NOVEMBER 17 | SEMINAR 6
History of Coalition and Conflict between Blacks, Latinos, Asians, and Poor Whites
Uprooting Inequity Seminars

JOIN US! FOR SEMINAR 5 & 6!

SEMINAR #5 – A Short History of Asian Americans
November 3rd from 1:00pm-3:30pm
More information & RSVP: https://diversity.ucmerced.edu/uprooting-inequity-seminar5

SEMINAR #6 – History of Coalition and Conflict between Blacks, Latinos, Asians, and Poor Whites
November 17th from 1:00pm-3:30pm
More information & RSVP: https://diversity.ucmerced.edu/uprooting-inequity-seminar6

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Toloma 5k
9-11 a.m. | Nov. 13, 2021
UC Merced | 5200 N. Lake Road

We invite the local tribes and the greater Merced community to celebrate with us to run beneath the Beginnings sculpture, along Scholars Bridge, and finish at the newly created Toloma Grove Native acknowledgment and reflection area.

All participants will receive a special UC Merced Toloma 5K T-shirt. Register today! https://nativematters.ucmerced.edu/toloma-5k
Black Research Fellowship 2021-2022 Awardees

Nyjah Robertson
Breaking the school-to-prison pipeline

The University of California, Merced is surrounded by prisons: at least five state and federal prisons sit within 50 miles of the campus; these prisons disproportionately incarcerate black and brown human beings. My project addresses racial justice and black liberation at UC Merced by conducting research on the pressing need for effective rehabilitation and re-entry strategies and resources for the future release of currently incarcerated human beings. Pathways to academia and education, such as early intervention support programs for at-risk youth, break the school-to-prison pipeline within black communities, and increase black enrollment at universities and colleges.

Jarschire Dennis
UCM - Black Scholars and A sense of belonging

UCM - Black Scholars and A sense of belonging fully address the promotion and advocacy for racial justice and black liberation here at UC Merced by deeply looking into the relationship between how does our BlackScholar population feel about current support here at UC Merced and does current support systems accurately address and understand these issues? (Do Black students feel a sense of belonging here at UCMerced and how much). In hope of creating more awareness, language, and infrastructure that includes/supports black culture and identity here at UC Merced.

Tatiana Howell
The exploration of Black Holistic Wellness Here at UC Merced

Colonialism is embedded in almost every fabric of this country’s being. The extermination of indigenous folks and the importation of enslaved Africans is literally what this country is built upon. The co-optation of land, culture, and freedom has led us to where we are today. Like many other popularized trends, the pursuit of “Holistic Wellness” has been socially deemed as only accessible to white people with money. For so long the media has framed wellness as eating at places like Whole Foods, attending a weekly spin class and doing yoga. While these activities are wonderful and great to partake in, they make wellness seem inaccessible. Not only is it an issue with the media, the media often influences and affects reality, and the reality is wellness is inaccessible for many. There are systemic factors set into place as well that make it difficult for black folks to pursue their own wellness prior to a diagnosed sickness or disease. It is absolutely critical that we as an institution do everything in our power to make wellness accessible. The lives of students depend on it.

For more information: https://studentaffairs.ucmerced.edu/dean-students/ways-get-involved/uc-merced-black-research-fellowship-2021-2022
UC Merced Student Healing Circle: Let’s Talk Radical Healing
With Dr. Jacquelyn Johnson

Join The Black Girl Doctors for a healing circle as we discuss the complexities of speaking up and speaking out as a Black student during a time of racial reckoning, and while charged with navigating your own path towards successful careers and lives. RSVP here:

https://theblackgirldoctor.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvceqhqDMoHdGihuYmXPdkZACtICrWL5La

Jacquelyn Johnson bio: https://www.theblackgirldoctor.com/dr-j

Language Accessibility Committee Monthly Sessions

Monthly sessions are available for faculty and staff members on the following dates:

1 - 2 p.m. | Friday, Nov. 19
Noon - 1 p.m. | Friday, Dec. 1

Join via Zoom: https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/81023328293#success

Email if you have questions: LAC@ucmerced.edu

Bright Success Center: Educational Equity & Access Programs

Guardian Scholars

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week "Kick Off" scheduled for Monday, November 15th from 10 am - 2 pm on Scholars Lane.

This event aims to bring together different campus units and student organizations to create awareness around housing and food insecurity in our country.

Tabling Proposals that are accepted will receive an email confirmation by the end of the day on November 10th.
For more information and Sign Ups:
https://guardianscholars.ucmerced.edu/form/hhaw-kick-sign-ups

Counseling and Psychological Services

4 - 5 p.m. | Wednesday, Nov. 3
4 - 5 p.m. | Wednesday, Nov. 10
4 - 5 p.m. | Wednesday, Nov. 17

Location: CAPS Office
Visit: https://counseling.ucmerced.edu/

This is a monthly digest of events created to elevate diverse voices and perspectives. Got questions? Reach out via email or learn more on our website.
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