

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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SCHOLARS

WHAT'S
NEW?

President Open Forums

MSU is in the middle of conducting a search for the University's next President. Current President Clif Smart will retire at the end of this academic year. Three candidates have been chosen to come to campus. Students, this is YOUR next President. Make time to come out and ask questions and engage with the candidates!

All three forums will be from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM in the PSU Theater and on Zoom (we will communicate Zoom links when they become available). Here are the dates for each candidate:

- Dr. Richard "Biff" Williams
Thursday, Feb. 15
- Dr. John Jasinski
Tuesday, Feb. 27
- Dr. Roger Thompson
Thursday, Feb. 29

For updates regarding the Presidential Search, you can go to:

<https://www.missouristate.edu/President/Search/updates.htm>





BEARLINK INVOLVE APP

- With the continued successful use of the BearLink (Modern Campus Involve) app for event sign-ins, until further notice this will be the main form of signing into events hosted by Multicultural Programs.
- The new app gives real-time feedback and will help provide a better student experience at future events.
- Download soon to stay up-to-date and have a smooth check-in process. Thank you to those who are already using the app.



Scholars still need to submit their requirements in Bb



Group Connects

- 2/12 - 3:30p - PSU 308
- 3/26 - 6:00p - Foster Rec Ctr (Space Limited; signup is required)

Contact Us

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

01

Thursday Talk: Bag Life, MRC, 1:00-2:00 PM

Join our graduate assistant to talk about the experiences of black student entrepreneurs.

06

Multicultural Love Panel, PSU 315, 5:00-6:30 PM

Listen to our panelists discuss multicultural love and hear from couples of different identities and generations. Faculty & Staff are welcome to join.

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Chat Tea with RHA, MRC, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Partnered with RHA, come enjoy an array of tea and snacks over friendly conversation! Faculty & Staff are welcome to join.

← New Time

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Canvas Painting, PSU Food Court, 5:30-7:00 PM

Take on the task of painting a one-of-a-kind masterpiece while enjoying and singing along to hip-hop and R&B music.

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Movie Night w/SAC, PSU Theatre 7:00-9:00 PM

Watch a LGBTQ+ friendly movie and enjoy some snacks!
Sponsored by SAC & the MRC.

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Speaker Night w/SAC, PSU Theatre 7:00-8:00 PM

Hear from our Black History Month speaker. Stay tuned for the mystery speaker!
Sponsored by SAC & the MRC. Faculty & Staff are welcome to join.

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Love, Sex & Relationships, MRC, 3:00-4:00 PM

Partnered with MSU's Psychology department, come discuss the depths between love, sex, and relationships!

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Sneaker Ball, PSU Ballroom, 7:00-10:00 PM

Dress in your best formal attire and sneakers and attend the hip-hop sneaker ball!






OFFICE of
MULTICULTURAL
PROGRAMS



To individuals who need special services, assistance, or appropriate modifications to fully participate in these events, please indicate by contacting the Office of Multicultural Programs at multiculturalprograms@missouristate.edu. Please notify us 1-2 weeks prior to the events.

February 2024

Black History Heritage Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Campus Events Residence Life Events Community Events 				1 Thursday Talk: Bag Life 1p PROMO Happy Hour Fundraiser 5p Conversation Circles 5:30p Imbolc (Pagan/Wiccan)	2	3 Morning Meditation 9a We Are Bangladesh 6p
4 GLO's Banned Book Club 1p Refuge 3p	5 Queer in the Ozarks Support Group 5:30p	6 Understanding Diversity & Mental Health (Part 1) 12p Grief & Loss 1:30p Conversation Circles 3:30p	7 Safe Zone Training 9a Family Boundaries 10a Multicultural Love Panel 5p	8 Finding Balance: Strategies for Navigating Alcohol & Drug Use in College 3p Managing Social Anxiety 3p Conversation Circles 5:30p	9 Arc of the Ozarks Autism & Neurodevelopmental Center Grand Opening 10a MBA Heritage Awards Banquet 6p	10 Morning Meditation 9a Chinese Lunar New Year
11 Refuge 3p	12 Stress Management 8:30a NAACP 115th Founders Day 6:30p	13 Chat-Tea with RHA 1p Managing Depression 1:30p Conversation Circles 3:30p	14 Ash Wednesday (Christian) Vasant Pachami (Hindu)	15 Overcoming Perfectionism 10a Conversation Circles 5:30p Canvas Painting 5:30p	16 Strong Mind, Powerful Self 4p Movie Night with SAC & Multicultural Programs 7p	17 Morning Meditation 9a
18 Refuge 3p	19 Asexual Support Group 6p President's Day MSU Offices Closed	20 Emotion Regulation 11a Conversation Circles 3:30p Black History Month Speaker 7p	21 Love, Sex, & Relationships 3p	22 Conversation Circles 5:30p	23 Mindfulness 3p Sneaker Ball 7p	24 Morning Meditation 9a Lantern Festival (Chinese Heritage)
25 Refuge 3p	26	27 Understanding Diversity & Mental Health (Part 2) 12p Safe Zone Training 2p Conversation Circles 3:30p	28 Healthy Relationships 11a WIN Speaker Danica Patrick 7p	29 Conversation Circles 5:30p Drag Queen Bingo 7p Leap Day		



Looking for more inclusive spaces in Springfield? Check out All Things Diverse SGF on Facebook or download their app at the QR Code below!



Schedule of Events

- Plains style Moccasin Class, make and take with you. Saturday, January 20, 2023 12-4 pm. The Fairbanks gym 1126 N Broadway Ave, Springfield MO. \$40 fee due at registration. Limited seating register early.
- Plains style Moccasin Class, make and take with you. Sunday, January 21, 2023 12-4 pm. The Fairbanks gym 1126 N Broadway Ave, Springfield MO. \$40 fee due at registration. Limited seating register early.
- Kids craft class January 23, 2024 Tube Animals 5:30-6:30 PM
- Making Valentines to send to the Cherokee nation Veterans. Everything provided. 5:30 - 6:30 pm January 30, 2024
- Bow making class ongoing Wednesday January 31, 2023 6-8 PM. Every other Wednesday. At AICS 1126 N Broadway Ave
- Garage Sale February 3, 2024 at the Fairbanks 1126 N Broadway
- Making Valentines for you someone you love (Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, Gramma, Grampa, Secret crush) Everything provided. 5:30 - 6:30 pm. February 6, 2024.
- Shawl Class February 24, 2024. \$30 per person. Call to register
- Kids plant medicine class February 25, 2024. 1-3 PM

*The American Indian Center of Springfield is a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization.
We accept all donations to support our organization to aid in assisting the local Native American Community.*



African & African American Studies
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Maurice D. Gipson, JD, PhD
**Black Dirt, Black People & Black Power:
The Radical Road to Freedom in Arkansas**

Date: Wednesday, February 7th

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Meyer Library, Rm 101

*Free and open to the public

Vice Chancellor, Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity, Affiliate Faculty, History Department, University of Missouri-Columbia

Arkansas has a documented history of Black activism which includes the election of numerous Black legislators during Reconstruction, the organizing of tenant farmers, and the integration of Central High School in 1957. Lost in this history, however, is the active participation of Black Arkansans in the Black Power Movement of the 1960s and 70s. Dr. Gipson will share some of the heretofore untold stories of activists that demanded radical change in Arkansas by embracing Black Power as an organizing philosophy.

