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Fall College Staff Meeting – September 29
The Fall College Staff Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 9:00 – 10:30 am (followed by brunch) in 603 Barron Innovation Hub and on Zoom https://psu.zoom.us/j/99875383264. The agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Fall College Faculty Meeting – September 21
The slides for the Fall College Faculty meeting held on September 21 have been uploaded to the EMS website at https://www.ems.psu.edu/resources-faculty-and-staff under ‘College-wide Faculty and Staff meetings.’ A recording of the meeting is available on request from Meranda Kaiser at mlp5247@psu.edu.

Faculty, Staff, Graduate Student, and Postdoctoral Scholar Ombudspersons
Faculty Ombudsperson: Jim Adair – jha3@psu.edu
Alternate Faculty Ombudsperson: Chris Forest – cef13@psu.edu
https://www.ems.psu.edu/faculty-ombudsperson
The Faculty Ombudsperson serves as a mediator and liaison for matters of dispute involving faculty members and administrators. The College Ombudsperson advises faculty and administrators as to appropriate courses of action; assists in the informal resolution of differences; assures that appropriate department, College and/or campus procedures are exhausted before referring a case to those at higher levels in the institutional structure; and informs the Office of the President and appropriate College or campus officials if a matter cannot be resolved at a lower level and the case is to be referred to the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities. Faculty may request to meet with either the College Ombudsperson or the University Ombudsperson at https://senate.psu.edu/faculty/faculty-ombudsperson/.

Staff Ombudspersons:
Heather Kimble – hmo106@psu.edu
Ron Nargi – Rnargi@psu.edu
https://www.ems.psu.edu/staff-ombudsperson
Staff Ombudspersons provide, by appointment, a neutral, safe haven for staff to discuss on-the-job difficulties. Such an avenue for communication helps prevent misunderstandings from becoming roadblocks to work production. Problems are heard and discussed; the goal is an amicable resolution. Where appropriate, a written summary of the issues are provided to the Human Resources Representative.

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Ombudspersons:
See list at https://www.ems.psu.edu/graduate/graduate-student-resources/graduate-student-and-postdoctoral-scholar-ombuds-program

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Ombudspersons provide graduate students and postdocs with a neutral, third-party to assist with conflict resolution and solutions-oriented support. This program provides an alternative to the formal grievances and complaint process. It emphasizes non-adversarial problem-solving options, rather than formal, rights-based options. Graduate students and postdocs within EMS can choose to meet with any graduate student and postdoc scholar ombudsperson across the College, regardless of department affiliation. Graduate students may request to meet with either a College Ombudsperson or a University Ombudsperson at https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-student-life/graduate-student-ombudsperson-program/.

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**FACILITIES**

**Safety**

**Masking:** Although masking is not required when the Centre County goes into the high-rate status, masking is highly recommended. We do have a limited number of KN-95 masks available for anyone who would like a few. Please send an email to safety@ems.psu.edu to request them.

**Active attacker training:** Police services has put a video of their active attacker (Run, Hide Fight) training session on their website. The video is less than 10 minutes long, and we highly recommend everyone take some time to watch this video. Please see this page for the video, or for more information: https://www.police.psu.edu/run-hide-fight-surviving-active-attacker

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**GRADUATE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

**Reporting Federal Lobbying Activity**

To ensure compliance with the University’s federal reporting requirements, all University faculty and staff who participate in federal lobbying activities for the University must report all time and expenses related to these activities to the Office of Government and Community Relations (OGCR) by **Monday, October 3**, for activities that took place during the time period of **July 1 through September 30, 2022**. OGCR will then use this information to report the University’s activities and total federal lobbying expenses to the U.S. Congress on a quarterly basis. Federal lobbying activities include contacts (in person, written, or by phone) with covered executive branch and legislative branch officials made on behalf of the University regarding: (1) legislation, legislative proposals, rules, regulations, executive orders, programs, policies, or positions of the government; (2) administration or execution of federal programs or policies (including federal contracts and grants); and (3) nomination or confirmation of a person for a position subject to confirmation by the Senate. In general, covered executive branch officials are political appointees, not program managers or grant administrators. It is not considered a lobbying activity if you were asked by a Member of Congress or a Congressional Committee to testify or respond to a request for information. If you have engaged in lobbying activities between **July 1 and September 30, 2022**, the Federal Lobbying Contact and Expense Reporting Form is due to Amanda Wintersteen by **Monday, October 3**. The form can be downloaded from OGCR’s web site: http://www.govt.psu.edu/federal-lobbying-disclosure-act/. Also on this site, you will find more detailed explanations of the required information and other helpful
Faculty and Staff are reminded that federal funds may not be expended for lobbying purposes.

**NSF launches entrepreneurial fellowships for engineers and scientists**
The U.S. National Science Foundation announced a new $20 million investment in Entrepreneurial Fellowships through a multi-year cooperative agreement with Activate.org. The Activate Fellows supported by NSF will be scientists and engineers from a variety of backgrounds and regions across the U.S. who will translate research breakthroughs to new products and services with broad societal benefits. To learn more about Entrepreneurial Fellowships including how to apply, visit [https://www.activate.org/apply](https://www.activate.org/apply)

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**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**

**Fall Merchandise Orders**
EMS Student Council has opened their fall merchandise order form. Payments can be made either via CASH, CHECK, or VENMO to @ems-stuco. CASH or CHECK can be brought to the RFSC Student Council Office in Deike 14. CHECKS must be made out to "Earth and Mineral Sciences Student Council" and can be mailed to 14 Deike Building University Park, PA 16802. For VENMO there will be an additional fee added on to the price of the item. Orders will be shipped to individuals who do not live in the State College area, all others must be picked up when they arrive in the RFSC Deike 14. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, October 12, at 8:00 pm. Payment is due at that time. Please reach out to Renan Beckman rlb5932@psu.edu or (585) 754-3777, if you have any questions.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHixJ7chlC2pJUQzCe4t6xVgYPwOoLUjnccUT9J3UBP_BW3w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHixJ7chlC2pJUQzCe4t6xVgYPwOoLUjnccUT9J3UBP_BW3w/viewform)

**Goldwater Scholarship - Pre-Applications Due October 2, 2022**
Please encourage outstanding undergraduate research students you may know to submit pre-applications for the Goldwater Scholarship by Sunday, October 2, 2022. The Goldwater Scholarship is a distinguished undergraduate scholarship initiative for second- and third-year undergraduates in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering who are interested in pursuing careers in research. Goldwater Scholars receive national recognition for their research potential and up to $7,500 per year! In many ways, this undergraduate initiative is considered a precursor to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. To be eligible, a student must:

- Have a minimum of one semester and no more than two years of undergraduate study remaining beginning September 2022
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0, although we highly recommend students have a minimum GPA of 3.70
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Have a demonstrated interest in a research career in a Goldwater- approved field of study

In order to be considered for University nomination, a student must first submit a brief pre-application form which can easily be completed in one sitting. This form asks for demographic information, a brief statement, and a list of potential recommendation letter writers. Knowing they have your support will help them compile their list of recommendation letter authors. Letters are not needed at this time, simply a list of names.
EDUCATIONAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
EMS Reads 2022
EMS Reads Fall 2022 is gearing up! Our selection is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. Here’s how you can participate:

**Delve into the book:**
- Members of the EMS community can pick up a paperback copy at the EMS library information desk. For those whose reading preference is electronic, University Libraries has the e-book with unlimited online reading: [https://catalog.libraries.psu.edu/catalog/19789398](https://catalog.libraries.psu.edu/catalog/19789398)
- *Braiding Sweetgrass* weaves together scientific knowledge, indigenous knowledge, and personal experience to explore reciprocal relationships between the land and its inhabitants. Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology, and the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment and is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

**Engage in discussions:**
- Instructors are encouraged to assign a portion of the book for class discussion.
- Lab groups are encouraged to read the book together and spend time discussing its themes.
- Departments and Institutes are encouraged to devote a portion of a department meeting to discussion.
- Student organizations are encouraged to read the book together and spend time discussing its themes, particularly as they relate to the mission of the organization.
- Organize your own discussion group.
- Strike up conversations with colleagues or fellow students in EMS.
- You don’t have to have read the entire book in order to engage in meaningful discussion.
- Discussions may be formal or informal in nature; the point is to engage with the material.

**Attend the Lattman Visiting Scholar of Science and Society Lecture:**
- Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, will deliver the 2022 Lattman Lecture.
- Tuesday, October 18 at 4:00 pm in 22 Deike and online - 4:00-4:45 talk and 15-20 minutes of questions.
- More details will be forthcoming about online attendance.
- There will be a reception with Dr. Kimmerer after the lecture.

**Participate in the EMS follow-up discussion:**
- Complete the braid by reflecting on what we have learned and how we can put it into action.
- A hybrid event being scheduled for a couple of weeks following the Lattman Lecture in which EMS students, faculty, staff, and postdocs engage in reflection on the themes of sustainability, reciprocity, and environmental justice, and how what we’ve learned from *Braiding Sweetgrass* might enrich and inform our work as scientists and engineers.
- Hosted by the EMS Sustainability Council and EMS Office of Educational Equity.

More details to come.
Penn State Global Engagement invites you to participate in the University wide International Education Month

International Education Week is an annual initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education as part of their efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans to successfully operate in a global marketplace and attract future leaders from abroad to study and learn in this country. **This year, Penn State Global is expanding International Education Week into International Education Month (IEM).** This is an opportunity for the entire Penn State community to share in the celebrations together in-person and virtually. Penn State Global has a long tradition of hosting events throughout IEM, so that students can participate in multicultural activities and learn more about opportunities for global education at Penn State. Students, faculty, and staff are ALL welcome to host an event during IEM. Please fill out the form attached with information about your session or event: [https://forms.office.com/r/3W0xCCK5ag](https://forms.office.com/r/3W0xCCK5ag) Penn State Global will review your uploaded proposal and post your session or event information on our website if it meets our criteria* of relevance to IEM. Additionally, if your event is already posted to a website, please include the link to be added to the page with your event information. *Criteria for IEM proposals to be included on the webpage:
- The proposal must be relevant to international related issues or education
- The proposal must be appropriate and respectful of the topics discussed and in accordance with Penn State’s Non-Discrimination Policy

We look forward to reading the proposals from you all and sharing them with our students, faculty, and staff! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Best, Rosemary Sharp, Administrative Assistant for Global Learning, Email: rls5932@psu.edu | Phone: 610-701-1432.

Attend the **First Dreamery Speaker Series**

**Event Through Teaching and Learning with Technology!**

Each semester TLT will host experts from other institutions to address timely teaching and learning topics within higher education.

We are excited to announce the Fall speaker, **Tanya Joosten**. Tanya Joosten, Ph. D. is the Director of Digital Learning Research and Development at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a pioneer in the field of digital learning and is the executive director of the National Research Center for Distance Education and Technological Advancements. Joosten will kick the series by addressing two timely teaching and learning topics on September 27 and 28.

- **Approaching intentionality: Factors that influence student success** from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. September 27; Our entire educational experience prepares us to teach, or does it? This teaching-focused conversation will focus on moving from instinct to intentionality in rethinking instructional practices in courses from onsite to online.
- **Considerations for equity-minded practices** from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. September 28. This learning-focused discussion will focus on designing courses with equity in mind. Unacceptably, there is a long history of blame being placed on the shoulders of the student for lower "achievement gaps." Enacting equity by design, Joosten will discuss considerations in altering practices.

Both discussions will take place in person in the **Dreamery**, located on the lower level of the Shields Building. A virtual option will also be available for attendees who are located across the Commonwealth.

**Clothesline Project T-Shirt Making**

See attached flyer ‘Clothesline Project Stall Stories’ for more information (all sessions are in the HUB-Robeson Center)

- September 27, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity
- September 30, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in 129 ABC
- October 3, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm in Flex Theater
- October 4, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in Heritage Hall

Join us for one of four t-shirt making sessions to create a shirt to be displayed around campus as part of the Clothesline Project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Clothesline Project is a national movement focused on creating a visual reminder of the impact that power-based personal violence has had on our community, turning statistics into shirts. The movement gives a voice to those who have been silenced, sending the message that help is available and there is a path to healing. Everyone in the campus community is encouraged to create a shirt providing words of support for survivors, stories of a personal experience or that of someone close to you, or messages taking a stand against power-based personal violence. Please stop by our open sessions and make a shirt in support and solidarity with survivors. Then, from the second week of October through the end of the month, you can find various displays of the Clothesline Project across campus including in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, various residence halls, the IM Building, and the Penn State Library.

Rebecca Geiger, MSW, LSW, Pronouns: she/her/hers, Associate Director, Penn State Gender Equity Center, rnx5421@psu.edu, (814) 867-3187.

**Hispanic Heritage Month - “Nuestra Música: Identity, Culture and Resistance”**

See attached flyer ‘Hispanic Heritage Month’ for more information.

Event details, registration links, and ticket information can be found at [equity.psu.edu/hhm](http://equity.psu.edu/hhm)

**Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development**

See attached flyer ‘Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development – Upcoming Programs’ for information about six upcoming programs.

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**UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS, AND COLLOQUIA**

**Hidden Landscapes: An Exploration of Earth’s Mantle**

On behalf of my collaborators, I would like to extend an invitation to the opening of the "Hidden Landscapes: An Exploration of Earth’s Mantle." The opening of this exhibit is the culmination of a project funded by an Erickson Discovery Grant and the Millennium Scholars Program. The exhibit will open on October 4, 2022, from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Earth and
Mineral Sciences Museum & Art Gallery. Please refer to the attached flyer ‘HiddenLandscapesInvitation’ for details. I would be grateful if you could circulate the flyer to the members of your community (faculty, students, staff, and colleagues) who might be interested in attending. Thank you for your time. Warm Regards, Angelina Santamaria

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMS DIGEST:
- Please contact Nicola Kiver at nmk17@psu.edu or Olivia Butts at orr3@psu.edu.
CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

Join the Gender Equity Center and create a shirt to encourage support, solidarity, and advocacy for victim survivors of violence.
CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

Monday, October 3
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Flex Theater,
HUB-Robeson Center

Tuesday, October 4
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Heritage Hall,
HUB-Robeson Center

love shouldn’t hurt, ever!

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THE EARTH AND MINERAL SCIENCES MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

EXHIBIT OPENING

HIDDEN LANDSCAPES

OCTOBER 4th 2022
6 DEIKE BUILDING
3PM - 4PM
2022 event details, registration links, and ticket information can be found at equity.psu.edu/hhm

Monday, September 19
6:00 p.m.
Freeman Auditorium, HUB-Robeson Center

Tuesday, September 20
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Interactive Virtual Workshop: Las Cafeteras
The Sounds of Resistance: From Storytelling to Movement Building
Registration required.

Thursday, September 22
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) Keynote Event: Betto Arcos
Music Stories from the Cosmic Barrio: The African Roots of Latin Music
Foster Auditorium, Pattee-Paterno Library

Sunday, September 25
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Hispanic Heritage Month Children’s Day
Schlow Centre Region Library, 211 S. Allen Street

Sunday, September 25
11:00 A.M. to 12:45 p.m.
Dolores Huerta Day of Service I: The Dr. Kelko Miwa Ross Student Farm at Penn State
Student Farm, Big Hollow Road, University Park

Wednesday, September 28
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Acoustic Performance: REYNA
HUB Lounge 008, HUB-Robeson Center

Thursday, September 29
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Dolores Huerta Day of Service II: The Community Café
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 208 W. Foster Avenue

Thursday, September 29
8:30 p.m.
Malpaso Dance Company
An Associated Company of Joyce Theater Productions.
Eisenhower Auditorium

Saturday, October 8
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Happy Valley Latino Festival
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza, Fraser St., State College

Tuesday, October 11
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Concert prelude and discussion: Miguel Zenón
Identities Are Changeable
128 Music Building II; Registration required

Tuesday, October 11
7:30 p.m.
Latin Jazz Concert: Miguel Zenón
Recital Hall, School of Music, University Park
Ticketed Event

Wednesday, October 12
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Themed Dinner at Penn State Dining: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage
All University Park Dining Commons

Friday, October 14
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Night: Los Bomberos de la Calle Bomba y Plena: A Story of Identity and Resistance
Heritage Hall, HUB-Robeson Center
Ticketed Event

Sponsors:
Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity; Latina/o Studies Program; the Center for the Performing Arts; College of Education, Office of Education and Social Equity; Penn State Outreach and Online Education

Co-sponsors: College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, Office of Educational Equity; College of Health and Human Development, Office for Diversity and Inclusion; Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese; Eberly College of Science; Penn State Residential Dining; Penn State School of Music; and the Student Farm at Penn State

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A session in the Activism Skills for This Apocalypse series. Dangerous Speech, the speech that is one of the leading dangers for inciting mass atrocity but also speech we are exposed more and more often. Participants will learn the skills to identify forms of Dangerous Speech with some action plans to deal with it in daily life. Please join us for this important conversation.

**Pasquerilla 104 Harshbarger Room**  
**September 27th, 12pm**  
**Pasquerilla 127 Worship Hall**  
**October 24th, 7pm**

This workshop will also be offered in a hybrid format.  
Open Workshop
Religious, Spiritual, and Secular Inclusion

September 29th (1pm-2:30pm) and November 15th (10am-11:30am)
Pasquerilla 104, Harshbarger Room

A brief crash-course in basic skills to create more inclusive spaces around religious difference and diversity.

Join us hybrid!

PennState Student Affairs | Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development

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Divination Expo with Silver Circle!

Join Silver Circle and the CSED for a hands-on look at different forms of divination! We will have astrology, pendulums, runes, ogham, tarot, and more for people to experience. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about Paganism and divination techniques.

Friday, September 30 4-7pm
Pasquerilla 118

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Basics on Belief: Interfaith Literacy Chats

October 6th
Holly D’Angelo
Paganism
Pasquerella 130
Garden Room
10am-11am

Join us hybrid!
Basics on Belief: Interfaith Literacy Chats

October 20th
Unity Christian Campus Ministry
Christianity
Pasquerilla 130
Garden Room
10am-11am

Join us hybrid!
Basics on Belief:
Interfaith Literacy Chats

November 3rd
Richard Smith
Presbyterianism
Pasquerilla 130
Garden Room
10am-11am

Join us Hybrid!