

29 DAYS OF BLACKNESS @ CIIS
FEBRUARY 2016

Engage in culture and transformation.
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#29daysofblackness

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Ongoing throughout the month **(Free)**:

- **29 Days Library Exhibit**
Location: Laurance S. Rockefeller Library (2nd floor)

- **29 Days of Blackness Altar: honoring African- American and African Diasporic Lives**
Location: CIIS Café (3rd floor)

- **Mural by Sage Stargate**
Location: Area 5 (5th floor)

Monday, February 1

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm (half hour sessions)

Location: CIIS Room 550 (5th floor)

Event: **29 Days of Blackness Meditation (free)**

Description: Join the intention of healing and wellbeing for issues of concern and celebration in honor of 29 Days of Blackness during our meditation. Come for a portion of the time or stay for the entire hour. Get centered, grounded, and lend your positive energy toward this intention. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Coleman mcoleman@ciis.edu.

Sponsored by the Department of Human Resources

Thursday, February 4

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Location: CIIS Café (3rd floor)

Event #1: **Altar Dedication (free)**

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Thursday, February 4

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Faculty Lounge 4th floor

Event #2: **Brown Bag Lunch with Fania Davis (free)**

Description: Please come and join the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for February's Brownbag Lunch Series. We are thrilled to be joined by CIIS alumn, Fania Davis, RJOY Executive Director and long -time Social Justice Activist. For more information contact the ODI Program Coordinator, Felipe Restrepo frestrepo@ciis.edu.

Sponsored by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Thursday, February 11

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Namaste Hall (3rd floor)

Event: **Academics' Happy Hour with Honored Guest: Adeeba Deterville (free)**

Description: Please come for happy hour and a conversation with, Adeeba Deterville as she talks about her scholarship. Adeeba D. Deterville, MA is Program Coordinator for the Master's in Counseling Psychology (MCP), she is currently a doctoral student in CIIS' – Transformative Studies program. Her primary focus is African-centered Psychology and spirituality. Adeeba is interested in the role of cultural identity development, spirituality, and culturally responsive teaching in transformative education experiences of Black graduate students. Drinks and light refreshments will be available.

Sponsored by the Arts @ CIIS & the MFA Department

Friday, February 12

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: Desai Matta Gallery (1st Floor)

Event: **An Evening of Amazigh Vibes with AZA (free)**

Description: Join us in celebration with AZA, a Moroccan Band. We will dance, party, and enjoy light refreshments.

Sponsored by the MFA Department & Public Programs

Friday, February 13

Time: 10:00am -2:00pm

Location: Area 5

Event: "Creating New Performance" a workshop (free)

Description: Creating New Performance is a theater workshop for professional, aspiring and closet performers. The class is an introduction to the performance style and training processes of Cultural Odyssey's Co-Artistic Director, Rhodessa Jones. The workshop will utilize sound and movement exercises as the beginning of a creative exploration that includes theater games, memory exercises, autobiographical musings, and storytelling. At the end of the workshop participants will perform a five to ten minute mini-performance created during the process. Participants are asked to dress warm, soft, and fluid ready to move. RSVP to mfa@ciis.edu.

Sponsored by the MFA Department

Saturday, February 14

Time: 10:00am -2:00pm

Location: Area 5

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Sponsored by the MFA Department

Thursday, February 18

Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Location: Area 5 (5th floor)

Event: I Am Not My Hair, Or Am I? Healing and Honoring the Hair-Story in our History (free) with Michelle Coleman, Human Resources Director

Description: **ALL** are welcome and encouraged to participate. Not necessary to have hair to attend. Bring your openness, stories, curiosities, and engagement. This is a topic for us all to better see and understand. The variety of issues surrounding hair including but not limited to, Biases, stereotypes, micro-aggressions, discrimination, low self-esteem, pride, reconciliation, truth, and love. SPREAD THE WORD. BRING A FRIEND. mcoleman@ciis.edu

Sponsored by the Department of Human Resources

Friday, February 19

Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Location: Room 304

Event #1: **Student gathering with Dr. Henry Gregory (free)**

Description: **NTU Psychology Event**

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Friday, February 19

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Location: Desai Matta Gallery (1st Floor)

Event #2: **Public Reception with Dr. Henry Gregory (free)**

Description: **NTU Psychology Event**

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Friday, February 19

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: CIIS Namaste Hall

Event #3: **A conversation with Dr. Henry Gregory and Dr. Denise Boston (\$15-\$20 at the door)**

Description: **NTU Psychology Event**

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Saturday, February 20

Time: 10:00am-5:30pm

Location: TBA

Event#1: **NTU Psychotherapy: An African-Centered Approach to Healing and Wellness. Workshop with: Dr. Henry Gregory and Dr. Denise Boston (Registration Required)**

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and Public Programs

Saturday, February 20

Time: 6:15pm-7:30pm

Location: Area 5 5th floor

Event #2: **MFA Saturday Night Events features the Black Arts Showcase (free)**

Description: Dazie Grego curates a night of inspiring, courageous and raw poetry, performance, jazz, visual art and song, celebrating the beautiful intricacies of the Black narrative.

Sponsored by The MFA Programs mfa@ciis.edu

Sunday, February 21

Time: 10:00am-5:30pm

Location: TBD

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Tuesday, February 23

Time: 3-4:30pm

Location: Room 306

Event: **Inclusion of African-Centric Research by Adeeba Deterville**

Description: TBD

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Thursday, February 25

Time:

Location:

Event: Workshop for Faculty and Staff with Ken Hardy

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Friday, February 26

Time: All day community event

Location:

Event: Ken Hardy & Joy DeGruy

Sponsored by the Mental Health Services Act Program, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Saturday, February 27

Time: 12:00pm- 1:15pm

Location: Room 565

Event: **Afro-Urban Dance as a tool for Black Solidarity (free)**

Description: Afro-Urban dance is a term that refers to the unique yet unified expressions of dance and music created and performed by people of African descent in urban settings around the world. From Azonto to Zouk, Second-Line to Swing, Dancehall to Coupe Decale and everything in between, Africans are major contributors to dance, music, fashion and art all over the world. In this session, Nkei Oruche shares a few Afro-Urban Dance styles as a way to celebrate and sustain the resiliency, interconnection and existence of the African Urban people in the continent and in the Diaspora. To create conversations and resources for capacity building across various African/Black peoples.

Sponsored by the School of Undergraduate Studies (SUS)

Monday, February 29

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Location: Room 304

Event: **TRANSGRESS Movie Screening “Dark Girls” (free)**

Description: TRANSGRESS is a student group aiming to enrich the CIIS experience by celebrating difference, holding difference in spaces on campus and naming oppression of difference. We hold meetings twice a month for students, faculty and staff to have an inclusive space to share their experiences or witnessing of oppression and discrimination while also discussing strategies, sharing resources, and offering context for all operating within and questioning oppressive structures. Refreshments.

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