

DIVERSITY UNIT EVENTS AND HOLY DAYS

2013-2014

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Items in bold print: Items in bold have been added since the last posting.

DATE	EVENT	EXPLANATION	SPONSOR
Saturday, October 12, 2013	5 th Annual disABILITIES Awareness Expo	EHS Building	ADAC, and many others
Monday, October 14, 2013	Indigenous Peoples' Day	A day celebrating Indigenous peoples' resistance of colonialism and the historical truths behind it.	
Monday, October 14, 2013, 10:00a-Noon	Press Conference and Eracism Walk	Downtown to campus	NAP, SCIT/ Ziibiwing
Monday, October 14, 2013, Noon-1:00pm	Soup & Substance: A Study of Microaggressions against Native American people in Isabella County, presented by the Isabella County Human Rights Committee	Bovee UC Terrace A-D	ODE, NAP, Isabella HRC
Monday, October 14, 2013 7:00pm	Queer Monologues Performance	Anspach 161	LGBTQ, and allies
Monday, October 14, 2013, 6:51pm, through Friday, October 18, 2013, 6:45pm	Eid al-Adha (Islamic Feast of the Sacrifice)	Begins at sundown. Commemoration of Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to God. Also commemorates the pilgrims that are performing the obligatory pilgrimage referred to as Hajj. Date can vary depending on the country. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Friday, October 18, 2013, 2:00pm	CMU Latino Alumni Panel Free and open to the public	UC Lake St Clair & Huron Rooms	MASS/Latino Alumni Chapter
Wednesday, October 23, 2013, Noon-1:00pm	Soup & Substance: Look Who's 40—The Rehabilitation Act and ADA, presented by Susie Rood, Director, Student Disability Services	Bovee UC Terrace A-D	ODE, ADAC
Thursday, October 31, 2013, 6:26pm, through Friday, November 1,	Samhain (Wiccan New Year, northern hemisphere)	A time for meditation and remembering of those who have passed away, coinciding with the end of the harvest. This is a religious holy day and is intended	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.

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NOVEMBER	NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH	Events listed separately below	NAP, and others
Friday, November 1, 2013, Noon	Environmental Awareness Day; gather at noon in UC 108 and disperse across campus to clean Mother Earth. Sign up on http://cmich.orgsync.com	Center for Inclusion & Diversity Conference Room, UC 108	NAP
Sunday, November 3, 2013	Diwali (Hindu & Sikh Festival of Lights)	Festival of Lights symbolizing the human urge to move toward the light. One of four seasonal celebrations. Date can vary depending on the country. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Sunday, November 3, 2013, 5:23pm, through Monday, November 4, 2013, 5:22pm	Hijra (Islamic New Year)	The first day of the first month (Muharram) of the Islamic year, begins at sundown.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Monday, November 4, 2013, 5:00pm-7:00pm	Native American Heritage Month Food Taster and Dance Demonstration \$3 with CMU Student I.D. \$5 all others	UC Rotunda	NAP, SCIT/ Ziibiwing Center
Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 3:30pm	NAHM Movie: Stolen Spirits of Haida Gwaii	UC Auditorium	NAP, Ziibiwing Center
Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 5:30pm	NAHM Movie: Stolen Spirits of Haida Gwaii	Ziibiwing Center	NAP, Ziibiwing Center
Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 5:13pm, through Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 5:12pm	Ashura (Sunni Muslim holy day)	Voluntary fast day. A time of mourning commemorating the martyrdom of Husayn, grandson of the prophet. Date can vary depending on country. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 7:00pm	Native American Heritage Month Keynote Speaker: Gyasi Ross	Plachta Auditorium	NAP

Sunday, November 17, 2013	Guru Nanak's Birthday (Sikh holy day)	Commemorates the 1469 birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
NOVEMBER 17-23, 2013	HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK	Activities will be listed separately; most will be on orgsync as they are sponsored by the Volunteer Center	Volunteer, and others
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Noon- 1:00pm	Soup & Substance: Native American Heritage Month	Bovee UC Terrace A-D	ODE, NAP
Thursday, November 21, 2013, Noon- 1:00pm	Soup & Substance: Homelessness in Isabella County	Bovee UC Terrace A-D	ODE and community members
Thursday, November 21, 2013, 2:00pm	NAHM Movie: Black Ash Basketry	UC Auditorium	NAP, Ziibiwing Center
Thursday, November 21, 2013, 5:00pm	NAHM Movie: Black Ash Basketry	Ziibiwing Center	NAP, Ziibiwing Center
Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 5:02pm, through Thursday, December 5, 2013, 5:00pm	Hannukah (Jewish Festival of Lights)	Eight-day commemoration of the Maacabean recapture and rededication of the second Temple in 165 BCE, begins at sundown. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Friday, December 20, 2013, 5:02pm, through Saturday, December 21, 2013, 5:03pm	Yule (Wiccan holy day)	A celebration of the winter-born king, symbolized by the rebirth of the sun. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Wednesday, December 25, 2013	Christmas (Christian holy day)	Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and is one of the most joyous days of the Christian year. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Thursday December 26, 2013 through Wednesday, January 1, 2014	Kwanzaa	This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Wednesday, January 1, 2014	Gantan-sai (Shinto New Year)	This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Tuesday,	Nativity of Christ (Orthodox	Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ	Religious

January 7, 2014	Christian holy day)	and is one of the most joyous days of the Orthodox Christian year. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
January 20-24, 2013	MLK WEEK	Events to be scheduled separately	MASS
January 20, 2013	MLK Day of Service	A day to serve others (no classes scheduled)	Volunteer, MASS
Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 7:00-9:00pm	Speak Up Speak Out: Reinventing Michigan?	Park Library Auditorium	CHSBS and many others
Friday, January 31, 2014	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist holy day)	A festive holiday celebrated for about two weeks. This is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
FEBRUARY	BLACK HISTORY MONTH	Events to be posted individually below.	MASS
Saturday, February 15, 2014	Nirvana Day (Buddhist holy day)	In the Northern tradition, this is the anniversary of Buddha's passing away. Date can vary depending on country. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 7:00pm-9:00pm	Speak Up Speak Out: Nothing To get All Twerked Up About: Youth, music and pop culture	Park Library Auditorium	CHSBS and many others
Wednesday, March 5, 2014	Ash Wednesday (Christian holy day)	Beginning of Lent, a period of abstinence. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
MARCH 15 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2014	ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH	Events to be posted individually below.	MASS
Sunday, March 16, 2014	Magha Puja Day (Buddhist holy day)	Celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to an assembly of holy men. Date can vary depending on the country. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 7:43pm, through Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:44pm	Ostara (Wiccan holy day)	A celebration of the young Sun God's sacred marriage with the young Maiden Goddess. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:44pm, through Friday, March 21, 2014, 7:46pm	Naw Ruz (Baha'i & Iranian New Year)	This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Thursday, March 27, 2014, 7:00pm-9:00pm			
Tuesday, April 8, 2014	Ramanavami (Hindu holy day)	Celebrates the birth of Shri Rama, one of the incarnates of the Hindu gods Vishnu; fasting is common on this date. Date can vary depending on country. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
April 14-18, 2014	PRIDE WEEK	Events listed separately below.	LGBTQ, and allies
Monday, April 14, 2014	Baisakhi (Sikh holy day)	Commemorates the founding of the Khalsa, a distinctive Sikh brotherhood. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Monday, April 14, 2014, 8:13pm, through Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 8:22pm	Pesach/Passover (Jewish holy day)	The first two nights are the most important. Dietary restrictions last the whole week. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness Christian holy day)	Observance of the one holiday Jehovah's Witnesses recognize—the memorial of Christ's death. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Friday, April 18, 2014	Good Friday (Christian holy day)	Commemoration of Jesus' crucifixion. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Sunday, April 20, 2014	Easter (Christian holy day)	Celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 8:31pm, through Thursday, May 1, 2014, 8:32pm	Beltane (Wiccan holy day)	Celebration of fertility. This is a joyous day, full of laughter and good times. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Wednesday, May 14, 2014	Wesak/Buddha Day (Theravada Buddhist)	Celebration of the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha. Date can vary depending	Religious Holy Day—events will

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Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 8:59pm, through Thursday, May 29, 2014, 9:00pm	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i holy day)	Commemorates the 1892 death of the prophet-founder of the Baha'i faith. This is a religious holy day and is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Thursday, June 19, 2014	Juneteenth	Observed as the day African Americans were emancipated. It is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. This is intended simply to provide information—any related events will be posted separately.	Religious Holy Day—events will be posted separately.
Friday, June 6, 2014, 7:00a-4:00p	Honoring, Healing & Remembering	Commemorates the closing of the Mt Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School on June 6, 1934. Activities scheduled throughout the day at the MIIBS campus on Crawford Road in Mt. Pleasant. For more information call Ziibiwing Center at 775-775-4750.	CMU/SCIT

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AISES	American Indian Science & Engineering Society, is a registered student organization, 989-774-2508
CHSBS	College of Humanities & Social & Behavioral Sciences , 989-774-3341
CID	Center for Inclusion and Diversity, an umbrella term for the student hangout area and art gallery in UC 108 where GEARUP, LGBTQ, MASS, ODE, NAP, Pathways and STEP are located
EPIC	Equality, Pride, Impact & Change, 989-774-3637
KCP	King/Chavez/Parks visiting professors program, 989-774-7318, ODE@cmich.edu
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Queer Services, 989-774-3637, UC 110-A
MASS	Multicultural Academic Student Services, 989-774-3945, UC 112
MPADG	Mt Pleasant Area Diversity Group, chair@mpadg.org
NAISO	North American Indigenous Student Organization, a registered student organization, 989-774-2508
NAP	Native American Programs, 989-774-2508, UC 110-B, nap@cmich.edu
NFW	Network for Women
OCRIE	Office of Civil Rights and Institutional Equity, 774-3253, RN 220
ODE	Office of Diversity Education, 989-774-7318, UC 110-C
OIA	Office for International Affairs
OID	Office for Institutional Diversity, 989-774-3700
Pathways	Pathways to Success
Spectrum	Spectrum is a registered student organization

STEP Student Transition Enrichment Program
STO Student Transition Organization, a registered student organization
Transcend Transcend is a registered student organization

Many groups above maintain a presence on Facebook.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Diversity Education at 989-774-7318.