Monday, April 11
Opening Ceremony
St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall / 2 PM
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Northern Illinois University where she serves as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Our very own Lewis University Gospel Choir will engage attendees with their compelling musical gift.

Muslims America — Art Tour
Oremus Fine Arts Center / Monday-Friday 10 AM - 2 PM
( Led by N. Swain)
Robert Gerhardt became interested in photographing Muslim Americans after 9/11 to encourage a dialogue between Muslims and non-Muslims. He seeks to erase the boundaries that engender a sense of "them" and begin to foster a sense of "us."

Get Hip with a Latino/a Flare — Zumba
Recreation Center / 5:15 PM
( Led by S. Delegge-Stevenson)
Zumba is one of the most unique, fun, and beneficial exercise programs to have blessed the fitness market for its diversity and level of fun! There are numerous styles of Latin dances including hip hop, dancehall, and Caribbean. Zumba Fusion allows anyone and everyone to have fun while dancing and exercising, and at the same time learning different styles of movement.

Tuesday, April 12
Diverse Languages — Diverse Thinking
Big Red Room / 11 AM
( Led by Dr. S. Gettys and R. Rocio)
Cult & Civ Credit
One of the ways people get a diverse point of view is through speaking different languages and knowing different cultures. In this round-table presentation, students will be able to discuss and analyze how languages shape the way they think, and therefore act. Representatives from different backgrounds who speak different languages (Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and more) as a native or as a second language will present their perspective on different concepts and how the language shapes their thinking.

Creating Inclusive Spaces for Persons with Disabilities
AS155A / 2 PM
( Led by Drs. Buss and C. Fisher)
Cult & Civ Credit
Faculty members from the College of Education will lead a discussion about how to create inclusive spaces for persons with invisible and visible disabilities. Attendees will walk away with a general understanding of how to communicate and support this population’s needs.

Wednesday, April 13
Tolerance vs. Acceptance
AS 155A / 1 PM
( Led by Dr. T. Brignall)
Cult & Civ Credit
With a commitment to social change, Dr. Brignall, Associate Professor, for the University’s Sociology department will present on the metamorphosis from tolerance to empathy and acceptance.

The Race to Incarceration
AS 156 / 2PM
( Led by Dr. C. Billups)
Cult & Civ Credit
Dr. Billups, Assistant Professor of Theology, Director of Pastoral Ministry, and Coordinator of Service Learning, whose presentation is inspired by Marc Mauer’s seminal book “The Race to Incarceration” will take attendees on a journey about race, class, and the criminal justice system with special attention to the expansion of American prisons and the importance of prison ministry.

Diversity in Baseball Trivia
Rec Center—Board Room / 3 PM
( Led by B. Sisson)
Cult & Civ Credit
Members of the Athletic Department will lead this session’s attendees in a game of trivia. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to showcase your knowledge of diverse figures from the world of baseball.

Thursday, April 14
International and Multicultural Student Services — Graduation Reception
University Dining Room / 3 PM
Each semester ISS and MSS celebrate students of color who reach the wonderful milestone of graduation. The 2016 graduates will be addressed by Br. James Gaffney and encouraged to continue their path of greatness.

Friday, April 15
Know Your Letters
Big Red Room / 11 AM
( Led by GSA, Psychology, & Social Work)
Cult & Civ Credit
Faculty panelists from Lewis and members of the external community will join Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) in a discussion about sexual & gender identity as well as expression. An opportunity for open dialogue will be made available.

The Lasallian Family from a Global Perspective
Sancta Alberta Chapel / 2 PM
( Led by Br. Moses Abunya & J. Preston)
Cult & Civ Credit
University Ministry staff will share what it means to be Lasallian from a global perspective. An in-depth conversation about what it means to live out “caring” and the embodiment of Lasallian characteristics will take place. Learn more about the community YOU are a part of.

Diversity & Inclusion Prayer Service
Professor Donald L. & Suellen K. Cordano Heritage Circle
Fountain near Sancta Alberta Chapel / 3 PM
( Led by J. Preston)
Close out Diversity Week with members of the Lewis community in prayer. A time of reflection and acknowledgement will lend itself to an ongoing and intentional effort to celebrate stories, narrative, and voice.

Saturday, April 16
Community Excursion—Service through Gardening
Bus Departure / 9:30 AM
A day of service will take place in partnership with members of the Warren-Sharpe Community Center. Together, we will garden. The Community Center proudly participated in First Lady Michelle Obama’s Kitchen Tour in celebration of growing their own urban community garden. A meal and transportation will be provided. Advance sign-up recommended!

LASO Annual Gala
Harrah’s Casino & Hotel (Joliet) / 6PM
Latin America Student Organization (LASO) will host its annual Gala. This year’s theme is a masquerade ball so get ready to be unveiled. Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are welcome! RSVP to jesseniagarcia@lewisu.edu.

Students: $15 per person and $25 per couple
Alumni: $35 per person and $45 per couple

Additional Events

These programs and events are brought to you by the Office of Multicultural Student Services in collaboration with faculty, staff and students of Lewis University. For more information please contact Dr. Kristi Kelly, Director, at kellykj@lewisu.edu.