Weekly Updates from The UConn Office for Diversity & Inclusion

Welcome to the Weekly Updates from The UConn Office for Diversity & Inclusion! Here you will find some important updates from the ODI Central Office, our partners, and the broader UConn community:

Postponed: The Loyola Project

The Loyola Project

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this event will be postponed until Fall 2022. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to sharing this documentary and discussion with you in the fall.
Native American & Indigenous Studies events (April 12, 13, 14)

**Native American & Indigenous Studies Symposium**

**APRIL 13, 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Black & Indigenous Pedagogy & Politics**

**APRIL 14, 12:30 – 1:45 PM**
Native American & Indigenous Studies Symposium

APRIL 14, 4:00 – 6:15 PM

Other Events & Opportunities

For a complete list of events, please visit our website:

https://diversity.uconn.edu/ev...

ODI Leadership Training Series:
Providing an Inclusive Campus
Environment for Jewish Student
Providing an Inclusive Campus Environment for Jewish Students

In this presentation, panelists will offer a broad overview of initiatives and programs related to cultivating an inclusive campus environment for Jewish students nationally and at UConn. This will include an overview of UConn Faith, bias at UConn including response and protocol, and a discussion about the Campus Climate Initiative. The Campus Climate Initiative is a partnership between UConn, Hillel International, and the Academic Engagement Network focusing on affecting change moving towards a positive campus climate for Jewish Students.

Date: April 25th, 1:00-2:30 pm
RSVP Link Below

Panelists:

Edina Ostreicher began her tenure as Executive Director of UConn Hillel in June 2020. A UConn alum ('90), she brings over 25 years of experience serving in a variety of student affairs capacities, most recently as Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Bridgeport. Passionate about engaging the Jewish community, she serves as a contracted trainer for the Anti-Defamation League where she facilitates workshops on antisemitism, bias and discrimination to youth and adults throughout Connecticut. Edina’s focus is on working collaboratively with students, families, faculty, staff and the community to create a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive Hillel. She lives in Orange, CT with her husband David (’85 BS, ’88 MBA) and has two children, Aliyah and Maya.

John Armstrong is the Director of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services (OCCSS) and serves as Faith Liaison on behalf of the Dean of Students. Through his role, John collaborates with town officials, external police agencies, faith leaders, property managers and citizens; the OCCSS team assists students in securing off campus housing accommodations at the main campus, regional campus locations, Law School and School of Business. As a member of NASPA+ the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, John provides leadership at the national level as Co-Chair for the Off Campus and Commuter Student Services Knowledge Community.

Rebecca Russo is Executive Director of the Campus Climate Initiative at Hillel International, where she works collaboratively with campus administrators across the United States to ensure a positive campus climate for Jewish and all students. Rebecca was previously the Director of Campus Engagement at Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), where she partnered with campus administrators around the country to engage religious diversity productively, led counterstrategic planning consultations and trainings, oversaw campus grants, and launched the Campus Interfaith Inventory, a national institutional survey about religious diversity.

Jeffrey Shoulson in his role as Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Jeffrey Shoulson supervises academic program development, review, and accreditation across all units. In collaboration with the schools, colleges, and University Senate, he manages academic curricular standards and adjudicates appeals that come before the Office of the Provost. He administers the Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment processes for all of UConn’s schools and colleges. Shoulson also works with all of UConn’s academic units in their development of entrepreneurial and interdisciplinary programs. He is also the Chair of Clinical Placement Oversight and the Working Group on Interprofessional Education. He convenes the university-wide Advisory Committee on University Outreach and Engagement.

Naomi Greenspan is Director of the Academic Engagement Network’s Improving the Campus Climate Initiative. In this role, Naomi partners with universities to establish and implement antisemitism awareness education and training programs in order to help create a healthier campus environment. Prior to joining AEN, Naomi designed and developed educational programs and resources on antisemitism, its intersection with racism, and the relationship between anti-Zionism and antisemitism. She has extensive experience facilitating workshops to address bias and bigotry and promote interfaith dialogue and understanding on college campuses. In schools and communities. Naomi earned her B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis where she studied Psychology and Jews, Islamic and Near Eastern Studies, and an M.A. from Teachers College at Columbia University in International Educational Development.
Let's Celebrate Holi with Middle Eastern Cultural Programs & Indian Students Association

APRIL 16, 12 – 5 PM

Would You Like to Share an Event, Class or Opportunity?

Please submit using the link below by the Thursday prior to the event/class/opportunity. ODI Updates are shared with our ListServ weekly. Please email diversity@uconn.edu if you have any questions.

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