

DIVERSITY DIGEST

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Welcome
2023

this will be
a good year!

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In remembrance and celebration of Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy – We remember that he was a man of faith, peace, and love. Dr. King's speeches carried a thread of redemptive love and restorative action. Dr. King's ideas and sentiments align remarkably well with the bible's vision of a new humanity. His understanding of this new humanity implies a love for far more than simply alleviating the social discomforts of desegregation. According to Dr. King, this love achieves something decidedly more glorious: it forms oneness in place of thriving divisions. Dr. King said that the only way to redeem racial injustice in the world was to build a new societal structure providing a shared and open relational experience. Dr. King asked us to move towards intercultural competence - belonging, and social justice. – He was talking about being one for one another.

Dr. King asserted that true integration isn't achievable through laws only but also through "willing hearts." His conviction was that integration is the unique province of the spiritual - The Power of Love, spiritual love.

Dr. King believed in accordance with his Christian faith - in the unity of gospel integration, or "the beloved community." His Beloved Community is a vision in which people can share the earth's wealth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger, and homelessness will not be tolerated because of the standards set for human dignity. An all-inclusive spirit of humanity will replace racism and all forms of discrimination, prejudice, and bigotry. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace and justice will prevail over war and violence. Love and faith will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace and justice will prevail over war and violence.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let's pursue reconciliation by confronting inequalities and the realities that led to them. Let's see the spiritual urgency in the relationship between redemptive love and restorative action

BLACK
lives
MATTER



HELLO
Winter



JANUARY

AWARENESS MONTH:

NATIONAL HUMAN

TRAFFICKING

PREVENTION

MONTH

**“President Biden has proclaimed
January 2023 as “National Human
Trafficking Prevention Month,”
reaffirming his Administration's
commitment to protect and empower
survivors of all forms of human
trafficking, to prosecute traffickers,
and to bring an end to human
trafficking in the United States and
around the world.”**

RESOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

LINKS:

<https://hopeforjustice.org/spot-the-signs/>

<https://www.state.gov/20-ways-you-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>

<https://www.watraffickinghelp.org/>

 **WHILE HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN AFFECT ANYONE, IT IS SEEN DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES - ESPECIALLY NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES** 

INFORMATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING SPECIFICALLY IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/toolkit/native-communities>

<https://www.ncai.org/policy-research-center/research-data/prc-publications/TraffickingBrief.pdf>



***WATCH FOR THE RELEASE
OF OUR OFFICE'S
INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE
STRATEGIC PLAN!***

What's New?

Keep an eye out for new releases
from the Office of Inclusive
Excellence:

- **Our Annual Report** will be released at the end of this year! It will cover things accomplished by our office around campus and in the community for 2020-2022, as well as upcoming programs and exciting plans for 2023-2024.
- Look for the release of our **Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan** later this year!

GONZAGA COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Shawn Washington
Assistant Chief Diversity Officer

For this edition of Diversity Digest, we interviewed Dr. Shawn Washington, Assistant Chief Diversity Officer and the newest member of the OIE office here at GU! You can view his full introduction [HERE!](#)

What's poppin'?



SPOKANE COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEB 1 -- DANCING WITH LIFE: MEXICAN MASKS

NORTHWEST MUSEUM OF ARTS AND CULTURE

2316 W 1ST AVE, SPOKANE

TICKETS: \$7-\$12

TUESDAYS-SUNDAYS

TIME: 10:00AM-5:00PM

FEB 1 -- SPOKANE FOLKLORE SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE

WOMENS CLUB OF SPOKANE

1428 W 9TH AVE, SPOKANE

TICKETS: \$10

TIME: 7:30-9:00PM

FEB 2 -- FACING FIRE: ART, WILDFIRE, AND THE END OF NATURE IN THE NEW WEST

JUNDT ART MUSEUM

200 E DESMET AVE

MONDAY-SATURDAY

TIME: 10:00AM-4:00PM

SPOKANE COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEB-MARCH - - MARDI BRAS FUNDRAISER

HOPE HOUSE SHELTER

DROP OFF COLLECTED ITEMS MARCH 3

TIME: 2:00-4:00PM

FEB 3 -- SWEENEY TODD: DEMON BARBER OF FLEET

STREET

STAGE LEFT

108 W 3RD, SPOKANE

TICKETS: \$25-30

TIME: 7:00PM

FEB 12 -- BOLLYWOOD DANCING

SHADLE PARK LIBRARY

2111 W WELLESLEY AVE, SPOKANE

FREE

TIME: 3:30-4:30PM

GONZAGA COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FEB 2 -- LEADING AGAINST HATE: COUNTERING WHITE
NATIONALISM**

HEMMINGSON - LOWER LEVEL AUDITORIUM (HEMM 004)

FREE

TIME: 4:00-5:30PM

FEB 7 --CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

CATALDO GLOBE ROOM

FREE

TIME: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**FEB 9 -- LEADING AGAINST HATE: RECOGNIZING, REPORTING,
AND THWARTING HATE AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

HEMMINGSON - LOWER LEVEL AUDITORIUM (HEMM 004)

FREE

TIME: 3:00-4:30PM

GONZAGA COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEB 11 -- CELEBRATE EVERYBODY

MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

DONATIONS ENCOURAGED

TIME: 12:00AM

FEB 12 -- LINCOLN LGBTQ CENTER AND GU OUTDOORS

SNOWSHOE TREK

MT SPOKANE

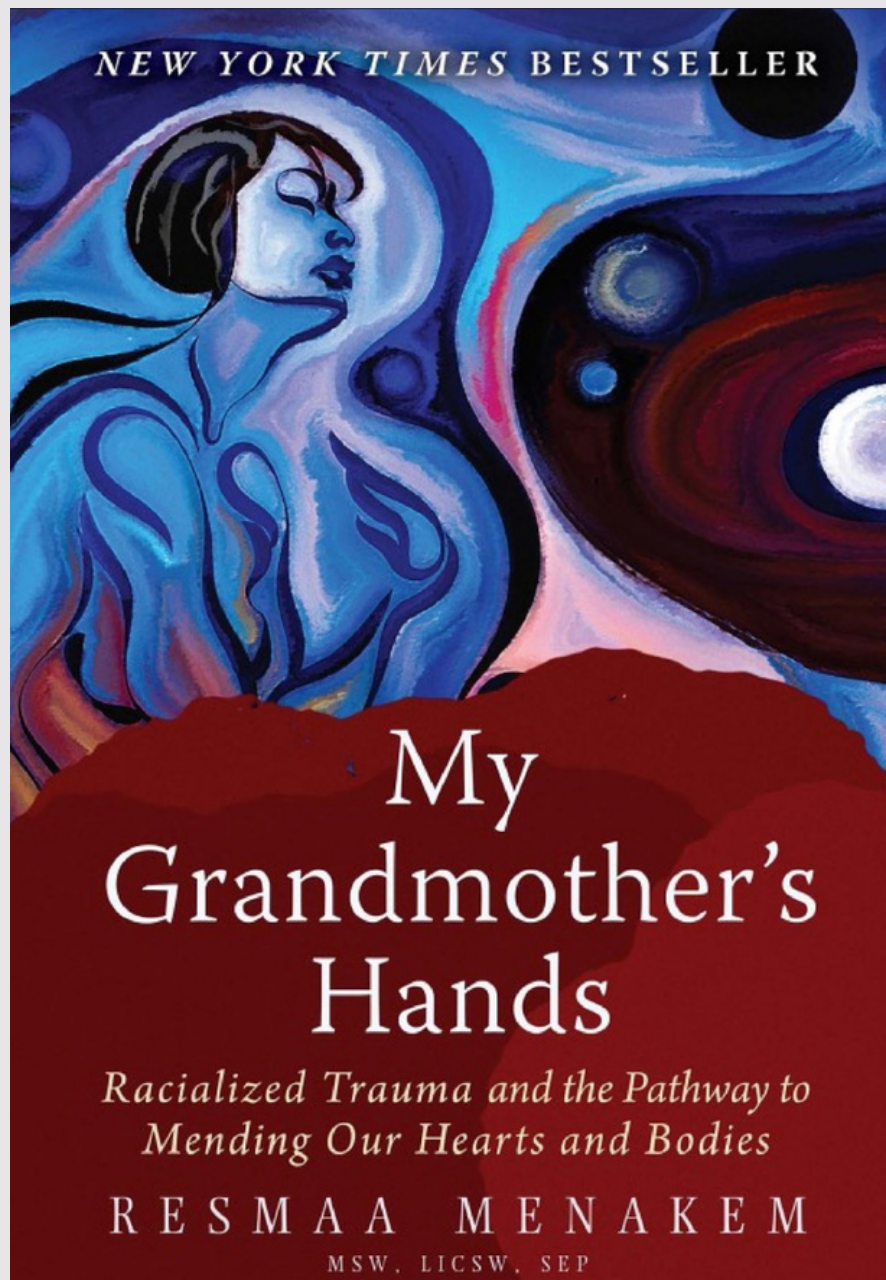
TIME: ALL DAY EVENT

FEB 15 -- THE INEQUALITY MACHINE: HOW COLLEGE DIVIDES US

HEMMINGSON BALLROOM

TIME: 5:00-6:30PM

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



“My Grandmother's Hands will change the direction of the movement for racial justice.”— Robin DiAngelo, New York Times bestselling author of White Fragility

Purchase or read more about it [here](#)



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THE OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE
EXCELLENCE THIS JANUARY!**

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