



COE Diversity Newsletter: Our Lens

BECOMING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PROFESSIONALS

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From Apprehension to Appreciation

The UNO College of Education is has partnered with UNO Criss Library to show case “From Apprehension to Appreciation: The Culture Walk Journey.” This exhibit celebrates the fifth anniversary of the college’s award winning Culture Walks program. It contains artifacts collected from the last for years of Culture Walks at UNO.

The exhibit will be on display from August 26 through October 4. For exhibit hours and more information visit www.library.unomaha.edu

Please email ideas for future topics or upcoming events to Emily Hanson, GA, at erhanson@unomaha.edu or by dropping off submissions to Roskens Hall 204k. *Our Lens* is a COE Diversity Committee sponsored project. The next issue will be published in November 2013.



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Professional Development & Educational Opportunities



Omaha Diversity Week – September 23rd-28th

Monday, Sept. 23 – Kick-Off Reception

Tuesday, Sept. 24 – Employee Resource Group Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Mid-Level Managers Symposium

Thursday, Sept. 26 – Celebrity Diversity Job Fair

Friday, Sept. 28 – Community Truck Load Sale Day of Service

Questions or want to register? Email sajohnson@omahachamber.org

UNO Fall Study Abroad Fair: This event will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm in the MBSC Plaza (inclement weather location, MBSC Dodge room).

2013 Diversity and Inclusion Conference: The City of Omaha Human rights and Relations Department and SSCA Omaha will be co-sponsoring this all-day event on Monday, Sept. 23. Participants will attend education sessions to inform Omaha community members, businesses, and employers about the city's rich diversity within the labor pool. Please visit <http://sscaomaha.info/> for details.

Danish Children Growing Up American Exhibit. UNO and the Danish American Archive and Library have joined forces to showcase a new exhibit in Criss Library. This exhibit will consist of photographs from the Danish American Archive and Library. It will run from Sept. 10th through October 25th. Visit the UNO Criss Library website for more details <http://library.unomaha.edu/>.

National Mix It Up At Lunch Day – October 29th

<http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up/map>

**"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities."
~Stephen R. Covey**





The following list is by no means complete. It is our hope that you use these as suggestions for places to visit and events to participate in and then branch out on your own to find other local programs.

German Day/Okttoberfest: Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st at the German American Society, 3717 S. 120th Street, Omaha. Visit www.germanamericansociety.org for details.

African-American Leadership Conference: Thursday, September 20, 2012. Please register by visiting www.empoweromaha.com.

Bollywood and Beyond – Monsoon Wedding: Friday, Sept. 27th – Thursday, Oct. 3rd at the Ruth Sokolf Theater. 1340 Mike Fahey St. Omaha. Join us for 10 classics from a given era of Bollywood.

22nd Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow: Saturday,

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Sept. 28th from 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Metro Community College, 5730 N 30th Street, Omaha. Experience a traditional powwow featuring Native American dance, crafts, music, and food.

Japanese Ambience Festival: Saturday, Oct. 5th and Sunday, Oct. 6th at the Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancrofts Street, Omaha. Enjoy origami, calligraphy, sushi demonstrations, and taiko drumming. Presented by the Omaha Sister Cities Association.

Dia de Los Muertos 2013 Exhibition and Celebration: **Stories by Heart:** Opening reception Saturday, Oct. 5th from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Metro Community College, Fort Omaha Campus, 30th and Fort Street Building 21 Atrium.

Hispanic Heritage Month Seminar: Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm at Creighton University, Harper Center Ballroom, 602 North 20th Street, Omaha.

Down Syndrome Alliance of the Midlands Annual Buddy Walk: Saturday, October 12th at Stinson Park. The event starts at 9:00 am. DSAM has partnered with the Special Education and Speech and Language Departments to bring you this year's Buddy Walk on the UNO Campus. The Buddy

Walk is a 1 mile walk. Please register at: www.dsamidlands.org

Empowerment Network Community Meeting: Saturday, Oct 12, 2013 at North High School from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm.

Los Valientes: Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 10:30 am – 11:45 am at Metro Community College, South Omaha Campus, at 27th and Q Street, Industrial Training Center, Room 120. This chamber music theatre production features songs and vernacular music by Latin American composers.

World Blues: Taj Mahal and Vusi Mahlasela: Friday, Oct. 25th at 8:00 pm in the Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas Street, Omaha. Listen to Grammy-winning composer and vocalist, Taj Mahal, who is one of the most prominent figures in blues and roots music.

El Mueso Latino: This local gem currently has 5 exhibits open to the public. We encourage you to them check them out.

<http://www.elmuseolatino.org/exhibits.html>

UNO Criss Library Multicultural Books



Young Adult Literature:

The Latte Rebellion by Sarah Hamila Stevenson. When high school senior Asha Jamison is called a “towel head” at a pool party, she and her best friend Carey start a club to raise awareness of mixed-race students that soon sweeps the country, but the hubbub puts her Ivy League dreams, friendship, and beliefs to the test (Description via Worldcat).

The Red Umbrella by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, a fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States when her parents, who are not in favor of the new regime, fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.

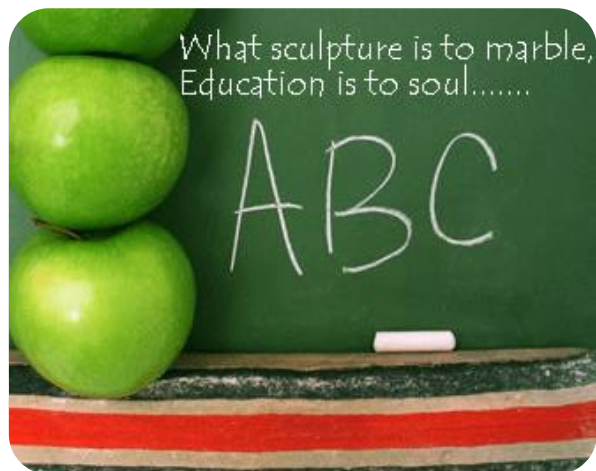
Children’s Literature:

Ruby’s Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges. In China, at a time when few girls are taught to read or write, Ruby dreams of going to the university with her brothers and male cousins.

The Fiesta Dress by Written Caren McNelly McCormack. While Eva and her family prepare for her quinceañera, no one is paying attention to her younger sister, but when the dog gets out of the laundry room and steals Eva’s sash, her little sister comes to the rescue.

Need more resources for your classroom or school project? Please contact, Melissa Cast-Brede, Research Services Unit/Education & Psychology Liaison at mcast@unomaha.edu

Reflection: Food for Thought



How can you continue to expand your knowledge of diverse cultures?

How does culture impact teaching?

Which events could you attend to broaden your cultural competence?