

Re-envision . Re-create. Re-unite. Respark!

Day of Absence and Day of Presence 2009

Day of Absence (on campus schedule): Friday, February 6

All events are free. To attend any of these workshops, pre-registration is required. Space is limited. To register call Nashira Knight at 867-6467 or email her at knightn@evergreen.edu.

9:00am – 11:45am

Finding Our Stories: Exploring the Cultural Heritage of European Americans

Presenter: Janet Partlow

Longhouse Cultural Center 1007C

In this workshop, we will look at our own genealogy, and start to write down some of our family stories. We will start to reconnect to those ancestors who brought our family to America, and start to understand some of the themes and traditions that play a profound role in our lives, our family's lives, and our experiences as White Americans of European ancestry.

9:00am – 11:30am

Mindful Of Privilege: Strengthening the Vow to Anti-Racist Action

Presenter: Fletcher Ward

Longhouse Cultural Center 1007

Mindfulness meditation helps us cultivate compassion, wisdom and confidence so that we can live out our deepest intentions. Vows are forces of our inherently compassionate nature, uncovered through careful examination of our lives in an unjust world. This workshop will combine mindfulness meditation with an examination of our vows as whites who aspire to justice. No previous meditation experience is required.

9:30am – 11:30am

Mirrors Of Privilege

Film & Discussion Presenter: Andi Seabert

Lecture Hall #1

This film by Shakti Butler catalyzes powerful dialogue to support learning, change and healing related to undoing race-based oppression. It features White social justice advocates speaking honestly on their own experience in challenging notions of racism and White identity development in the United States.

9:30am – 11:00am

Stuff White People Like

Workshop Presenter: Art Costantino

Longhouse Cultural Center 1007 A & B

Christian Lander is the author of a humorous website and book titled, "Stuff White People Like." Participants in this workshop will share some laughs about Lander's ideas and consider a serious question or two about white culture.

To join the workshop, it would be helpful, but not necessary, to check out his website:

<http://stuffwhitepeoplelike.com/> or the book.

9:45am – 11:45am

Whiteness Studies: Healing From Racism

Workshop Presenter: Chris Ciancetta
Seminar Building 2, A 1107

Students examine their own learned racism and practice Re-Evaluation Counseling techniques for healing from the emotional hurts associated with their past. Re-evaluation Co-Counseling provides a non-judgmental format for people to reveal and heal from their learned racism. Healing occurs through support.

10:00am – 11:30am

What Role does Creativity Play in Resilience and Resistance?

Presenter: Susan Greene
Seminar Building 2, E 1105

Psychologist, public artist and Jewish activist, Dr. Susan Greene, of *Break the Silence* Mural Project will present a multimedia talk exploring public art and solidarity as it relates to resistance to colonial borders. Greene is on the faculty of Goddard College and directs the Learning Center at the San Francisco Art Institute.

10:00am – 11:45am

Intersections of Race & Gender

Workshop Presenter: Talcott Broadhead
Longhouse Cultural Center 1002

We will be learning about the building blocks of dialogue to work towards facilitating understanding and to stimulate conscientization as we consider the intersections of race and gender. We will explore both race and gender as social constructs, and focus on intersectionality as a way to understand experiences of marginalized groups and the experiences of all people within the anti-oppression movement.

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Reflections & Orientation to Community Service (at local destinations)

Facilitators: Ellen Short-Sanchez, Hilary Hacker, Jean Eberhardt
Seminar Building 2, A 1107

After meeting for a short reflection, participants will then embark to various locations, travel is by bus or van. (Directions about where to meet will be announced at noon in the space above.)

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Community Service

Dedicate an afternoon of service locally and see just how diverse our community is. This is an opportunity to volunteer in our community and learn what is already being done to address racial and social justice issues.

Participants will need to sign – up for an opportunity by calling or emailing Hillary Hacker at 867-6137 or hackerh@evergreen.edu. It is strongly recommended that participants sign-up for a location by February 3rd.

Organizations include but are not limited to:

***Books to Prisoners * De Colores Books * Evergreen VISTA * Squaxin Child Development Center
Camp Quixote Meal/ P.O.W.E.R. Orientation (Parents Organizing for Welfare & Economic Rights)
CIELO-Latino Empowerment and Community Enhancement
Evergreen Elementary Dual Language program***

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Re-envision . Re-create. Re-unite. Respark! Community Quilt making

Presenter: Talcott Broadhead
Campus Activities Building, 3rd floor “Pit”

Respark your creative side and share your good thoughts and ideas. Join Talcott to help make a community paper quilt with themes from our celebrations this year.

Day of Presence (all on campus): Wednesday, February 18th

All events are free. To attend any of these workshops, pre-registration is required. Space is limited. To register call Nashira Knight at 867-6467 or email her at knighntn@evergreen.edu.
Also, on this day in the Library Lobby you will be able to walk a Labyrinth and collaborate in the making of a paper quilt.
Times for these events will be announced.

8:30am – 9:00am

Welcome Reception

Presenter: Raquel Salinas ♦ Seminar Building 2, C 1105

9:00am – 11:00am

The Liberation and Oppression Puzzle

Workshop Presenter: Raul Añorve
Seminar Building 2, C 1105

Raul Añorve, our special guest for Day of Presence, is the director of the Institute for Popular Education in Southern California and a long-time activist. Participants in this workshop will learn about the historical struggles of oppressed people in the U.S. and practice using popular education methodology. (www.idepsca.org)

10:00am – 11:00am

And Justice For All

Film and discussion: Presenter: Andi Seabert
Recital Hall

This short but intense documentary is by Washington filmmaker Sandi Cioffi from the Hate Free Zone in Seattle. This film explores U.S. responses to September 11, their impact on immigrants, civil and human rights, and our character as a people. Specific attention is paid to the impact on Somali and Muslim people here in the Northwest.

10:00am – 12:00pm

Star Power

Workshop Presenter: Art Costantino
Longhouse Cultural Center 1007 C

Participants in this trading game/simulation will gain new insights into power and privilege. Individuals who attend this workshop should be prepared to be active participants and open to new and often surprising insights.

12:15pm – 1:00pm

Community Choir

Evergreen staff, faculty and students
1st floor of the library building Lobby in front of the new wall sculpture

A group of staff, students and faculty will be serenading the campus with songs of peace and justice. If you want to sing with us, come to our practices every Tuesday and Thursday from Noon to 1pm in Library 1003.

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Correo Aereo

Educational Concert
Lecture Hall#1

Correo Aereo (Air Mail) is an award winning multi-instrumental and vocal Latin/World Music Duo plus stand up bass, performing traditional and original music of Latin America; primarily of Venezuela, Mexico and Argentina. Together, the three performers combine a stunning array of string and percussive instruments with silken vocal harmonies described as "locked in carnal embrace" by the Austin Chronicle. www.correoareo.com

3:15pm – 5:00pm (3 Concurrent sessions)

Allowing Silence and Stillness, Acting with Compassion

Presenter: Fletcher Ward

Library 3201 A & B, President's office board room

This workshop will move from simple, guided meditation in silence, to engaged and respectful activity (facilitated writing and discussion) in small groups.

Confirmation Bias, Cognitive Dissonance and the Challenge to Re-envision and Re-create the Brain's Wiring

Presenters: Sonja Wiedenhaupt, Dalya Perez & Norma Alicia Pino

Seminar Building 2, C 1105

We will learn about confirmation bias, cognitive dissonance and how both affect our ability to perceive and process difference, privilege and oppression. Be prepared to contemplate brain wiring and how each of us can actively work to re-wire where necessary. An opportunity to seed new neuronal connections: we will do some free writing, some singing, and generally have a stimulating and fun time! Grow and nurture an anti-oppression brain!!!

Arab and Muslim Detention

Presenters: Therese Saliba and Jose Gomez

Lecture Hall #5

We will view a clip from the film USA vs. Al-Arian and discuss the current issues with Muslim and Arab communities.

4:00pm – 5:00pm

A Rosetta Quilt: The interplay between unity and difference in our community

Presenter: Joe Tougas

Meet in front of the mural which is along the front of the library towards SEM 1

Come and hear a talk by Joe Tougas as he explains the process and the messages behind the creation of the mural and the meaning it holds for our community on the Day of Presence.

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Skin Deep Film and Discussion

Presenter: Andi Seabert

Lecture Hall #1

Skin Deep chronicles the eye-opening journey of a diverse and divided group of college students as they awkwardly but honestly confront each other's racial prejudices.

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Queremos Vivir Sin Miedo (We want to live without Fear)

Presenter: Raul Añorve

Lecture Hall #1

Our special guest for Day of Presence is Raul Añorve, director of the Institute for Popular Education in Southern California. Raul will relate the striking story of the mission, origins and development of the Institute. He will speak about popular education and the responsibility of each of us as individuals to make change in our own lives and in our communities. In a recent article Raul states, "We should be prophetic in our actions by taking hopeful steps against power that blinds the reality of the impoverished. We build trust through our actions, not by our discourse." We hope you will join us for this powerful presentation of ideas, struggle, hope and story.

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Off-Campus Community of Color Retreat
Lacey Community Center at Woodland Creek Community Park at 6729 Pacific Avenue SE
Please call 360-491-0857
9:00 am. – 5:00 pm

We hope you can come and join us for a wonderful day of community building and sharing! We will provide vans if you need a ride to the site (email or call us by February 3rd). Everyone brings a potluck dish and it is a great place to meet up with old friends or meet new ones. The theme of the day is always educational, always fun, and always about our community. Mostly though, it is about ourselves. This year we have some wonderful students and staff sharing their talents and wisdom with us, along with special guests. We are looking forward to addressing youth issues, as well as building intergenerational community strength and unity.

8:30am – 9:20am

Registration and Breakfast

9:20am – 9:35am

First Peoples Staff

9:35am – 12:30am

Mississippi Masala (film and discussion)

Presenter: Chico Herbison

The film explores interracial romance between African-Americans and Indian-Americans in the U.S., and takes place in Mississippi. We will be discussing issues of inter-ethnic relations afterwards. Popcorn provided!

12:30pm-1:45pm

Community Potluck & Art Activity: Identity Quilt

Presenter: Norma Alicia

1:45pm-2:00pm

Clean-up, Announcements and Energizer

Presenter: Dalya Perez and Jayanika Lawrence

2:00pm-3:00pm

Voice

Students, Staff, and faculty will join is in sharing their voices and experience with us through story-telling, poetry, performance, and music. (Sign up sheet at Registration table.)

3:00pm-4:30pm

Concurrent Workshops

We will be finalizing workshops around issues involving youth empowerment and queer people of color.

4:30pm-5:00pm

Closing Activity

Facilitated by Dalya Perez and Norma-Alicia Pino