

# MOSAIC AND INTERFAITH CENTER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER EDITION

The Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity is a center for diversity education and collaboration on UMBC's campus. The Center is committed to empowering all campus constituents to be socially aware and responsible members of our community. The center is a birthplace of diversity and social justice programs, ideas, and curriculum. Thus, the Center affirms students' multiple identities by addressing the needs of all members of the campus community.



**The Mosaic**  
Center for Culture and Diversity



## WHATS THE (T)EA? Mosaic Center Social Justice Dialogues

Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 | Noon - 1 PM  
The Commons: The Mosaic, Rm 2B23

Topic: 25th Anniversary of the  
Americans with Disability Act ADA:  
*How Far Have We Come?*

(in recognition of Disability Awareness Month)

We all talk about how diverse UMBC is. But, what does that mean in reality? How does it show up in how we communicate and interact with each other? When does celebrating diversity shift into inclusion and positive social change in and outside our campus community? This new series hopes to help us grapple with these questions.



## SAFE ZONE SESSION II Ally Development

Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 | 10 AM - Noon

Engage in allyship development to support LGBTQ communities

Attending this is your second and final step in becoming a formal member of UMBC's SafeZone network of allies!

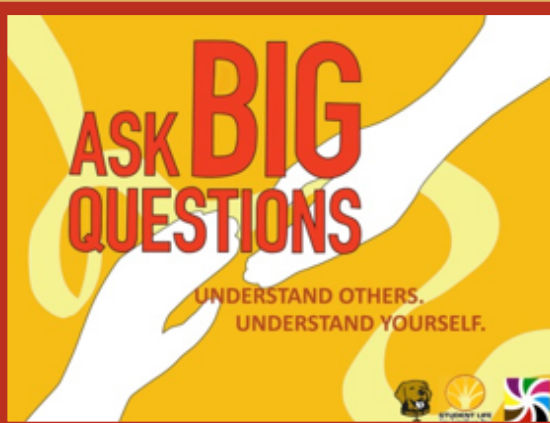
Both folks who do and do not identify as LGBTQ themselves are encouraged to attend.

Session II in the SafeZone lineup, this workshop focuses on building allyship and prepares participants to join UMBC's formal network of SafeZone allies.

You must register [here](#).

**SAFE  
ZONE**

This workshop is open to all students, faculty, and staff who have already attended a SafeZone Session I -- LGBTQ 101 workshop. Session I is required as prerequisite to Session II.



## ASK BIG QUESTIONS

Returns for Fall 2015

Friday, October 9th, 2015 | 6:15 – 8 PM  
The Commons: Mainstreet

Topic: *Who Is In Your Community?*

Join UMBC Hillel and Student Life's Mosaic Center in conversation as we consider this month's big question! If you have questions or need more information please contact Lesley, [lesleyhillel@umbc.edu](mailto:lesleyhillel@umbc.edu) or Lisa, [mosaic@umbc.edu](mailto:mosaic@umbc.edu)

Ask Big Questions is a national initiative geared towards bringing different members of one community together to have open and honest dialogue. The aim of these conversations is to get participants to understand themselves through understanding others, while sparking action in the community. The goal of this discussion is to have us think critically about ourselves and how we can grow as people.

A kosher meal will be provided after the conclusion of the discussion.

Ask Big Questions is a collaboration between UMBC Hillel and Student Life's Mosaic Center. All UMBC Community members are welcome to attend.

## INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS

Interfaith Dialogue to Action

Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 | 5 – 7 PM  
The Commons: 2B23

Topic: *Battling Bigotry: Is a Better Baltimore Possible?*

After the success of UMBC Hillel's "Ask Big Questions" events and the Mosaic Center's "What's the (T)ea?" dialogues, we invite all UMBC students to consider joining this exciting new dialogue group centering on discussions of faith, social justice and cross-cultural cooperation. These facilitated discussions will challenge students to break down stereotypes and misconceptions about other groups on campus, while working together to address the issues that Baltimore and our society face.

This opportunity will engage a cross-cultural group of UMBC students in 3 monthly discussions over the course of the Fall 2015 semester. The experience will culminate in an end of semester action or project to demonstrate the lessons we have learned, conversations we have had and relationships we have built. Our hope is to offer another group experience in the spring.

A light dinner will be served to all participants.



## INTERNATIONAL MOVIE & CULTURE DISCUSSION



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and Culture Discussion

Wednesday October 14th, 2015 | 8 – 9 PM  
The Commons: 2B23

Documentary film on the dreams of immigrant children of America. A movie that brings pressing issues about immigrant children to America's attention, where we can all debate, discuss, and decide for ourselves what is right, what is fair, and what is best for the United States of America.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the the MOSAIC through groundbreaking movies, highlighting the stories, people, music and cultures of Latin America. Enjoy free popcorn and candy! Facilitated discussion to follow each film.

# OCTOBER 12-16TH PRIDE WEEK

For more information contact [lgbtq@umbc.edu](mailto:lgbtq@umbc.edu).

## CURIOUS & QUESTIONING

Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 | 4 - 5 PM  
The Commons: 2B23

This is a dedicated time for people on campus who are questioning their sexual and/or gender identity. We will do some personal sharing, reflection, and identity exploration activities.

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## CRITICAL SOCIAL JUSTICE

Baltimore 365 Events!

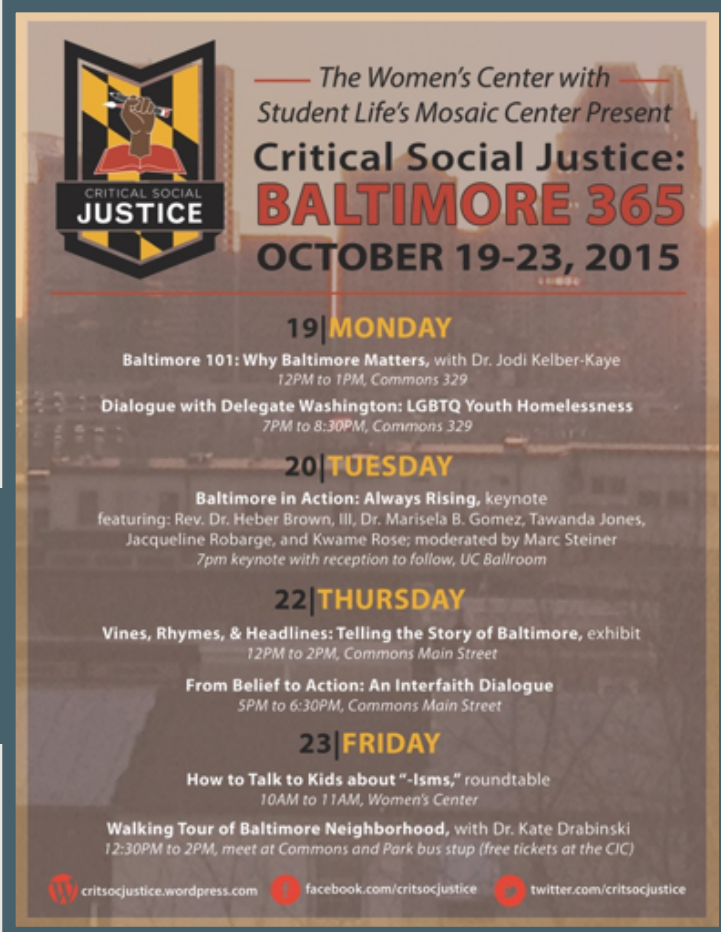
October 19th - 23rd, 2015

## DIALOGUE WITH DELEGATE WASHINGTON LGBTQ Youth Homelessness

Monday, October 19th, 2015 | 7 - 8:30 PM  
The Commons: 329

As a part of Critical Social Justice: Baltimore 365 we have invited Delegate Mary Washington to come and speak about LGBTQ youth homelessness in Baltimore. Come here for a brief overview of the history of LGBTQ rights in Maryland, where things stand now, and how you can get involved. Directly following this conversation we will host a small reception

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The Women's Center with  
Student Life's Mosaic Center Present  
**Critical Social Justice:  
BALTIMORE 365**  
OCTOBER 19-23, 2015

**19 | MONDAY**  
Baltimore 101: Why Baltimore Matters, with Dr. Jodi Kelber-Kaye  
12PM to 1PM, Commons 329  
Dialogue with Delegate Washington: LGBTQ Youth Homelessness  
7PM to 8:30PM, Commons 329

**20 | TUESDAY**  
Baltimore in Action: Always Rising, keynote  
featuring: Rev. Dr. Heber Brown, III, Dr. Marisela B. Gomez, Tawanda Jones,  
Jacqueline Robarge, and Kwame Rose; moderated by Marc Steiner  
7pm keynote with reception to follow, UC Ballroom

**22 | THURSDAY**  
Vines, Rhymes, & Headlines: Telling the Story of Baltimore, exhibit  
12PM to 2PM, Commons Main Street  
From Belief to Action: An Interfaith Dialogue  
5PM to 6:30PM, Commons Main Street

**23 | FRIDAY**  
How to Talk to Kids about "-isms," roundtable  
10AM to 11AM, Women's Center  
Walking Tour of Baltimore Neighborhood, with Dr. Kate Drabinski  
12:30PM to 2PM, meet at Commons and Park bus stop (free tickets at the CIC)

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## SAFE ZONE SESSION I

LGBTQ 101 (students only)

Monday, October 27th, 2015 | 7 - Noon - 2 PM

Attending this is your first step in becoming a formal member of UMBC's SafeZone network of allies! Allies and folks who identify as LGBTQ themselves are encouraged to attend.

Session I in the SafeZone lineup, this workshop provides a greater level of understanding of LGBTQ terminology and builds awareness of LGBTQ communities.

You must register [here](#) if you plan to attend.



This offering of SafeZone Session I is for student participants only. A faculty/staff Session I is also offered as listed on the "Training" myUMBC group page.

## FROM BELIEF TO ACTION:

An Interfaith Dialogue

Thursday, October 22nd, 2015 | 5 - 6:30 PM

The Commons: Mainstreet

Join us for a moderated roundtable discussion with religious and spiritual leaders engaged in social justice activism in Baltimore, followed by a facilitated audience conversation. Panelists will highlight the many ways that their religious and spiritual beliefs and practices inform and propel their work towards justice and equality. Event sponsored by: Student Life's Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity.



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