

October 2021 Newsletter



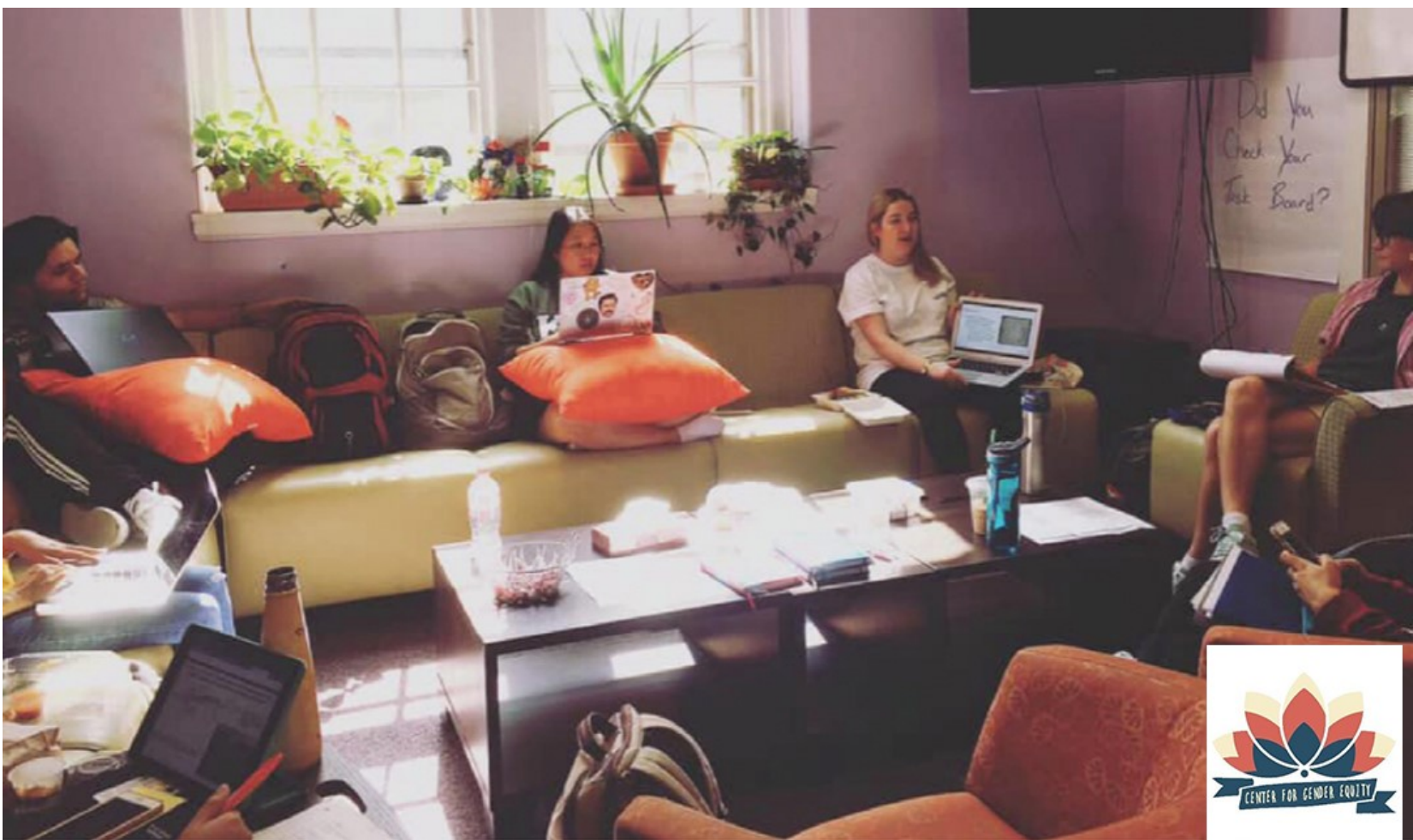
Check out the latest from the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equity!



The Pride Center and the MLK Celebration Committee are honored to partner with The Eastern PA Trans Equity Project in bringing Jennicet Gutierrez to campus on Thursday evening, October 21st at 7pm, as the featured lecturer for our 2021 Fall Signature Event. Please mark your calendars to join us, either in person or via Zoom!



Jennicet Gutiérrez is a transgender Latina activist and organizer from Mexico. She is best known for shedding light on the plight of transgender women in immigration detention centers through her organization FAMILIA: TQLM (Trans Queer Liberation Movement). She burst onto the national scene when she interrupted President Obama during his White House speech in honor of Pride month, calling attention to the struggles of Trans immigrant women. Jennicet believes in the importance of uplifting and centering the voices of trans women of color in all racial justice work. Jennicet will continue to organize in order to end the deportation, incarceration and criminalization of immigrants and all people of color. [Register for the event here.](#)



The Center for Gender Equity has been celebrating a milestone this year. First opened in April 1991 as The Women’s Center, the center has evolved and grown in its work to help Lehigh be an exemplar of inclusivity. The name change to the Center for Gender Equity in 2017 indicates some of that growth, as the way we understand gender as a whole has changed and evolved. The CGE has created a space, both physical- and community-based, where the campus can discuss all issues related to sex/gender obstacles. Using their three-part approach—Inform. Engage. Act.—the CGE staff members educate, raise awareness and provide information to all populations about women, gender and LGBTQ+ issues. Learn more about the CGE’s history and current work [via their website](#), and check out opportunities below to engage with some CGE programming.



In coordination with Development & Alumni Relations and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity, and with the generous support of campus partners and BALANCE Alumni

BALANCE
Black and Latinx Alumni Network for Community and Equity

**LE/LAF WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 2021**

19TH Friday
BALANCE Welcome Reception
6pm
Tent Outside RBC or Butz Lobby Zoellner

20TH Saturday
BALANCE Tent Tailgate
9 am
Kickoff
12 pm
Goodman Stadium

21ST Sunday
"Reclaim Our Past, Create Our Future"
Breakfast with guest speaker
9 am
Campus Walking Tour
10 am
Lamberton Hall

More information coming soon!

Don't forget to dress and prepare for outdoor events!

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Registration for our BALANCE LE/LAF Weekend “Reclaim Our Past, Create Our Future” events will be open soon! The weekend will feature a full slate of events beginning Friday night and ending Sunday morning, including a kick-off reception with performances by Cultural Greek Organizations, a BALANCE Tailgate Tent at the big game, and a breakfast with guest speaker Dr. Terry-Ann Jones to send you off after your campus return! Visit mylehigh.lehigh.edu/BALANCE for more information.

Check out Diversity, Inclusion & Equity offerings coming up soon!



Join Lehigh Hillel for our annual Diversity Shabbat dinner on Friday October 22 in Lamberton Hall! Services begin at 5:30 PM, dinner begins at 6:30 PM, and dinner counts as a 5x10 event for students! RSVP by emailing injlife@lehigh.edu.



Picturing Racism: How Visuals Fuel or Fight Hate

Spring 2022 Tues. & Thurs. 3:00 – 4:14 pm
Journalism & Communication COMM 298-010 (CRN 15466)
Africana Studies AAS 298-010 (CRN 15467)

From its inception, photography has been used to depict people of color in stereotypical ways. Yet, photographers of color and white allies have also used the medium to fight racial injustice for decades. We have seen in current years how citizens have used camera phones to document violence against Black people and spark protest against such acts.

A new course in Spring 2022 will explore the ways that photography has been used as a tool to both fuel and fight racism. **Picturing Racism: How Visuals Fuel or Fight Hate** will examine the history of photography in relation to race, and will enable participants to produce collaborative photo projects about racism and racial inequities. This course is for students with photography skills or those who have completed coursework examining the effects of racism. For more information contact Dr. Jennifer Midberry at jcm519@lehigh.edu.



Join the Center for Gender Equity for Meditation Outdoors! Learn about the benefits of being outdoors, practice guided meditation and engage in dialogue about how to live better! The event will be on Thursday, October 21st from 1:30-2:30 PM in the Bell Tower Tent, and this is a 5x10 event for students. No need to register, but we want our events to be accessible to everyone. Email lrp219@lehigh.edu with accessibility requests or questions.