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News from the MDC

The Kent State University Department of Psychological Sciences Multicultural and Diversity Committee (MDC) is dedicated to making a positive difference in the education of all students within the department through the promotion of an atmosphere of multicultural acceptance, competence, and diversity. In order to stay true to this mission, we will be sending out quarterly newsletters to the department to keep everyone updated on events and issues concerning the intersection of diversity, multiculturalism, and psychology.

KSU Department of Psychological Sciences Multicultural and Diversity Committee Newsletter

Diversity Week: November 18-21

Please come out to four days filled with fun and culture featuring:

Monday: Taste of Diversity, 12 pm – 1:30 pm, Kent 179

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are welcome to learn about cuisines from the around the world.

Tuesday: Game Night, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Kent 145

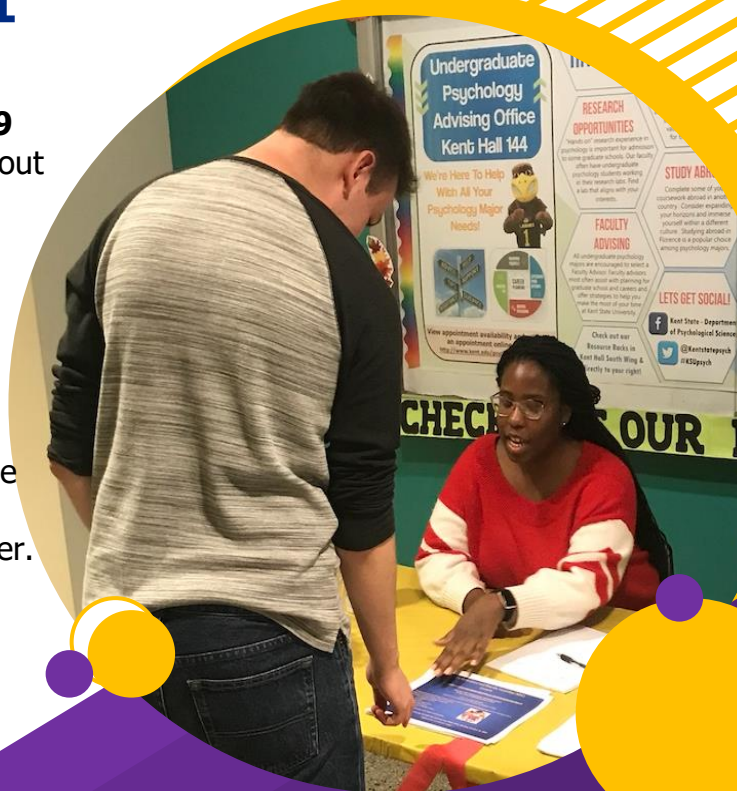
Participate in a fun-filled game night with an array of board games from various cultures.

Wednesday: Movie Night, 6:00 pm – 8 pm, Kent 102

Join us for a showing of *Trash*, a story set in Brazil about three boys who make a discovery in a garbage dump that leads to conflict with the local law enforcement. Click [here](#) for the trailer.

Thursday: Meet n' Greet Brunch, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Kent 179

New and returning MDC mentees are invited to meet with one another, their mentors, and faculty in the department.



CALL FOR MEMBERS AT LARGE!

The MDC is recruiting graduate student members at large who can help with planning events and providing mentorship to undergraduates. If you are interested in joining the MDC, please contact the Chair, Elizabeth Jean (ejean1@kent.edu) by **November 15, 2019**.



For more resources, check out the MDC Resource Server! Materials focus on promoting diversity and reducing bias in the academic setting and the field of psychology. The server is accessible to graduate students, post-docs, faculty, and staff in the department. For instructions on how to access the MDC Resource Server, email Carli Obeldobel (cobeldob@kent.edu).

Native American Heritage Month

Since 1990, November has been recognized as Native American Heritage Month in efforts to celebrate the significant contributions that the first Americans have made to the establishment and growth of the United States. Additionally, this commemorative month provides Native Americans the opportunity to share their history, culture, and traditions at a national level. Kent State's Flash Activities Board will hold a celebration and Pow Wow honoring Native Americans on **November 13 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** on the Second Floor of the Kent Student Center.

Read more about Native American Heritage Month at <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>.

Campus-wide Events

Take a look at the events on Kent State's campus that focus on issues of multiculturalism and diversity. For more information, visit the university's calendar at <https://www.kent.edu/calendars>.

November 12: QTOPC

Join KSU's Queer and Trans People of Color to talk about topics relevant to this community.

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Kent Student Center – Room 024

November 13: Roundtable for LGBTQ

Participate in a discussion at the LGBTQ Student Center.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Kent Student Center – Room 024

November 18: Dating in America: An international comparison

Learn more about dating through a cultural lens and how people from different cultures approach dating.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Kent Student Center – Room 319

November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance

Honor the lives of transgender individuals who we've lost this year by painting the rock in celebration of their life.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Kent Student Center – Room 024

November 21: Gobble, Gobble, Global

Learn how other cultures and communities give thanks and show gratitude.

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Bowman Hall – Cafe

November 21: International Cook-off

Sample international dishes prepared by cooking teams competing for the cook-off!

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Kent Student Center – Ballroom

December 6: Fashion Focus: The Divisions and Confluences of Culture and Counterculture

Dr. Sara Hume, KSU Museum Curator and Curator of the Culture/CounterCulture exhibition will discuss the contrasts between establishment fashion and counterculture styles as well as their mutual influences

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Rockwell Hall – KSU Museum – Murphy Auditorium

