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SPECIAL U.S. DATES:

March 13th
  Daylight Saving Begins

March 20th
  First day of Spring season

CAMPUS DATES:

February 29th - March 4th
  Principles of Community Week / Mixed Heritage Week

March 15th
  Spring Qtr. Student Fee Payment Deadline

March 21st - 25th
  Spring Break

March 28th
  Spring Quarter Begins
SISS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drop-in Advising

Drop-in advising at SISS are meetings for quick issues to help students with issues approved for drop-in on a first come, first serve basis.

**We have drop-in advising dates that will change in March:**
- No drop-in advising on Thursday, March 10.
  Instead, drop-in advising will be on Wednesday, March 9th from 2:30-4pm.
- No drop-in advising on Thursday, March 17.
  Instead, drop-in advising will be on Wednesday, March 16th from 1-4pm.

*Please plan on arriving no later than 3:45pm for drop-in appointments.*

Spring Break Travel

**If you plan to travel outside of the United States, but not to your home country, please:**

Contact the country you plan to visit to see if a visa is required for your visit. You can find foreign consulates located in the United States [here](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/students/current_students/travel.html). Otherwise, you can search the internet for information (examples: “how to visit Canada”, or “Mexican consulate”, or “visa for France”).

Note that processing time for these travel visas can take several weeks.

**Visit our travel page at:**

[http://siss.ucdavis.edu/students/current_students/travel.html](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/students/current_students/travel.html) and ask SISS if you have any additional travel questions about what to present at the border when you re-enter the U.S.

Taxes

It’s Tax Season! Please read your e-mails regarding your tax responsibilities.

Visit the SISS website for [General Tax Information](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/students/current_students/travel.html).
Optional Practical Training is an employment benefit of the F-1 status. It allows F-1 students to gain practical employment experience in their field of study at the appropriate degree level.

OPT can be granted for 12 months with the possible extension for an additional 17 months (with STEM major and E-Verify employer). The work authorization for OPT is the Employment Authorization Document or EAD card, issued by USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services).

If you are planning on completing your academic program in Winter and Spring 2016, and would like to apply for OPT, you must attend a workshop. This workshop will review OPT concepts and timelines and will walk you through the application process step-by-step.

Not graduating soon? If you are interested in practical experience, please attend our Curricular Practical Training (CPT) workshops.

J-1 Status? If you are interested in practical experience, please attend our Academic Training (AT) workshops.

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Movie Night with ISC

Friday, March 4th, 6-8 PM
Young Hall 198

Come and join us for a short break before the finals to watch the movie **SPY** starring Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, Rose Byrne and Jude Law. This hilarious action spy comedy film tells the story of a desk-bound CIA analyst who volunteers to go undercover to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer, and prevent diabolical global disaster.

Snacks, popcorons and drinks are included. Hope to see you there!

Best,
International Students Club, Admin.
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Monday, February 29
Multi-Cultural Awareness Night
6:30–8:30 p.m., Student Community Center, Multipurpose Room

Refreshments Provided
Please join us for this multicultural festive kickoff event to Principles of Community Week. The evening will showcase musical entertainment by the Mariachi Cielito Lindo Band, and the Bomba Fried Rice Band, Multicultural dance groups, spoken word and poetry. We will feature the UC Police Department Cadet Program, and Cadets will talk about how they work in conjunction with the UCDPD officers to build community connections to help ensure the safety of our campus. Door Prizes will be awarded including bikes, bike lights, books from the OCCR Book Project, and other Door Prizes will be awarded including bikes, bike lights, books from the OCCR Book Project, and other items. Cultural attire suggested.

Sponsored by: UC Davis Police Department & Campus Community Relations

Tuesday, March 1
Staff Diversity Event
11:30–1:30 p.m., Student Community Center, Multipurpose Room

Lunch Provided
Attendance restricted to UCD Staff (space is limited)
The UC Davis Staff Diversity Administrative Committee (SDAAC) is hosting a FCC Week networking luncheon. This is an opportunity to meet members of the UC Davis Constituent Groups and to discover how you can get involved in creating a more welcoming and inclusive campus community.

Registration required: [See link]
http://goo.gl/forms/UtMDQAwCfl

Refreshments Provided
Lunch Provided

For more information, visit vlgomez@ucdavis.edu

Tuesday, March 1
“Mixed Open Mic Night”

7:00–9 p.m., Memorial Union, MUII

Refreshments Provided
Sign-ups: 6:45 p.m.
Come sing and share stories surrounding your identities. Poetry, Pros, Comedy, Muac and other expressive art forms encouraged. All identities are welcome!
Free event including FEATURED Poets Super B & MC Prototype

Sponsored by: Cross Cultural Center

Wednesday, March 2
Intersections of Judaism
1:30–3:00 p.m., Student Community Center, Meeting Room D

This panel discussion will feature a diverse series of narratives from the UC Davis Jewish community. Individual experiences of Judaism can often be one facet in a complex web of identities. The panel will explore how various identities relate to Jewishness and the Jewish community as a whole.

Sponsored by: The Cross Cultural Center

Wednesday, March 2
Dialogue on Faith, Non-Faith and Community
6:30–8:30 p.m., Student Community Center, Multipurpose Room

Refreshments Provided
Join us to learn and share your experiences. Engage in dialogue with others about what it means for UCD to be a community welcoming of people of contrast and every faith.

Sponsored by: Campus Dialogue & Deliberation & Sustained Dialogue at UC Davis

Wednesday, March 2
UCB Interactive Theatre Program (ITP)
6:30–8:30 p.m., Buehler Alumni Center, AGR Room

Refreshments Provided
UC Berkeley ITP presents an educational workshop on diversity & inclusion designed to address problematic encounters among faculty, students, and staff. The workshop combines live performance and audience participation. At the end of each performance, audience members have the opportunity to ask questions of the characters, followed by a facilitated discussion. Our goal is to provide audiences and Company members alike with new insights and strategies to improve the climate of their campus community.

Presented by: Office of Campus Community Relations, Student Assistants to the Chancellor & Cross Cultural Center

Thursday, March 3
Combined Destinies Book Discussion & Interactive Theatre Session
6:30–8:30 p.m., Student Community Center, Meeting Room D

Editor/Authors Ann Todd Jefcoate and Caroline T. Haskell will give a presentation of their book, Combined Destinies: Whites Sharing Grief About Racism. Combined Destinies is a courageous anthology of 33 stories by white Americans that unearned privilege has damaged the psyche of white people, as well as their capacity to understand racism. Using intimate stories, some from writers who have never before spoken of these highly charged issues, Jefcoate and Haskell, both experienced psychotherapists skilled at facilitating dialogue about racial issues, will read selections from the book and also offer the audience a chance to explore their own experiences.

Sponsored by: Office of Campus Community Relations, Student Assistants to the Chancellor & Cross Cultural Center

UC Davis has an unwavering commitment to a campus culture of diversity, equality and inclusion, where mistrust, hateful behavior and violence are not tolerated. The university’s culture values and respects each person’s contributions.

For more information, visit ocr.ucdavis.edu/poc/index.html

UC DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM

Monday, February 29
Why Principles of Community Matter: A Brain & Behavioral Science Perspective
Noon–1:00 p.m., Education 1204
Lunch Provided
Presenters: Dr. Andrea Scialli
In collaboration with: Center for Reducing Health Disparities

Tuesday, March 1
Exploring the Relationship Between Stereotype Threat and an Inclusive Environment
Noon–1:00 p.m., Education 2222
Lunch Provided
Presenters: Drs. Ali Ackerman-Barger and Darin Latimore
In collaboration with: The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing and Office of Student Diversity

Wednesday, March 2
Career Journeys: Success Stories at UC Davis
Health System
Noon–1:00 p.m., Education 2222
Lunch Provided
Panelists: Ramonette Abacayan, Faculty Senate Analyst
Dana DiBard, ICSW, Program Manager, Hemophilia Treatment Center
L. Fena, Manager Volunteer Services
In collaboration with: Staff Development Coordinator, Judith T. Iman

Thursday, March 3
Creating a Climate of Inclusion for LGBT Employees
Noon–1:00 p.m., Education 2222
Lunch Provided
Presenter: Posh Milalsen, MSW, LGBT Director for NorCal MHA
In collaboration with: NorCal MHA

Friday, March 4
The Asian American Experience
Noon–1:00 p.m., Education 3225A/B
Refreshments Provided
Presenter: Dr. Greg Marx, Professor, Ethnic Studies
In collaboration with: Ethnic Studies Department at CSU Sacramento
THE UC DAVIS CROSS CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS...

2016 MIXED HERITAGE WEEK
THE PUZZLE OF BEING MIXED: WHAT DOES YOUR PUZZLE SAY?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH 2016
11:00AM-12:00PM:
IDENTITY POLITICS 101
Come ready to both learn and share as we dismantle and demystify how identities are created. Come away learning how only YOU can choose your own identities.
Meeting Room Ein the Student Community Center

5:00PM - 7:00PM:
WHAT’S IN A NAME?
This workshop will provide a history on terminology used to describe folks of mixed heritage around the world, as well as their implications on one’s personal identity development and national identity.
Meeting Room Ein the Student Community Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST 2016
7:00PM - 9:00PM:
Mixed Open Mic Night!
Come spit, and share stories surrounding your identities! Poetry, Pros, Comedy, Music, and other expressive art forms encouraged! Sign-ups at 6:45PM. Food, drinks provided. All identities welcome!
FREE event including FEATURED Poets Super B & MC Prototype
Memorial Union MU II

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND 2016
1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
INTERSECTION OF JUDAISM
This panel discussion will feature a diverse series of narratives from the UC Davis Jewish community. Individual experiences of Judaism can often be one facet in a complex web of identities. The panel will explore how various identities relate to Jewishness and the Jewish community as a whole.
Meeting Room Ein the Student Community Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD 2016
4:00PM - 6:00PM
CONSTRUCTING OUR OWN IDENTITIES - TRANSRACIAL ADOPTEE NARRATIVES
This workshop brings visibility to the transracial adoptee experience. It will include discussions and activities surrounding race, culture, and allow adoptees to share their narrative and construct their own identity.
Meeting Room Ein the Student Community Center

7:00PM-9:00PM
FILM SCREENING OF: HAFU - THE MIXED RACE EXPERIENCE IN JAPAN
This 2013 Japanese film (English subtitles) is the unfolding journey of discovery into the intricacies of mixed-race Japanese and their experience in modern-day Japan. Narrated by HAFUS themselves, come to understand navigating a multicultural life within a mono-ethnic nation.
Multi-Purpose Room in the Student Community Center

http://ccc.ucdavis.edu/mixedHeritage.html
Global Engagement Mondays (GEM) are an opportunity for American and international students and scholars to share and learn about common topics of interest to all from different cultural perspectives. American student volunteers facilitate small group conversations on topics ranging from decoding American Slang to exploring the latest fads in pop culture.

Discuss fun topics, learn about American and other cultures, discuss your own experiences in the U.S. and Davis, and meet domestic and international students and scholars! Discussions will be led by American students.

**Last GEM of Winter Quarter**

| March 7 | Home Country, History, and Heritage |

**Where:** Cowell Building
Room 1120
(use the door at the corner of Regan Hall Circle and California Avenue)

For more information and to see the topic of the week, check out the GEM page on the SISS website!
Best of luck with finals!

Read next month’s Newsletter for upcoming events, updates, and more!

Sincerely,
Services for International Students and Scholars

SISS Staff touring construction of the new International Center, Feb. 2016.
“Like” us on Facebook for continual updates on important information and fun events!

“UC Davis Services for International Students and Scholars”

And now, SISS tweets! follow us on Twitter! You can find live updates and photos at @ucdSISS_events!

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If you would like more information on any of the articles, or have an upcoming event that you would like advertised in our next newsletter, feel free to contact Jeremy at jgtruong@ucdavis.edu.