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Students, Public invited to 2017 Study Abroad Fair

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Information about making an overseas learning experience part of a degree program will be conveniently located in one place Wednesday, Sept. 27, when Western Michigan University holds its annual Study Abroad Fair.

The free event is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Sangren Hall. Activities will be taking place on the Sangren Pedestrian Mall by the main entryway as well as in atrium area of the main-entryway lobby on the first-floor.

Fair attendees will have a chance to speak with WMU students who have studied and interned abroad, as well as with professors from the University who coordinate programs and courses around the globe.

WMU study abroad specialists also will be available to answer questions, as will representatives from non-WMU organizations providing more than 100 study and work programs conducted worldwide.

Prospective study abroad students will learn about completing internships with overseas companies and numerous academic and language-intensive programs.

Options include studying book arts in Northern Europe, international development in Peru and pediatric rehabilitation in Jamaica, as well as studying languages such as Chinese, French, German, Russian, Spanish and Japanese. Many of these options are taught in English.

The 2017 Study Abroad Fair will offer free pizza and giveaways to students, WMU faculty and staff members, and the community at large.

Speaker Series celebrates diversity, encourages cross-cultural interaction
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University's Real Talk Diversity Series begins Tuesday, Sept. 26, with a look at the life of a transgender American activist, and wraps up in April with a discussion on environmental racism, discrimination and socioeconomic neglect.

Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, a total of seven topics at eight events are planned through Wednesday, April 11, that are free and open to the public. All events are held in the Trimpe Building Multicultural Center.

Please notify the program coordinator at (269) 387-6324 or lindsey.palar@wmich.edu if accommodations are needed to make the event accessible for you or your guests.

**Being Seen: Discussion of Janet Mock's 'Surpassing Certainty'**

Janet Mock is an American writer, TV host and transgender rights activist. She is the author of the New York Times bestseller "Redefining Realness," contributing editor for Marie Claire, and a former staff editor of People magazine's website.

"Surpassing Certainty" is a portrait of Mock as a young woman, before identifying her talent for advocacy, as she searches for her place in a world that provides her with no instructions. Mock shares the story of being a first-generation college student who is dating, pursuing professional aspirations, and most importantly, affirming who she is and being truly seen.

Natalie Nguyen, director of the Office for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Student Services, and Lindsey Palar, program coordinator for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, will facilitate discussions. Attendance at both discussions is encouraged. Lunch and copies of "Surpassing Certainty" will be provided to a limited number of registered participants. Registration is requested.

- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Imagining Inclusion**

As lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender movements continue the work of resisting systemic gender oppression, increasing LGBT visibility, and envisioning a more inclusive society, trans and queer individuals and allies are addressing the continued marginalization that they experience even within these spaces. This discussion will address the question: How can a movement be truly inclusive for everyone, including traditionally silenced individuals and communities? Light refreshments will be provided.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Disability at the Intersections**

Facilitators from WMU’s Disability Services for Students will explore the social model of disability, the language used around disability, and how to identify and challenge one's own implicit biases. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in breakout discussions on the ways in which disability is influenced and impacted by identities of race, ethnicity, gender identity and sexuality. Participants will also learn more about the experiences of people who identify with disabilities at WMU via panel discussions. Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Racial Socialization and the Power of Narrative**

The WMU Student Assembly for Racial Equity and Cultural Inclusion student organization operates with the goal to foster intentional conversations that address white supremacy and its placement in higher education. Through RaceTalk panels, this student organization promotes sharing of a diverse group of panelists' narratives around their own racial socialization. This authentic approach, coupled with an anti-racism framework, results in critical conversations on the path to building a campus community that dismantles institutionalized racism and white supremacy in all of its forms. Dawnielle Simmons, doctoral student in counseling psychology, will facilitate the panel and discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Thursday, Nov. 2, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Unlikely Allies: The Case for Aligning Business and Social Justice**

Keynote speaker Tim Terrentine, vice president for the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, who holds diverse experiences in leadership, will discuss the ways in which different entities can come together to create stronger communities. Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Systemic Change at WMU**

WMU students, staff, and faculty who have advocated for and directly affected systemic change at WMU will discuss their efforts, including successes and barriers, at this interactive presentation. Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Friday, March 16, 1 to 3 p.m.**
Environmental Justice

The environmental justice movement addresses systemic issues such as the history of environmental racism that puts historically marginalized and low-income communities at an elevated risk of experiencing environmental hazards. Through discrimination and socioeconomic neglect, the communities are far more likely to experience air, noise, and water pollution; food insecurity; proximity to toxic waste facilities; and a myriad of mental and physical health impacts that result from exposure to these hazards. With awareness around environmentalism and sustainability rising, how can individuals, and Kalamazoo residents specifically, approach environmental issues with equity and inclusion in mind?

Laura Donders of the WMU Office for Sustainability, along with local community members and leaders, will engage participants in a discussion of this topic. Light refreshments will be provided.

- **Wednesday, April 11, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Real Talk Diversity Series

WMU's Real Talk Diversity Series gives participants a chance to interact and learn about the experiences and perspectives of individuals and groups from many backgrounds and identities. It is rooted in the concept that many of the problems experienced by culturally different groups and individuals are based on cross-cultural miscommunication and misinformation. The Real Talk Diversity Series serves as a catalyst to promote, celebrate and increase awareness about diversity at WMU, to recognize cultural differences as well as similarities, and to encourage cross-cultural interaction. Details on this year's series are available at [wmich.edu/diversity/events/real-talk-diversity-series-2017-18](mailto:wmich.edu/diversity/events/real-talk-diversity-series-2017-18).
WMU DEDICATES SPACE HONORING THE MEMORY OF DALLAS RAUKER

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University's integrated supply management program will dedicate a tutoring center in memory of Dallas Rauker, a senior from Lawton, who passed away in 2015 during a mountain hiking accident in Norway. Rauker had been studying abroad at Hogeschool Utrecht in the Netherlands and traveled to Norway during a break for a hiking expedition.

The space, which is located on the third floor of Schneider Hall, home of WMU's Haworth College of Business, bears Rauker's name and will offer tutoring assistance for students in integrated supply management—a challenging, top-ranked program that combines coursework from business and engineering. The center also will serve as a resource for students taking a variety of related courses, including business analytics, quality management, computer-aided design, computer information systems and others.

"Dallas was a shining example of the type of student the ISM program is known for," says Dr. Bret Wagner, associate professor of management and Rauker's faculty advisor. "He was down-to-earth with a strong work ethic and was known to help his fellow students with their studies. The tutoring center is a fitting tribute to a promising life cut short."

The space will be dedicated Tuesday, Sept. 26, with a short program beginning at 11:45 a.m. To RSVP, email alyshia.d.norris@wmich.edu.

The center's construction and launch was funded through donations from the Rauker family, the Ford Motor Company, and the supply chain program's Bronco Force teams.

Donations for ongoing support can be made by visiting mywmu.com/raukerfund or by calling (269) 387-8746.

Dallas Rauker

Dallas Rauker had a passion for life, adventure and learning. An integrated supply management major and international business minor, he was an excellent student who took his studies seriously, always looking for ways to apply the concepts he was learning in class in real-life scenarios and global contexts.

As a student, he interned at the Kellogg Co. in Customer Logistics Services. During his freshman year at WMU, he traveled to Australia for a business immersion course and followed that up with his semester-long study abroad in the Netherlands.
Rauker enjoyed skydiving, golf, snowboarding, wakeboarding, skateboarding and hiking.

He was determined to make the most out of every experience, and though his life was short, he did just that.

WMU honored for diversity, inclusion efforts for fifth year in a row

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Diversity and inclusion efforts underway at Western Michigan University helped it earn recognition for the fifth year in a row from a national publication that focuses on diversity in higher education.

WMU was one of 80 institutions from around the nation named an annual Higher Education Excellence in Diversity—HEED—honoree by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. WMU has been honored by the publication each year since 2013.

"The HEED Award process consists of a comprehensive and rigorous application that includes questions relating to the recruitment and retention of students and employees—and best practices for both—continued leadership support for diversity, and other aspects of campus diversity and inclusion," said Lenore Pearlstein, co-publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. "As we continue to see a record number of HEED Award applicants each year, nearly every school tells us they use the application itself as a tool to create new programs and to benchmark their accomplishments across campus. The process allows them to reflect on their successes and also determine where more work needs to be done. We also continue to raise the standards in selecting HEED institutions."

The honorees will be featured in the November 2017 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine and at insightintodiversity.com.

Inclusion efforts are in alignment with and a major focus of WMU's Diversity and Multiculturalism Action Plan that has guided University efforts since it was adopted in 2006. The extensive application submitted by WMU for this year's HEED award included information on:

- Some donor funds that are targeted toward scholarships for students with disabilities.
- The Autism Services Center, which provides support for college students with autism spectrum disorder in addition to those provided by Disability Services for Students and provides services that are beyond the reasonable accommodations provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, including weekly one-on-one meetings with the
ASC coordinator or graduate assistant, workshops and informational sessions, organized social events, and increased communication between students and professors, staff and parents.

- College success support provided through the College Assistance Migrant Program, or CAMP, which provides housing grants and in-state scholarships.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Student Scholars Academy, which is a comprehensive program designed to offer academic, social and professional development services.
- The Kalamazoo Promise Scholars Program, which has implemented a weekly evening program for all students, but is targeted at Kalamazoo Promise Scholars for community building and increasing awareness of diversity topics.

Numerous professional development and training opportunities also are offered across campus including the Office of Faculty Development summer seminar for teaching inclusivity program; Lee Honors College Lyceum Lecture Series focused on lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender issues; and the Real Talk Diversity Series. All of those were items considered in the award process.

Numerous WMU Events Slated for Hispanic Heritage Month

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—A series of public events will be taking place at Western Michigan University this fall in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, including a 40th anniversary reception for "Alma Latina," a popular show on 102.1 WMUK-FM, WMU's public radio station.

The Division of Multicultural Affairs is sponsoring the events, all of which are free and most of which are being held on the WMU campus.

Kicking off the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration will be a free musical program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, on campus in the Bernhard Center on the Bronco Mall's Center Stage. This musical extravaganza is open to the public and being co-sponsored by WMU's Dominican Student Organization.

The event will feature musical performances by Gabriel Estrada III, a Mariachi singer who will present songs from Mexico, and Grupo Evolución, a duo from Holland, Michigan, that will present traditional Tex-Mex music. Also performing will be Dominican Ensemble, a three-person group of WMU music students featuring Daniela Franchesca Peña Cabreja, who will be singing songs from throughout Latin America and Spain.
The reception in honor of "Alma Latina's" 40th anniversary is planned for **4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5**, on Sprau Tower's 10th floor. The program first aired on WMUK in 1977 and plays music from every corner of Latin America. Scores of WMU student volunteers have helped keep the program going over the decades. Now, the program is the longest-running Spanish-language radio show in the Kalamazoo area.

**Other scheduled events**

- **Saturday, Sept. 16**—Kalamazoo Hispanic Fiesta, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Kalamazoo's Bronson Park. Despierta Kalamazoo and the Division of Multicultural Affairs have teamed up to co-sponsor this second annual event, which will include a variety of musical acts, food and games. Admission to the event is free, and food will be available for purchase.
- **Thursday, Sept. 28**—Educational presentation by **Jonathan D. Santeliz** from the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 204 Bernhard Center. Santeliz, national executive director for HACU's National Internship Program, will discuss the program's 2018 offerings.
- **Saturday, Oct. 14**—Hispanic Heritage Month alumni gathering, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (before WMU's homecoming football game), tailgate tent next to the Health and Human Services Building. Alumni will gather to reconnect and enjoy food and reminiscing.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 1, through Wednesday, Nov. 8**—Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead altar, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., second floor of Waldo Library. Día de los Muertos is a festive holiday during which relatives who have passed away are honored. It is marked by setting up an altar. The Department of Spanish and Division of Multicultural Affairs will have an altar on display in the library.
- **Thursday, Nov. 16**—"The Discovery of Puerto Rico in 1493" historical talk by **Dr. Ángel Gullón-Rivera**, WMU professor of family and consumer sciences, 6:30 to 7 p.m., 1750 Sangren Hall. There will be a question-and-answer session following the presentation.
Political Economy of Inequality Examined During Sichel Series

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The political economy of inequality will take center stage in the coming months as the 2017-18 Werner Sichel Lecture Series unfolds at Western Michigan University.

With the theme "The Political Economy of Inequality: U.S. and Global Dimensions," the series kicks off on Sept. 13 with Dr. Teresa Ghilarducci, the Irene and Bernhard L. Schwartz Professor of Economic Analysis and director of the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis at the New School of Social Research in New York. Her topic is "The Political Economy of Retirement Time Inequality in the Organization for Economic-Cooperation and Development."

All Sichel presentations are from noon to 1:15 Wednesdays and include a light lunch reception after the lecture. The lectures are free and open to the public in 2028 Brown Hall.

Gilman Scholarship winner seeks adventures abroad

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Dennis Schneider, a senior at Western Michigan University, has packed a lot into his 21 years.

The Milford native has taken advantage of co-op opportunities at Detroit-based American Axle and participated in a five-day backpacking trip in Cuba as well as a WMU faculty-led engineering in China experience. He's also operated a painting company during the summer, run a half marathon, completed a triathlon, and founded a college council of the Knights of Columbus at the University.

Now, the adventurous industrial and entrepreneurial engineering student has a new achievement to add to the list.

Schneider is among about 1,000 of the nation's undergraduates to be awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study abroad this fall semester. The highly competitive Gilman Scholarship is part of a larger government effort to expand the
number of Americans studying and interning abroad, helping them gain skills critical to national security and prosperity.

**Schneider**

Schneider left for the Netherlands Aug. 28 to study at the Hogeschool Utrecht University of Applied Sciences in Utrecht. He'll be pursuing a minor in international business, which he wants to pair with his engineering degree in hopes of ultimately working on an international level.

"I really want to become genuinely comfortable living abroad," Schneider says. "I want to make the Netherlands home for the next six months, and travel to other countries and experience multiple cultures while I'm there."

Schneider, who has his sights set on visiting Spain, Eastern Europe and possibly Russia, participates in WMU's Seita Scholars program. It's the nation's largest and most comprehensive collegiate program for former foster-care youth, providing such resources as campus coaches, mentors and year-round housing.

Schneider credits the program and WMU faculty for providing the support necessary for him to become more confident and successful. In fact, he says he decided to attend WMU because of the Seita Scholars program.

"The program empowers individuals like me to continue their education and thrive. I don't know if I would be where I am without it—or even on my way to study in Europe now," Schneider says. "Dr. Steven Butt has been there for me since day one, and Dr. Bob White has been incredible—very challenging in class—and has inspired me to get an international education."

Now an upperclassman, he encourages WMU's incoming freshmen to be humble from the start of their academic careers and seek guidance from multiple sources.

"Even though it may be hard, don't take advice from other 18-year-olds without getting a second opinion," Schneider says. "Take advice from your professors, who are going to motivate you to do your best in their classes. Try to stay levelheaded. Be active. And bike the Kal-Haven Trail to South Haven at least once."

**Gilman at WMU**

Applying for a Gilman Scholarship is a competitive process that requires some advising. Dr. Michelle Metro-Roland, WMU director of faculty and global program development, serves as
the University's advisor for the Gilman International Scholarship Program and most other federal study abroad scholarship programs.

"The Gilman Scholarship is for students who never thought that studying abroad was within their reach," Metro-Roland says.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship must be federal Pell Grant recipients and should make contacting her their first step. She can be reached at michelle.metro-roland@wmich.edu.

Kalamazoo's Three College Leaders Make Statement On DACA

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—After U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Sept. 5 that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals order—DACA—would end in six months, the leaders of Kalamazoo's three institutions of higher education collaborated on a message of support to DACA students and a call for a legislative solution to the issue.

Below is the text of a statement jointly issued by the presidents of Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University.

To our campus communities:

Our hearts go out to all DACA students, and we stand committed to the idea that their success as students and members of our community enhances the success of each of our respective institutions.

This is a community that cares deeply about education and the role it plays in realizing the American dream. Students, we support your efforts to inform your fellow students and our communities of your plight as you face the possibility of losing the status you have gained under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals order.

Support for the retention of DACA as a way of showing our nation's compassion and basic sense of fairness crosses party lines and is steadily growing among Americans from every walk of life. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan, Sen. Orrin G. Hatch and several other Republican leaders urged President Trump not to end the program. On the other side of the aisle, Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has called on her colleagues to protect dreamers and "shield families from separation and heartbreak."

With growing and heartfelt support for DACA protections and the widespread dismay at the idea of losing DACA, we believe the time has come for Congress to legislate a solution. This is an opportunity for all to make their views known and work with their elected representatives.
We are proud of all of you, student dreamers, for your courage and for using your voices to make the cause personal and more understandable to those around you. Our campuses are better places for your efforts.

Edward Montgomery  
President, Western Michigan University

Jorge G. Gonzalez  
President, Kalamazoo College

Marilyn Schlack  
President, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

**Take Advantage of Global Engagement Opportunities in September**

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University and the extended Kalamazoo community will offer numerous global engagement opportunities in September. Highlights include a pop-up thrift shop and world bazaar, Chinese culture classes, a musical celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and events and outings with international students.

**Global engagement at WMU**

WMU prepares its students to thrive as global citizens and professionals in a diverse workplace by encouraging them to be locally oriented and globally competent, culturally aware, and ready to contribute to world knowledge and discovery. Opportunities to become globally engaged are published weekly at [wmich.edu/global/events](http://wmich.edu/global/events) by WMU's Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

[Sign up for weekly update](mailto:global.events@wmich.edu)

**September 2017 opportunities**

**Friday, Sept. 1**

- [WMU Study Abroad classroom presentation Initiative](http://wmich.edu/global/events)---ongoing, hosted by WMU Study Abroad. WMU Study Abroad welcomes invitations to present in classrooms and can tailor presentations to as short as five minutes and as long as an hour based on each professor's needs. [Request a presentation](mailto:global.events@wmich.edu).
- [Registration opens for Chinese culture classes](http://wmich.edu/global/events)---Sept. 1-25, hosted by the Confucius Institute at WMU. The Confucius Institute offers Chinese culture classes that are open to
WMU faculty, staff, students and the public. Half-price discount is available for WMU students and senior citizens (55 and above); open to the public.

- **"Our People, Our Land, Our Images" exhibit**—daily through Oct. 22 at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, sponsored by Warner, Norcross and Judd Attorneys at Law. The exhibit features firsthand photographic accounts from indigenous artists of North America, Peru, Iraq and New Zealand. Entrance is $5 for adults and $2 with a valid student ID; open to the public.

**Saturday, Sept. 2**

- [Rootead Pop-Up Thrift Shop and World Bazaar](#)—10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Rootead, 1501 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, hosted by Rootead. Rootead will be selling donated worldly clothing, art, jewelry, home decor, food, drums and bath products. Free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, Sept. 5**

- [Discovery Webinar Series: "International Opportunities with Cultural Vistas"](#)—2 to 3:30 p.m. in Walwood Hall, hosted by WMU Office of the Vice President for Research. The webinar will be led by Ruth Conkling, program officer for Cultural Vistas. For WMU faculty and research staff; no registration required.

**Friday, Sept. 8**

- [Fall 2017 welcome party for international students](#)—1 to 3 p.m. at the Goldsworth Valley Pond, hosted by International Student Activities. Join International Student Activities in welcoming international students to the WMU campus and helping them navigate Bronco Bash. Food and beverages provided; free and open to the public.

**Saturday, Sept. 9**

- [International Student Activities travels to Saugatuck](#)—9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Saugatuck, hosted by International Student Activities. Join International Student Activities in teaching the importance and fun of our Lake Michigan beaches. Registration required at intl-activities@wmich.edu; $10 registration includes transportation and lunch. Open to the public.

- [Fall Fab Fest](#)—3 to 6 p.m. at the Trimpe Building Multicultural Center, hosted by the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Student Services. Come and learn about the Harlem Ball and house tradition that gave rise to popular drag culture of the LGBTQ+ community. Food provided; free and open to the public.

- [St. Mary Polish Night](#)—5 to 10 p.m. at Father Bartkowiak Hall, 939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo, hosted by the St. Mary Catholic Church. The event will feature Polish culture, entertainment and food. Admission is free, various food pricing options; open to the public.

**Monday, Sept. 11**
Japanese Conversation Table—2 to 3 p.m. in the Bernhard Center, hosted by the Soga Japan Center. The conversation table provides a free opportunities to practice your Japanese language skills with students from Takasaki City University of Economics. Registration required; open to Japanese speakers and language learners.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

"American Foreign Policy in a Time of Fractured Politics" presentation—5:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the University Club, 111 Lyon Street NW, Grand Rapids, hosted by the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan. The presentation will be given by Colonel Philip J. (P.J.) Crowley, former assistant secretary for public affairs. Cost is $15; open to the public.

Tibetan Buddhist meditation and study group—7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Sanctuary Yoga, 1919 Stearns Ave., Kalamazoo, hosted by Western Michigan Jewel Heart. Explore in a practical way the practices associated with Tibetan Buddhism, including concentration, mindfulness, analysis and visualization. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Local Global Market—10 to 2 p.m. at the Sangren Pedestrian Mall, hosted by International Student Activities. Area farmers will bring fresh fruits and produce to campus for purchase. Email wayne.l.bond@wmich.edu for questions. Free and open to the public.

Lyceum Lecture Series: "Building Intersectional Awareness"—noon to 1 p.m. in the Lee Honors College Lounge, hosted by the Lee Honors College. The lecture will be led by Natalie Nguyen, director of WMU's LBGT Student Services. Free and open to the public.

Werner Sichel Lecture Series: "The Political Economy of Retirement Time Inequality, in the Economic Cooperation and Organization Development"—noon to 1:15 p.m. in 2028 Brown Hall, hosted by the Department of Economics. The lecture will be presented by Dr. Teresa Ghilarducci, professor and chair in economic policy analysis at The New School. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Sept. 14

"China's Emerging Role in Global Agriculture" lecture—4 p.m. in 1028 Brown Hall, hosted by the Light Center for Chinese Studies. The lecture will be give by Dr. Fred Gale, senior economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Free and open to the public.

Hispanic Heritage Month music celebration—6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Center Stage in the Bronco Mall of the Bernhard Center, hosted by the Division of Multicultural Affairs. The event will kick off the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and will feature music from Spain and Latin America. Free and open to the public.

"Our Fires Still Burn" film screening—6:30 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. The film invites viewers into the lives of contemporary Native Americans living in the Midwest. Free with museum admission; open to the public.
Friday, Sept. 15

- **Welcoming Michigan Statewide convening**—8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, hosted by Welcoming Michigan. Join the fourth annual gathering of community members and municipal partners to learn from each other and share promising practices around immigrant integration. Registration starts at $30; open to the public.

- **"China's Pork Industry: A Globalization Story" talk**—noon in 204 Bernhard Center, hosted by the Light Center for Chinese Studies, the Department of Geography, the Department of Economics, the Confucius Institute at WMU, the food and consumer packaged goods marketing program, and the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. The talk will be given by Dr. Fred Gale, senior economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 16

- **Kalamazoo Hispanic Fiesta**—11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Bronson Park, 200 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Division of Multicultural Affairs and Despierta Kalamazoo. The fiesta will include a variety of musical performances, food for purchase and games. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, Sept. 17

- **"Our People, Our Land, Our Images” gallery tour**—2 to 3 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Join a docent-led tour of the exhibit which includes 51 works by 26 indigenous photographers from Canada, Iraq, New Zealand and the U.S. Free with museum admission; open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 18

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

- **Multicultural meet-and-greet**—6 to 9 p.m. on the second floor of the Bernhard Center, hosted by the Division of Multicultural Affairs. The event offers opportunities to build relationships with students of color, connect with multicultural RSOs, hear success stories from faculty and alumni of color and learn about local resources. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- **ARTbreak: "Dancing for My Tribe: Potawatomi Tradition in Modern Times"**—noon at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. A Tribal Member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Sharon Hoogstraten,
describes her five-year photographic portrait of Potawatomi Native Americans. Free and open to the public.

- **Ice cream social with international students**—2 to 4 p.m. at Kanley Chapel, hosted by International Student Activities. Join international students for ice cream, raffles and games. Free and open to the public.

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

- **Tibetan Buddhist meditation and study group**—7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Sanctuary Yoga, 1919 Stearns Ave., Kalamazoo, hosted by Western Michigan Jewel Heart. Explore in a practical way the practices associated with Tibetan Buddhism, including concentration, mindfulness, analysis and visualization. Free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**

- **Local Global Market**—10 to 2 p.m. at the Sangren Pedestrian Mall, hosted by International Student Activities. Area farmers will bring fresh fruits and produce to campus for purchase. Email wayne.l.bond@wmich.edu for questions. Free and open to the public.

- **Lyceum Lecture Series: "Legal Issues for the LGTQ+ Community"**—noon to 1 p.m. in the Lee Honors College Lounge, hosted by the Lee Honors College. The lecture will be led by Jay Kaplan, director of the ACLU Michigan LGBT Project, and Frank Aielle, professor of law at WMU Cooley Law School. Free and open to the public.

- **CELCIS conversation circle**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

- **Ethics Book Club: "Black and Blue: the Origins and Consequences of Medical Racism"**—6 p.m. in the WMed Information Commons, hosted by the Center for the Study of Ethics and Society. Join a discussion of "Black and Blue: the Origins and Consequences of Medical Racism" by John Hoberman, led by Keagan Potts, a master's student in philosophy. Registration required; free and open to the public.

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

- **CELCIS conversation circle (women only)**—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to women in the public.

- **"To the People, Food is Heaven: Politics and Quotidian Life in Recent Chinese History" lecture**—4:30 p.m. in 1028 Brown Hall, hosted by the Light Center for Chinese Studies. The lecture will be given by Dr. Hanchao Lu, professor of history at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Free and open to the public.

- **Alma Latina 40 years celebration**—4:30 to 6 p.m. at the WMUK-FM studio, hosted by the Division of Multicultural Affairs. The reception will celebrate 40 years of the Alma
Latina radio program, the longest Spanish-language radio show in the Kalamazoo area. Free and open to the public.

Friday, Sept. 22

- "Crossing the 1949 Dividing Line: A New Trend in the Study of Modern China" talk—noon in 204 Bernhard Center, hosted by the Light Center for Chinese Studies, the Department of History, the Confucius Institute at WMU and the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. The lecture will be given by Dr. Hanchao Lu, director of the China Research Center in Atlanta and professor of history at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, Sept. 24

- "Women Warriors" Portraits by Hung Liu" gallery tour—2 to 3 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Join a docent-led tour of the exhibit, which presents visions of determined, strong and beautiful warriors. Free with museum admission; open to the public.

Monday, Sept. 25

- CELCIS conversation circle—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

- Real Talk Diversity Series: "Surpassing Certainty"—11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trimpe Building Multicultural Center, hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Join a discussion of "Surpassing Certainty" by Janet Mock, facilitated by Natalie Nguyen, director of the Office for Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Student Services, and Lindsay Palar, program coordinator for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Lunch and copies of the book will be provided to a limited number of registered participants; free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

- Tibetan Buddhist meditation and study group—7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Sanctuary Yoga, 1919 Stearns Ave., Kalamazoo, hosted by Western Michigan Jewel Heart. Explore in a practical way the practices associated with Tibetan Buddhism, including concentration, mindfulness, analysis and visualization. Free and open to the public.
• WMU Study Abroad Fair—11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Sangren Hall, hosted by WMU Study Abroad. Attendees will get a chance to speak with WMU students who have studied and interned abroad, WMU professors who coordinate programs and courses abroad and advisors who help guide students in fitting study abroad in to their program of study. Food provided; free and open to the public.

• Lyceum Lecture Series: "The Queer Transformation of College Campuses, 1950s to Present"—noon to 1 p.m. in the Lee Honors College Lounge, hosted by the Lee Honors College. The lecture will be led by Dr. Susan Freeman, WMU associate professor and chair of gender and women's studies. Free and open to the public.

• CELCIS conversation circle—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Sept. 28

• HACU National Internship Program presentation—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in 204 Bernhard Center, hosted by the Division of Multicultural Affairs. Jonathan D. Santeliz, the national executive director for the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities National Internship Program, will present the many opportunities offered by the program. Free and open to the public.

• CELCIS conversation circle (women only)—2 to 3 p.m. in the fourth-floor reception area of Ellsworth Hall, hosted by the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students. Join students learning English in relaxed conversation about local and social topics. Free and open to women in the public.

• "The Search for Resistance and Reconciliation" talk—6:30 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, hosted by the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Kalamazoo College Department of Art and Art History. Artist Erica Lord will discuss her past and current work that explores displacement, cultural identity and cultural limbo.

• The Promise of Education Series: "In Defense of Ideals"—7 p.m. in 3502 Knauss Hall, hosted by the University Center for the Humanities. Join Mark Edmundson as he discusses courage, compassion and wisdom in the works of Homer, the Gospels, Plato and Socrates. Free and open to the public.