THE UC DAVIS CROSS CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

MIDDLE EASTERN & SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY WEEK | MAY 4-8 2015

MONDAY MAY 4TH
ME/SA (MIDDLE EASTERN/ SOUTH ASIAN) KICKOFF 12-2PM
STUDENT COMMUNITY CENTER (SCC) FRONT PATIO
Come celebrate the ME/SA Community and its many facets in the front of the SCC! Meet all the organizations and watch performances!

HEALTH HAPPENS HERE 3-5PM
SCC MEETING ROOM E
Stop by and de-stress with a free 10 minute massage and learn more about the Health Happens Here endeavors here at UC Davis.

TUESDAY MAY 5TH
TURBAN/HIJAB-A-THON 7PM
SCC MEETING ROOM E
Join the Muslim Student Association and the Sikh Cultural Association at UC Davis in the Turban & Hijab-a-thon at MU Patio. In our efforts to promote an understanding of the hijab (headscarf) and turban, two prominent and often misunderstood symbols of faith, we invite the UC Davis community to experience wearing the hijab or turban for a day. We hope that our community members benefit from this experience by realizing how the turban and hijab are viewed by society and build a greater appreciation for those individuals who wear these religious articles on a daily basis. Wrapping will be at the MU quad from 12-2pm and then discussion will be from 7-9pm.

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH
XICANA SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE: BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS BORDERS 1-2PM
SCC MEETING ROOM D
In this workshop we will explore connections between Indigenous, Xicana and the Palestinian experiences to build solidarity around issues of displacement and occupation. Understanding that liberation can only be achieved collectively, we aim to create solidarity across the walls and borders that have been built to divide us.

LGBTQIA IDENTITIES IN THE ME/SA COMMUNITY 4-5PM
SCC MEETING ROOM D
A conversation about the intersections of LGBTQIA and Middle Eastern/South Asian identities

OPPRESSION IN OUR BACKYARDS 5-7PM
SCC MEETING ROOM D
To build upon the action items developed during part 1, how do we effectively self-care and deal with the emotions that come about when doing work around issues pertaining to African Diaspora and ME/SA community issues. Join us for an activity titled “Theatre of the Oppressed” followed by an interactive discussion led by CAN counselors for these specific communities.

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THURSDAY MAY 7TH
SHADEISM AND SEXISM IN THE SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY 2-3PM
SCC MEETING ROOM B
Shadeism is an issue that affects the culture, media, and intersection of various identities in the South Asian community. Eurocentric beauty ideals stemming from a deep history of colonization are seen in the forms of celebs endorsing Fair and Lovely ads or young girls bleaching their skin. It is important to discuss the history and problems associated with shadeism, with an emphasis on the way in which it affects women and their experiences dealing with such issues. This program will be a safe space for people to share/listen to such experiences and engage in a necessary discussion.

QUEER HEALING SPACE 5:30-7:30PM
CROSS CULTURAL CENTER PEACE LOUNGE

Ever feel like the only queer person in ME/SA spaces and the only ME/SA person in queer spaces? Are you tired of feeling alone in the world? Are you tired of constantly having to explain yourself? Come join us for a safe space where you can meet other queer identified ME/SA folks and free yourself from the toxic homophobia that exists in the ME/SA community. This is a closed space for those who identify as both ME/SA and LGBTQIA+ or questioning.

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