

Student Affairs Updates

July 31, 2020

### Webinar Today!

Your colleagues from Student Affairs; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and student leaders will be sharing strategies to engage with students during the fall. Watch the webinar on Friday, July 31 from 4:00 to 4:30 here. The session will also be recorded and available after the event along with the other sessions.



Check them out here by visiting https://www.utah.edu/live/ or the University of Utah YouTube channel.

# **Reminder to** register for the **Student Affairs All Staff Meeting with** VP McDonald, on August 6th



We hope you will join us for our All Staff Meeting on August 6th at 11 a.m. In addition to general updates, there will be an overview of face coverings provided by Jason Ramirez and Brian Burton from the Office of the Dean of Students and Scott McAward from the Center for Disability and Access. Please sign up below and we'll provide you with the zoom link.

August All Staff Meeting Registration

## **Fall Schedule** Change

From September 29 to October 8, the University of Utah will be online and offices will be physically closed to traffic with a few key exceptions such as Housing & Residential Education and Dining Services. This is due to



both the Vice Presidential Debate and the benefits of a pause to limit social interactions and allow for deep cleaning. Learn more by reading the story: https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/fall-semester-schedule-changes-due-to-<u>covid-19/</u>



## **Training Tuesdays: Prep for Fall**

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is excited to offer a series of trainings, as we get ready for the start of fall semester. We hope you will join us!

August 4th @ 2 pm - Re-Imagining Events in the Era of COVID-19 with Kyle Ethelbah, TRIO and Erica Anderson, Student Leadership and Involvement.

August 11th (a) 2 pm. - Advanced Zoom to Engage Students with Jenna Templeton and Lindsay Wetzel Polin, Center for Student Wellness.

August 18th (a) 2 pm. - Qualtrics for Forms with Elizabeth Duszak and Sarah Canning, Assessment, Evaluation & Research

Training Tuesdays Registration

### **Anti-Racism Reading**

Two recommended readings on anti-racism to continue your professional development:



### **Racism Without Racists: Color-Blind** Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in the United States,

by Eduardo Bonilla Silva.

One of my all-time intellectual crushes... Eduardo Bonnilla Silva interrogates this idea of colorblindness by unpacking the changing dynamics of racism in the United States we know today. This book is a bit heavy, however it is very well-written and leads you into deep reflection about race. It is interesting in

some of our socializations and teachings to educators that not seeing race leads us to not be racists. Bonilla Silva tackles this in his book. I love this book because in many ways it holds up a practical lens in "undressing" colorblind ideologies that are used by many white folx to navigate lived realities of themselves and people of color. One of the most powerful things I walked away with from this book, was the power in naming covert acts (yes microaggressions) as racist acts. Not to scare anyone or make them feel bad, but by realizing the deeper reasons as to why the acts are manifested in our lives. This book is now in its Fifth Edition, but I have read the Fourth Edition, please let me know what you think about the Fifth Edition.

### The History of White People,

#### by Nell Irvin Painter



I'm a believer in the process of naming, understanding, and interrogating that, which we think, we understand... In simple terms, I believe that we should take a close and hard look at privileged identities. Whiteness has been a construct that we have said so many things about, but in many ways we have said nothing. There have been many authors who have helped in our understandings of whiteness. Nell Irvin Painter is one of these authors. Painter fills in many missing pieces and, in my opinion, ties whiteness so neatly to other constructs that provide access and privilege, that is: economics, science and politics. Painter also documents the history of "a white race" and how it becomes intertwined with being "American." A huge contribution to our conversations right now nationally (even though her book was published almost 10 years ago).

By Dr. Bryan Hubain, Associate Vice President for Student Development & Inclusion

# **SADC** Racial **Justice and Decolonization** Weekly Open **Dialogue Series**

Every Thursday, Student Affairs Diversity Committee facilitates a virtual dialogue series around social justice,

Student Affairs Diversity Committee Weekly Open Dialogue Series Racial Justice and Decolonization Thursdays @ 1:00-2:00 PM Zoom link provided with registration at /ww.sadc.utah.edu STUDENT AFFAIRS

decolonization, racial justice, and praxis. If you are not able to make it, please still sign up to gain access to the readings. You can join the conversation without having attended a previous session. Each week focuses on different reading materials to provide leading research and scholarship; tools for personal, professional, and career development; and innovative praxis opportunities for Student Affairs that will actively inform and reshape higher education. A separate invitation to join Canvas for a list of the reading materials and a link to join the series will be sent with your registration.

Next Session: August 6, 2020, 1 pm

Racial Justice & Decolonization Dialoge Registration

## **August is National** Wellness Month!

Check out the Center for Student Wellness and follow <u>@uofuwellness</u> to learn more about how students can approach their wellness holistically. As our new SA Staff Wellness committee convenes, we look forward to hearing from U about how we can best support you on your wellness journeys. Stay tuned!



### Weekly COVID-19 Updates with Dr. Good

Dr. Michael Good, Senior Vice President of University of Utah Health, will be providing weekly updates on coronavirus. You can view this week's information below. Subscribe to stay informed.





### **Holiday Schedule for** 2020-2021

Please see the attached memo listing the observed holidays and University Closure Days for the remainder of 2020 and calendar year 2021 (UCDs for 2021 have yet to be determined).

2020-2021 Holiday Schedule

### Resources

**Return to Campus** 

COVID-19 Central @theU

Student Affairs Online

Student Affairs Remote Work Toolkit

The U's COVID-19 Hotline: (801) 213-2874 RedMed: (801) 213-3303 Work Wellness Center: (801) 581-2227 HR Benefits Team: (801) 581-7447



### Something on Your Mind?

Tell us

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What topics would you like to see in SA Updates? <u>Share your ideas!</u>

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