Social Justice Week to focus on diversity, civility

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will host 13 events in support of inclusive excellence and diversity March 28-31 during the University's third-annual Social Justice Week.

In recognition of UW Oshkosh's commitment to championing social justice and civility, Social Justice Week 2011 will provide presentations and workshops tackling such topics as mentoring students of color, diversity, employment law, Islamophobia, living in a multicultural society and the prevention of hate crimes.

Social Justice Week is sponsored by the Office of Equity and Affirmative Action and the Alliance for Equity and Diversity. It will conclude the evening of March 31, when nationally-acclaimed activist and public speaker Kevin Powell discusses "Living in a Multicultural America."

For more information about Social Justice Week events or to make special accommodations, call (920) 424-2296 or (920) 424-0330. All events will be held at Reeve Memorial Union, located at 748 Algoma Blvd. All events are free and open to the public.

Social Justice Week 2011 Event Schedule

Monday, March 28

- Kaleidoscope for Mentoring Students of Color—The panel discussion, facilitated by Senior Multicultural Counselor and Advisor Abbas Yaghmaian, will feature Byron Adams (Emerging Scholars Program), Victor Alatorre (Association for Latino Men in Academia) and Ka Youa Kong (Guiding Paths to Success) on the topic of mentoring students; 2-3:30 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 306.

Tuesday, March 29

- STOP THE HATE TRAINING—Participants will learn ways to prevent bias incidents and hate crimes on their campuses during two sessions; Session I 10-11 a.m., Reeve Memorial Union 215, and Session II 11 a.m. to noon, Reeve Memorial Union 215.

- Employment Tips from Social Justice Minors—The presentation, facilitated by UW Oshkosh Social Justice Program Director Liz Cannon, will feature ways students can get hired; 2-4 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 215.

- Heterosexism, Sexual Violence between Women and Secondary Victimization—Criminal Justice faculty members Chris Rose and Vicki Beck will be presenting during this event; 3-4 p.m., Reeve memorial Union 213.

- Diversity at UWO—The student panel discussion will be facilitated by UW Oshkosh Assistant Sociology Professor Paul Van Auken; 3-5 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 306.

- Islamophobia—Amer Ahmed, associate director of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, will be presenting and facilitating this event; 4-6 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union Theatre.

Wednesday, March 30

- Employment Law—UW Oshkosh Chancellor Richard H. Wells will be making opening remarks, followed by a presentation by Jim Macy and Chad Wade, attorneys with Davis & Kuelthau, S.C.; 9 a.m. to noon, Reeve Memorial Union Ballrooms B and C.

- Fusing First Nations Studies Across Academic Disciplines—Lisa Poupart, chair and advisor for Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Anishinabe for the First Nations Studies at UW-Green Bay, will be presenting; 10 a.m. to noon, Reeve Memorial Union 221.

- Social Justice within Marginalized Communities—Joy DeGruy, assistant professor at Portland State University and author of “Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome,” will be presenting; 12:30-1:30 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 202.

Thursday, March 31

- Academic Freedom—The panel discussion will be facilitated by keynote speaker Ada Meloy, attorney for the American Council on Education, and feature UW System Senior System Legal Counsel member Anne Bilder as well as UW Oshkosh faculty; noon to 3 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 202.

- Student Voices on Civility—The discussion will be facilitated by Assistant Dean of Students Jim Schlinsog; 3-5 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 201.

- Building the Beloved Community on Campus: Ending LGBTQ Bullying and Hate Crimes—Anneliese A. Singh, assistant professor for the Counseling and Human Development Services department at the University of Georgia, will be presenting during this event; 4-6 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union 306.

- Living in a Multicultural America—Kevin Powell, a nationally-acclaimed activist and public speaker, will be presenting during this event; 4-6 p.m., Reeve Memorial Union Theatre.