Directors Note: Happy April Ephs!

The weather is starting to look more like Spring, everyone across the US will be eligible for vaccinations soon, and we have a lot to be thankful for, yet we are still in difficult times. Let’s continue to support one another and do more to look towards our blind spots as we educate ourselves about how to be proactive allies.

This month we celebrate Arab American Heritage, Black Women’s History, Autism Awareness and the continuation of Deaf History Month. Earth Day is April 22 and Ramadan also begins soon!

MinCo News

The Davis Center advances broad campus engagement with complex issues of identity, history, and cultures as they affect intellectual, creative, and social life.

Note to the Corrected Edition
Sorry Ephs! We aren’t sure why, but the colors of some sections changed in virtual transit, making them illegible. Text has been changed back to the original, but we aren’t sure if it will happen again. Hopefully all will reach your inbox in our intended hues!

MinCo News
MinCo Steering is excited to announce that they are now publishing a newsletter for folk to stay abreast on activities, opportunities and events by and for the MinCo Community! Not only will this resource be a great way for you to know how to stay involved in the events on and off campus, but will also be an opportunity for you to share with others. If you have any questions or have something you’d like to share to this student publication, please reach out to the editorial board! Staff, faculty, and others are encouraged to submit apropos content as well!

MinCo and the Davis Center are providing lunch from Blue Mango for student attendees in Williamsburg. Please fill out this form to RSVP for the lunch (you must attend the webinar in order to get the Blue Mango food).

Click here to sign up for the newsletter!

Click here to write the editorial board for submissions, suggestions or questions

SOCA Heritage Week: April 5-April 9
Hello everyone, SoCA is hosting our second annual Heritage Week from Monday, April 5th - Friday, April 9th. There will be a range of different activities and multiple opportunities to win prizes or get food on us!

Here's the breakdown:
1. Monday: $100,000 a fun game night and a chance to win prizes (read Apple Watch, gift cards, and more!)
2. Tuesday: SoCA Fam, Come get to know students of Caribbean Heritage
3. Wednesday: Dominos Night, come play dominos with some Caribbean faculty/staff. FREE FOOD on us from Blue Mango!
4. Thursday: Keynote Speaker, we are inviting Felecia Hatcher, a White House Award-winning entrepreneur, badass, business rainmaker, and bestselling author to share her wisdom with all of you!
5. Friday: Movie Screening of "Mangrove" and a LOG TAB!
6. Every event you attend increases your chances of winning our raffle! Check out our Instagram for more information for each day and the links to the tabs. Everyone is welcomed!

Join AASIA on April 10, 2021 to listen and learn from veteran NPR journalist, writer, and artist, Setsuko Winchester

Setsuko Winchester, creator of the Freedom from Fear/Yellow Bowl Project is a writer, ceramicist and conceptual artist. Prior to moving to Western Massachusetts in 2006 to pursue a life-long interest in ceramics and the visual arts, she worked as a journalist, editor and producer at NPR’s Morning Edition and Talk of the Nation. In 2010, she helped start her local newspaper, The Sandisfield Times and contributed as managing editor and staff photographer. In 2015 those interests of art, history and journalism converged in an online project called the Freedom from Fear/Yellow Bowl Project. Using her ceramics and photography, her work explores what it means to be an "American"; and questions what freedom could mean to different groups at different times in American history through the lens of the mass incarceration of people of Japanese ethnicity in the United States during WWII. The project included traveling across the US twice to some of the most remote parts of the country covering over 16,000 miles to get to all ten US concentration camps as they were called by the FDR administration. In 2016, the artist was invited to create a site-specific image at the FDR Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. The following year her contemporary images from the former camps were included as part of a yearlong photography exhibition in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of FDR’s signing of Executive Order 9066. Her latest project is called “The Dissent Collars,” which looks at the history of American Whiteness laws. It is part of a trilogy along with future work in the idea phase called, “Buried History: The Plate Project”, which looks at the history of America through the lens of America’s long history of race laws.

Click here to learn more about the Yellow Bowl Project

Click here to join the Zoom Event on 04/10/2020 @ 4 pm (est)
DC TEAM SHARES...

**Happy Day Ephs!**
Have you found a happy place? A mental (aka imaginary) happy place can be somewhere you have been before, someplace you imagine going and/or somewhere fantastical (like the Millennium Falcon!). These places help you to power down and relax. So, this month, take a little time to figure out your happy place and spend five minutes imagining yourself there. Breathe deeply. Close your eyes and access all of your senses. What do you see as you turn your head? What do you hear and smell? Feel the wind (or water!) on your skin. Add details as you see fit; whatever comforts you and makes you smile. Me? I’m going to spend a little time scuba diving in my living room.

**Want to go deeper?** Spend a little time in your happy place once a day and journal about how it felt. Go ahead and try different places each day if you like!

**Want to learn more?** Read this article about finding a physical happy place. With the weather getting better (although I woke up to a snow covered car on Friday) we will all be taking advice from Natalie and Getting Out.

**Want to talk about it?** I have office hours on Wednesdays from 1-3pm! Join me by using this link!!

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Dear Davis Center Times Readership,

My name is Aseel Abulhab, and I’m the Assistant Director of the DC. Welcome to Williams Signs! I discovered a passion for sign language and working with the D/deaf community at the end of high school, and have since had the opportunity to finish a complete course in ASL, attend a summer course at Gallaudet University, and undertake two international fellowships devoted to D/deaf access to education. Each newsletter, I will share a new phrase or sign in ASL and/or a fun fact. If you have any additional questions or want to engage on the subject, please reach out to me at aa9. Happy signing!

This newsletter, I encourage you to learn more about Christine Sun Kim, a Deaf Asian American artist based in Berlin. Her work explores operations of sound and aspects of Deaf culture through performance, video, and drawing. She was also the first Asian American Deaf woman to sign the anthem at one of the world’s most-watched TV events, the 2020 Super Bowl! Check out her TED talk (The enchanting music of sign language) here. You can also follow her on Instagram (@chrisunkim).

Thank you, and happy weekend!

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**Percy's Place:**

**Introducing Percy!**

Hi Friends!

My name is Percy and my human is named Drea. I'm a hedgehog but don't worry, I'll always have a place for you in any hedge! Sharing is caring!

Would you like to learn more about me or my kind? Do any of you happen to know any mini-milliners or hedgehog-haberdashers who can supply me
I don’t know about you, but it seems as though as the air grows warmer and the ground greener that the hustle and bustle aren’t limited just to the burgeoning natural world—but everywhere, a buzzing of hopeful activity. This month’s Get-Out is short and sweet: a video. “New England Forests,” is one of my favorite YouTube content creators—Tom Wessels’ videos including “Reading the Forested Landscape,” is an incredible resource for understanding how forests work (spoiler alert: everything is connected!). This year, they produced a couple of videos that will come in handy if you head to certain parts of campus or around Williamstown in the upcoming weeks, “Early Spring in the Beaver Pond.” Not only does it identify creatures, but it also explains their behaviors and interconnectedness with other species. I hope this resource is as enriching for you as it’s been for me! Enjoy and HAPPY SPRING!
mechanism for affinity groups to come together in organizational, 
social, academic, and political spheres. MinCo facilitates cooperation 
and communication among its member organizations, the campus, 
and the Williamstown community and is an active voice in 
constructing a stronger community more aware of minority concerns.

Click here to read more about the MinCo Groups!

Upcoming Events, 
Opportunities & Deadlines:

Community, Professional & Learning Opportunities
The Dively Committee has begun planning for the 2021 Rainbow Graduation and is looking for your feedback. Please consider joining them on Wednesday, April 07, 2021 at 4 pm (est).

Click here to add your input to the Rainbow Graduation committee
Click here to access the Zoom meeting on 04/07/2021 @ 4 pm est

Apply Now for the Dively Summer Opportunity Grant

Please join the Dively Committee on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4 p.m. to learn about the Dively Committee’s Summer Opportunity Grant. This grant provides an opportunity to engage in a wide range of projects related to gender, sexuality, and intersectionality, with a specific focus on LGBTQ+ experiences, issues, and expressions. Applications are due on April 19, 2021

Click here to submit your application
Click here to access the Zoom meeting on 04/14/2021 @ 4 pm est

Racial Justice Opportunity Grant Applications Available

Racial Justice Summer Opportunity Grants provide a flexible opportunity for students to define how to advance racial justice initiatives. Projects and opportunities may include internships, research projects, partnerships with community-based organizations, summer courses, community service, conference attendance, etc.

Applications are due April 26, 2021
For more information, contact cwhalen@williams.edu

Click here to apply for the Racial Justice Opportunity Grant

First Annual Black Women Summit
Williams College and Amherst College created the **first annual Black Women Summit** because we believe learning from those who came before us is crucial to our own success. Black women's journeys are perilous, and creating a space for us to come together is not only healing but empowering. We hope that through this Summit, Black female students will be able to learn from and connect with alumnae of diverse fields to prepare for life after college and build the necessary skills for Black excellence in all facets of life. This summit will be held on Saturday April 17th, with panels of W.o.C alumni from both Williams and Amherst, so be on the lookout for more information from the '68 Center for Career Exploration and Sisterhood for a sign up sheet.

Click here to learn more about this event including speaker lists and agenda!

Click here to register for the First Annual Black Women Summit!

### Searching for a summer internship and need funding? Want some advice from previous Alumni Sponsored Internship Program (ASIP) Interns?

Join us for an informal discussion:

**Advice and Reflections About Our Summer Internship Experiences: An Informal Discussion with ASIP Interns**

Tuesday, April 6th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Co-sponsored by the '68 Center for Career Exploration and The Davis Center

Meet the ASIP Interns:

- Kendra Brenya '22, Media Management Intern, The Institute for the Quantitative Study of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (QSIDE), Williamstown, MA
- Matias Enriquez '23, Student Researcher, Massachusetts General Hospital SYNAPSE Program for Autism, Boston, MA
- Kester Messan-Hilla '21, Editorial Intern, The Impression, Williamstown, MA
- Essence Perry '22, Elections and Campaigns Intern, Clean Water Action, Boston, MA

There will be time for students to ask ASIP Interns questions.

Please sign up via Handshake (Event Registration Below)

We hope to see you there!

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[https://williams.joinhandshake.com/events/733279](https://williams.joinhandshake.com/events/733279)
Social Work Alumni Panel

Moderated by the Davis Center’s own Aseel Abulhab, a panel of social work professionals will be profiling this important field.

Thursday, 04/08/2021 @ 5:30 pm est

Click here to access the zoom link

Data4Justice Conference Announced

QSIDE is pleased to announce our inaugural Data4Justice Conference, a virtual, all-day event for scholars, activists, policymakers, and allies to explore the ways we can power social justice together. The conference has broadly accessible talks and is designed for a general audience. Want to learn more about how data, research, and activism come together to create change? Register today!

Students’ registration fee is $50.00, and students can apply for Career Access Fund (CAF) funding to attend.

Click here to learn more about this conference

Student-curated online resources

The COVID-19 Health Advocacy Training

DC online workshop now available

This series of six short videos addresses COVID-19 and safer practices, as well as caring for oneself and for each other during this pandemic. The training examines racialized interpretations and impacts of COVID-19, and why social identities matter in dealing with the virus and with each other, as we engage in sometimes challenging discussions.

Created by Davis Center Community Engagement Fellows, this training is a peer to peer education and advocacy initiative, that others may find informative and helpful. The videos are available online, and follow-up discussion opportunities are available.

CLICK HERE to access this free workshop

CISA Curated Guide to Organizations Dedicated to Helping Immigrant Families Separated at the Border

The Coalition for Immigrant Student Advancement (CISA) has recently created a resource guide dedicated to organizations helping immigrant families being separated at the border. These organizations have all been fact-checked and have a history of providing financial assistance to immigrants for legal aid, housing, bail relief, etc. The goal in creating and sharing this research guide is to give individuals simple and organized information on how they can direct their funds to help individuals in need. For more information about this initiative, email MIR2@williams.edu.

CLICK HERE to access this important resource
TalkSpace - Free Online Therapy for Students

TalkSpace is an innovative online therapy service that is now available, at no cost and effective immediately, to all enrolled students, twelve months a year and even while traveling abroad.

TalkSpace connects users to a dedicated, licensed therapist from a secure, HIPAA-compliant mobile app and web platform. Their roster comprises more than 5,000 licensed clinicians from across the country, who collectively speak over forty languages. You can send your therapist a text, voice or video message anytime, from anywhere, throughout your time at Williams.

Williams College and the IWS is providing this service to students in addition to all of our existing on-campus offerings in psychotherapy, psychiatry and on-call crisis services, as well as the wellbeing promotion events, workshops and groups we organize throughout the year.

To register, visit www.talkspace.com/williamscollege, enter your Williams email address and follow the prompts.

Step-In, Speak-Up — These online, interactive training simulations for faculty and staff working with youth in Grades 6-12 are AFSP/SPRC Best Practices for Suicide Prevention and were created in partnership with Kognito Interactive.

If you are thinking about suicide, you deserve immediate support. Please call The Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386.

Step-In, Speak-Up

Crisis Interventions

Trevor Lifeline — The only national 24/7 crisis intervention and suicide prevention hotline for LGBTQ young people under 25, available at 1-866-488-7386.

TrevorChat — A free, confidential, secure instant messaging service for LGBTQ youth that provides live help from trained volunteer counselors, open daily.

TrevorText — A free, confidential, secure service in which LGBTQ young people can text a trained Trevor counselor for support and crisis intervention, available daily by texting START to 678-678.

Suicide Prevention Trainings and Resources

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LGBTQ on Campus — These online, interactive training simulations for students and faculty in higher education are AFSP/SPRC Best Practices for Suicide Prevention and were created in partnership with Kognito Interactive and Campus Pride.

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