Spaces in the Center for Cultural Pluralism

Many of the facilities in the Allen House are open to the campus community. To make a reservation for any of the following rooms, go to: https://emsweb.uvm.edu/virtualems/

Listed below are the rooms available for use:

Leon Lawrence Community Lounge
A comfortable and welcoming space for conversation, relaxation, receptions, informal meetings and social events. 17.5 ft. x 15 ft., seating for 6, with extra chairs, can seat 16.

The French Family Classroom
A classroom set-up for lectures, seminars, meetings and classes. The classroom has audio/visual equipment including an overhead LCD projector, VCR/DVD player and computer jacks. 19 ft. x 23 ft., seating for 15.

Multipurpose Room/Meditation Room
These two rooms are booked together, and offer a peaceful space for relaxation, meditation, group meetings or social gatherings. Multipurpose room: 13.5 ft. x 19 ft., 4 tables

Kitchen
The Center offers the use of a small kitchen for campus and community use.

Multicultural Library
The Multicultural Library offers meeting space, as well as a wealth of information. Library material is available to students and staff for a two week period, and in addition to the large book collection, the library also offers a video collection, magazines and journals. 6 chairs and a table. For a list of library materials, please visit our website: www.uvm.edu/~ccpuvm

Conference Room
A central meeting place on campus for UVM committees working on behalf of cultural diversity and social justice. Room is equipped with a blackboard, TV, VCR/DVD player, telephone jacks and computer jacks. 10 ft. x 23 ft., seating for 13, 4 tables.

Multipurpose Room
These two rooms are booked together, and offer a peaceful place for relaxation, meditation, group meetings or social gatherings. Multipurpose room: 13.3 ft. x 19 ft., 3 tables, 2 sofas and 9 chairs. Meditation room: 13 ft. x 11 ft.

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OUR VISION
The vision of the CCP is a University community engaged in practices that address issues of culture and social justice, with particular focus on those acts that promote critical analysis and reflection in the teaching and learning environments.

OUR CORE VALUES
The Center's key value is the necessity for an understanding of the complex intersections of issues of culture and social justice. The Center's vision and goals embodied in this value through four actions:
- Development of cultural awareness both internal and external (self & other)
- Understanding the socially systemic nature of power and privilege through critical thinking
- Engagement in socially just practices that increase equity and end oppression
- Ongoing assessment both personally and professionally.

WHAT WE DO
- Provide consultation or coaching services for curriculum transformation;
- Offer general professional development workshops;
- Offer small grants to develop programs or curriculum focused on cultural pluralism and social justice themes;
- Provide physical space for meetings, workshops and retreats;
- Offer unit specific trainings for faculty and staff;
- Support the distribution of information on social justice and cultural events;
- Loan library and video materials for viewing or class use on short-term basis to UVM faculty and staff.

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Practical Tools for Cultural Agility
with Tatyana Fertelmeyster
April 13-14, 2015
In collaboration with the Global Gateway Program

How are we supporting our students in developing and sustaining their intercultural competency as our campus becomes increasingly diverse? Studies show that the extent of student’s intercultural competency development correlates directly to intercultural competency of those guiding them through the intercultural experience.

These highly interactive workshops will concentrate on skills and practices that will help increase and sustain your own cultural agility. Be prepared to explore new tools and models and have fun in the process.

About Tatyana Fertelmeyster

Tatyana Fertelmeyster, MA, LCPC is founder and principal of Connecting Differences: Training, Facilitation, Consulting, and Coaching, a consulting company that provides leadership and team effectiveness consulting and training for corporate clients, academic and non-profit organizations. Tatyana is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in intercultural communication, diversity, and inclusion. Her unique technique of Spontaneous Facilitation allows her to work with individuals and groups with maximum concentration on the reality of the present moment. She leads her clients in arriving at deeper levels of insight and the development of practical and sustainable skills. A faculty at the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communications in Portland, OR, Tatyana teaches experiential facilitation skills and methods for identity exploration. Tatyana is a master trainer of facilitation for the training tool Cultural Detective®.

Cultural Detective®
We are offering this session twice:
Monday, April 13, 2015 & Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Sessions are held from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Gain deeper understanding of culturally-driven differences in values, communication, and behaviors by exploring your own and other’s cultures. Cultural Detective® is a simple and practical intercultural competence tool grounded in developmental theory. It develops intercultural understanding, productivity, and effectiveness in individuals, organizations, and communities.

Personal Leadership
We are offering this session twice:
Monday, April 13, 2015 & Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Sessions are held from 1:00 to 4:30 PM
Be your own best leader to serve the students and colleagues you work with. This extremely powerful yet simple methodology fosters one’s ability to operate with mindfulness and creativity at critical moments of decision making at choice points. It offers 6 specific practices and the step-by-step methodology of Critical Moment Dialogue.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SPACE IS LIMITED
$30 for current UVM faculty, staff, and graduate students
$45 for community members
Registration fee covers the cost of workshop materials.

To register, please check our website for more details: www.uvm.edu/ccp_uvm
Locations will be provided upon registration

SAVE THE DATE
Foundations of Dispute Resolution & Fundamentals of Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution
Michelle LeBaron
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
In collaboration with the Global Gateway Program

Michelle LeBaron is a professor and a conflict transformation scholar-practitioner at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law. She has done seminal work in many types of conflicts, including intercultural, international, family, organizational, and commercial. She has lectured and consulted around the world on intercultural conflict resolution and has practiced as a family law and commercial mediator. Professor LeBaron’s research focuses on how the arts can foster belonging and social cohesion across cultural and worldview differences.

Emotional Intelligence & Diversity: Skills for Effectiveness
Lee Gardenswartz, Ph.D. & Anita Rowe, Ph.D.
June 3-4, 2015
In collaboration with the Global Gateway Program and the Center for Health & Wellbeing

Lee Gardenswartz, Ph.D. and Anita Rowe, Ph.D. are partners in Gardenswartz & Rowe and the Emotional Intelligence and Diversity Institute. They specialize in diversity and inclusion for a variety of regional and national clients, helping them manage change, build productive and cohesive work teams, create inter-cultural understanding and leverage the potential of diversity in the workplace. They have lectured widely, giving keynote speeches, facilitating team building retreats and teaching seminars across the country.

Multicultural Art Gallery
Open Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
461 Main Street, Allen House
Gallery Exhibits are open to the public.

Community in the Archives:
Selections from the Pride Center of Vermont’s Queer Archives
April 1 – April 30, 2015
With a selection of pieces from the archives, this installation reflects how some portions of the LGBTQA community in Vermont have defined themselves through images and language. Varying definitions and descriptions of the community can be traced, from women’s communities to lesbian and gay pride parades to queer community gatherings.

Social Justice Film Series
Internationalizing Social Justice
Internationalizing Social Justice offers participants an educational opportunity to explore through film and subsequent discourse issues related to social justice and diversity through a transnational lens. Participants will examine and deconstruct the boundary between domestic and international views on equity and justice.

A Darker Side of Fair
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 • 7:30 PM
216 L/L Commons
Shedding new light upon issues of global diversity, A Darker Side of Fair focuses on the extent to which a “fairness fetish” has permeated different levels of Indian society.

Discussion of themes immediately follows the film. Please allow for up to 30 minutes of debriefing.