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I write for those women who do not speak, for those who do not have a voice because they were so terrified. Because we are taught to respect fear more than ourselves. We've been taught that silence would save us, but it won't.
-Audre Lourde

March 30th

PISTAHAN

5:30pm-7:30pm, Beckham Hall

Come to PISTAHAN - The Philippine Cultural Show presented by Wesleyan's Filipino community and Pinoy. See enthralling traditional dances and original Filipino Music and come enjoy delicious Filipino food! 'Pistahan' is a town celebration usually held to commemorate the feast day of the town's patron saint. All proceeds from sales will go to flood relief for "Typhoon Sendong", which struck the southern coast of the Philippines in the early portion of December last year.

April 2nd

Henry Abelove Lecture

4:30pm, Memorial Chapel

Come hear former Wesleyan Professor Henry Abelove speak about his experiences teaching Walden in different contexts and approaches. Abelove helped pioneer the field of gay and lesbian studies.

Film Screening & Discussion:

Multiracial Identity

Time/Venue: TBA

Screening of Bullfrog Film's "Multiracial Identity" documentary and discussion of mixed heritage identity and multiracial history in the U.S. brought to you by MIX.

April 3rd

April Convocation

4:00pm-6:00pm, Daniel Family Commons

Come join us in welcoming the intersecting identity month of April. There will be speakers who will discuss what April means and its importance today and into the future. Refreshments will be provided.

April 4th

Senior Sculpture Thesis Exhibition:

"sometimes its hard 2 b a woman (i c u looking at me!!)"

4:00pm-6:00pm, Zilkha Gallery

Joanna's Senior Art Thesis utilizes found technologies to deconstruct the ways in which we come to understand humanity and identity. Her work uses texts from a variety of sources that are woven into a dense, unstable and chaotic video projection. The result of combining technology and found text is visual and aural material that creates an emotional and political breakdown of the lines between technology and reality.

Loving Day Celebration

Time/Venue: TBA

Featuring guest speaker Ken Tanabe, founder of Loving - A celebration of the Loving v. Virginia Supreme Court case that legalized interracial marriage and became a landmark victory for marriage equality.

April 5th

Drag Show & Queer Prom

8:00pm-12:00am, Beckham Hall

There will be professional drag performers at Beckham tonight! There will be two performances and a danceable intermission. What's even better, the show will morph into a dance party after the performance! Brought to you by UCAB and the Queer/Trans Collective.

Express yourself!

Time/Venue: TBA

Make your own t-shirt and participate in a casual discussion led by MIX members of the diverse ways in which mixed heritage may be expressed.

April 6

Open Mic sponsored by MIX and AASC

Time/Venue: TBA

Queer Film Series: 8: The Mormon Proposition

7:00pm, Wesleyan Career Center

In light of the recent developments on Marriage Equality, with the successful passage of same-sex marriage bills in Washington and Maryland, the Queer Organizing Committee will be conducting a film screening and discussion on Prop 8 and the future of gay rights in America.

April 7th

PANGEA: World Food Fair

11:30am-1:30pm, Beckham Hall

Come enjoy cuisines from cultures around the world offered by the Wesleyan community, with the proceeds going to social causes.

April 9th

Queer/Trans Collective: A presentation by Tegan

Eanelli and Fray Baroque, editors of

"Queer Ultra Violence: Bash Back! Anthology"

7:00pm, 200 Church

Queer Ultra Violence: Bash Back! Anthology published by Ardent Press this February, is an analytical anthology that chronicles the (non)organization and militant queer tendency known as Bash Back! Although short lived, Bash Back! had an astonishing impact on both radical and queer organizing in the United States. Bash Back! took on gay assimilation, anti-queer violence, the queer radical establishment, and capitalism with a queer struggle that rejected traditional identity politics. The anthology compiles essays, interviews, and communiqués to document the new queer tendency spawned by the Bash Back! years.

April 12th

Zine-Making Workshop & Open Mic

8:00pm, Allbritton 311

Learn how to make pocket zines and craft some rad booklets! There will be an open mic as well. There's no need to sign up, just come with your materials and perform at your leisure.

April 13th

Mabuhay

8pm, Crowell Concert Hall

Wesleyan's Annual Asian/Asian American Cultural Show!

April 14th

Empowering the College Transition for New Students

and Students with Disabilities: Developing

Self-Advocacy Skills to Achieve in Academic and

Extracurricular Pursuits

2:00pm-3:30pm, PAC 001

Scott Michael Robertson, Vice Chair of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, will discuss the transition to college and describes specific recommendations to support college students' adjustment from high school. Students with and without disabilities will learn the self-advocacy, communication and leadership skills they need for success. Students with disabilities will learn their responsibilities and rights to disability supports and accommodations, including information about the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act apply to college and work. With snacks!

Queer Social

4:00pm-5:00pm, Usdan B25

Come join the queer staff and faculty to welcome pre-fresh on campus! Answer their questions, share your experiences and grab some food!

April 15th

Reproductive Justice Week

Most events are advertised through listserves and flyers.

April 16th

Reproductive Justice Keynote Lecture:

Loretta Ross

4:30pm, PAC 001

Loretta Ross is the co-founder and National Coordinator of the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective and one of the foremost experts on African American women and abortion politics in the U.S. Come hear her thoughts on the reproductive justice framework and how she is fighting the anti-abortion billboards and legislation around the country targeting African American communities.

Wesleyan Students for Disability Rights:

Open Meeting for Students

5:45-6:45pm, Usdan 110

This meeting will be a discussion on how power structures and normativities get reproduced in queer communities, discourses, and practices on and off campus. Is queer truly transformative?

April 18th

Queer Community Meeting

7:00pm, 200 Church

This meeting will be a discussion on how power structures and normativities get reproduced in queer communities, discourses, and practices on and off campus. Is queer truly transformative?

April 19th

Take Back the Night

7:30pm, the Olin Steps

April 20

TV for the Blind? An Improbable

Legislative Story

Time/Venue: TBA

Join us for a lecture by Laurie Everett, co-founder and first Director of WGBH's Descriptive Video Service (1988-1998)! In 1988, public television station WGBH set out to use new audio technology to make television accessible to blind viewers through a new national broadcast project called Descriptive Video Service (DVS). Hear first hand the technological, legislative, and funding history of a groundbreaking new service that has permanently changed the lives of blind people by providing access to television, movies and other visual media.

April 21st

Social Justice Leadership Conference

11:00am-4:00pm, Usdan

The Social Justice Leadership Conference (SJLC) is a collaborative effort which provides a space for students, student groups, community members, alumni, faculty, and staff to discuss social justice and to learn and refine leadership skills. SJLC seeks to empower its participants to create change by applying the skills and knowledge acquired during the conference.

Sessions focus on leadership skills that may be applied to any social movement and on the many manifestations of injustice and how participants can be involved in creating change. SJLC provides participants with resources and opportunities for engagement on campus, in Middletown, in Connecticut and across the globe.

April 24th

Wesleyan Students for Disability Rights,

FemNet, and ResLife Film Screening and

Discussion: Scarlet Road

5:30pm-7:30pm, PAC 002

Scarlet Road follows the extraordinary work of Australian sex worker, Rachel Wotton. Impassioned about freedom of sexual expression and the rights of sex workers, she specializes in a long over-looked clientele – people with disabilities. Rachel strives to increase awareness and access to sexual expression for people with disabilities, and also actively campaigns for both policy makers and the general public to recognize that sex work is work. A discussion will follow the film, and dinner will be provided!

April 25th

Muslim Student Association Film Screening:

Habibi Rasak Kharban

8:00pm, the Goldsmith Family Cinema

Habibi, is a story of forbidden love set in Palestine where two students in the West Bank are forced to return home to Gaza, where their love defies tradition. To reach his lover, Qays grafts poetry across town. Habibi is a modern re-telling of the famous ancient Sufi parable Majnun Layla. The Arabic title translates as "darling, something's wrong with your head." Director Susan Youssef will be joining to talk about media in Palestine and self-funding film projects.

April 26th

Queer/Trans Collective: Sister Spit

8:00pm, Beckham Hall

The legendary, raucous, rowdy performance gang, Sister Spit, comes to your town with a vanload of multimedia, queer-centric brilliance! Don't miss this multimedia explosion of taste-makers, novelists, luminaries, chanteuses, performance artists, poets and filmmakers. Featuring host Michelle Tea and star of John Cameron Mitchell's groundbreaking film Shortbus, Mx Justin Vivian Bond, writer and musician Brontez Purnell, genius performer and playwright Erin Markey, comic artist and writer Cassie J Sneider and nationally-ranking slam poet and Mr Transman 2010 Kit Yan!

April 27th-28th

Queer Retreat

1:00pm at Camp Hazen YMCA

Take a break, relax, and have some fun at the queer retreat!

April 30th

Crippling Queerness, Queering Disability

6:00pm, Usdan 110

What are the intersections of queerness and disability, in theory and in lived experience? How do we move through queer and disabled spaces at Wesleyan and beyond? How can we be more understanding of others' intersecting identities and more supportive of their needs? This informal discussion will not answer any of these questions, but will provide a space for community members with diverse identities to share and learn from one another. All are welcome! Feel free to bring your dinner, and snacks will be provided.

Date TBA

Book Launch: How to be a Blobfish

Time/Venue: TBA

Jill Tan '15, in conjunction with Fort Box Publishing (Mansoor Alam '15), will be doing a reading of her picture book about growing up different and celebrating it.



Tomorrow's world is yours to build.
-Yuri Kochiyama



Marlon Riggs



When an individual takes a decision and it becomes a collective to stand up to injustice at the human level, her tasks and shells pale in significance.
-Hanan Ashrawi



Let's be gentle with ourselves and each other and fierce as we fight oppression.
-Dean Spade

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