

FALL 2021 DIVERSITY EVENTS

This list of programs engages questions about diversity, inclusion, and contemporary social issues to further deeper dialogue and contemplation.

Please remember that dates, times and locations may change.

Please refer to the College Events calendar and myHC for the most updated information!

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<http://www.holycross.edu/diversity/events>



FALL 2021: DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMMING SPONSORS
ASIA (Advocating Student Interest in Asia); BSU (Black Student Union); Center for Career Development; DESI (Developing and Educating South Asian Ideologies); HCF1RST Scholars; Holy Cross Libraries; Male Involvement Coalition (MIC); McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture; MEPA (Movimiento Estudiantil Progressive Action); Office of Alumni Relations; Pride; Students of Color in STEM; The Counseling Center; The Office of Multicultural Education

The College is committed to providing accessible programs and events. If you need any accommodations, please visit the College Events calendar to determine program organizers, and contact them directly. Advance notice is appreciated.



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2021

Muslims and the Holocaust

2 Nov | 4:30 – 5:30 PM | Rehm Library

Mehnaz M. Afridi, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Interfaith Education Center at Manhattan College, will discuss her journey as a Muslim learning about the Holocaust, interviewing Holocaust survivors, antisemitism and Islamophobia, and Islam and memory. She is author of “Shoah Through Muslim Eyes” (American Studies Press, 2017). Part of the Kraft-Hiatt Program in Jewish-Christian Understanding.

Please contact [Danielle Lamoureux-Kane](#) for more information.

National First-Generation College Celebration Day!

Monday, Nov 8 | 9 AM – 12 PM | HOGAN 1

If you are the first in your family to attend or graduate college today is your day and we celebrate YOU! Come on down to Hogan 1 in the morning as the HCF1RST Scholars kick off HCF1RST Week and celebrate National First-Gen College Celebration day with treats, swag, raffle basket and music!

Contact [Amie Archambault](#) for more information.

Politics in the Name of Lord Rama in Narendra Modi’s India

Mon, Nov 8 | 4:30 – 5:30 PM | Rehm Library

Kalpna Jain, an award-winning journalist and senior religion and ethics editor at The Conversation US, will discuss how politics is being reshaped in India and religious sentiments are being mobilized under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She will illustrate how the Bharatiya Janata Party, India’s pro-Hindu nationalist ruling party, has used the image of Hindu God Rama to whip up religious sentiments to its advantage and unite Hindus.

Jain has written extensively on Hindu nationalism, poverty, gender issues and healthcare in India. As a Pulitzer Center grantee, her project on “Hindu Nationalism, Its Toll, and India’s Inter-Faith Resilience” explores the effect of Hindu nationalism on Indian society through the lives of women and millennials.

Please contact [Danielle Lamoureux-Kane](#) for more information.

Virtual Conversation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Leadership

Monday, Nov 8 | 6 – 7 PM | Virtual | [Registration link](#)

Join the conversation with our speakers as they talk about how they chose their careers and how they incorporate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice into their jobs.

Please come prepared to ask questions. This 1-hour conversation is structured to address specific challenges, questions and share advice with another for those who join the call.

Please contact [Erica Mendoza](#) for more information.

First- Gen Mentor Dinner

Tuesday, Nov 9 | 5 – 7 PM | Loyola Ballroom

Join the HCF1RST Scholars and the First-Gen Student Success Committee for our fourth annual Mentor Dinner. Students, faculty and staff come together in community for conversation and good food as we celebrate HCF1RST Week and National First Generation College Celebration Day for those trailblazers who are first in their family to attend college!

Contact [Amie Archambault](#) for more information.

Be Fearless For Me: Father Greg Boyle on Courage and the Gospel of the Marginalized

Tuesday, Nov 9 | 7 – 8:30 PM | Hogan Ballroom

Pope Francis insists that the credibility of the Church rests in the Gospel to the Marginalized, the invitation from Jesus to be courageous in living the gospel at the margins. Drawing on thirty years of working with gang members in Los Angeles, Father Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of Homeboy Industries, returns to Holy Cross to talk about joy, hope and the courage of tenderness. Accompanied by “homies,” former gang members now part of his organization, he shares stories from his new book, “The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness” (Simon & Schuster, 2021).

Please contact [Danielle Lamoureux-Kane](#) for more information.

Film Premiere: Pakachoag—Where the River Bends

Wed, Nov 10 | 4:30 – 5:45 PM | Rehm Library

Be a part of history in the premiere of a new Holy Cross production tracing the Native American story of the land where the College now resides. Learn about the Nipmuc people and their stewardship of the land, water, and animal relations with whom we share this place.

The film (runtime 45 minutes) will be followed by discussion with the creators. With this new lens on Holy Cross and College Hill neighborhood, how can we best acknowledge the indigenous experience of our campus? Introductory remarks offered by Holy Cross President Vincent Rougeau.

Please contact [Danielle Lamoureux-Kane](#) for more information.

Friendsgiving

Sunday, Nov 21 | 5 – 7 PM | Loyola Ballroom

Friendsgiving serves as an opportunity for students to connect with each other, be in the community, and eat food from local vendors in Worcester before they leave for Thanksgiving break.

Contact [Chris Campbell](#) for more information.

RECURRING EVENTS

Gathered

Mon, Nov 15

Mon, Dec 6

4:00 – 5:00 PM | The Hub

Self-care workshop series focused on the experiences of students of color. Students have the opportunity to engage in activities to ground themselves in self-care practices as an effort to reclaim their space and energy.

Contact [Chris Campbell](#) for more information.

LIFT Development Program

Thu, Nov 16

Thu, Nov 30

6:00 – 8:00 PM | Hogan 402(3)

The Office of Multicultural Education, Center for Career Development, and Alumni Relations invite students to join us for the LIFT Development Program this semester.

The goal of LIFT Development is to encourage students to find their voice, support students as they learn to lead from the intersections of their identity, and coach students through transitional milestones. LIFT Development focuses on strategies to build social capital, increase financial literacy, and establish networks for career success.

Contact [Chris Campbell](#) for more information.

SPECTRUM

Thu, Dec 2

4:00 – 5:00 PM | TBD

SPECTRUM is a celebratory space that centers queer, trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming BIPOC experiences. This space focuses on community and connection as we process everything and anything race, sexuality, and gender-related. If students are interested in attending SPECTRUM or looking to get involved, they should reach out to the group facilitator [Chris Campbell](#) for more information.



SUPPORT

LGBTQIA+ Group | Weekly

Two weekly LGBTQIA+ groups to connect, share experiences, and build community.

Contact [Meg Fox-Kelly](#) and [Kelsey Moran](#) for more information.

TGNC+ Group | Once a Month on Tuesdays

A monthly TGNC+ group to connect, share experiences, and build community.

Contact [Meg Fox-Kelly](#) and [Kelsey Moran](#) for more information.

SPECTRUM | Monthly

A monthly QTBIPOC group focusing on community and connection processing everything and anything race, sexuality, and gender related.

Contact [Chris Campbell](#) at for more information.

OME Community Hours | Thursday-Saturday | The Hub

Students can join staff from the Office of Multicultural Education to discuss campus climate, current trends, social justice issues of our time, share concerns, ask a question, or just stop by to say hi!

Contact ome@holycross.edu for more information about specific hours.

RESOURCES

Anti-Racism Action Plan Guidebook

This guide is targeted for organizations and individuals who are just beginning their anti-racism work.

Anti-Racism Educational Resource

Thank you to the many Holy Cross students, faculty, and staff and outside experts who have contributed to this non-exhaustive, curated collection of race-related literary recommendations and resources.

Anti-Racism Action Plan

College of the Holy Cross affirms our commitment to be an actively anti-racist organization.

Sexual Misconduct Policy

IMPORTANT NOTE: The College has revised its Sexual Misconduct Policy on August 20, 2021

LGBTQIA Resources

We strive to provide a safe and affirming community for all LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic) individuals.

Immigration Related Resources

We support undocumented students and the retention of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

First-Generation Student Success

We are committed to supporting you socially, academically and financially — before you arrive on campus to graduation and beyond.

Office of Accessibility Services

The Office of Accessibility Services (formerly named Disability Services) encourages the “development of the whole person” by helping students identify and appreciate their unique characteristics and request appropriate accommodations when necessary.

