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Upcoming Diversity and Inclusion Events and Initiatives at Baruch College and Across The City University of New York

Dear Colleagues,

As chief diversity officer, I am excited to spread the word about the rich and varied roster of upcoming events, across at the College and the University, in support of our growing culture of diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity. March is packed with programming!

Upcoming at Baruch College
Women’s History Month 2018
The theme of this year’s Women’s History Month is taken from noted poet, author, and civil rights activist Maya Angelou (1928–2014): “I’m a Woman Phenomenally. Phenomenal Woman, That’s Me.” From conversations to concerts, films to fundraisers, Baruch’s student-driven celebration offers more than a dozen thought-provoking ways to recognize women’s contributions, challenges, and evolving roles. And speaking of recognition, I would like to thank the dozens of students and co-sponsoring offices, centers, departments, and organizations throughout the College for creating, collaborating on, and supporting Women’s History Month 2018.

Opening Ceremony/Kick-Off
When: Today, 12:30–2 pm
Where: Newman Vertical Campus (NVC), 55 Lexington Avenue, 2nd Floor Lobby
Includes giveaways and trivia.
**Workshop: Is Saying ‘No’ Necessary?**

**When:** Tuesday, Mar. 6, 12:40-2:20 pm  
**Where:** NVC 3-215  
A “Sexual Violence 101” workshop led by Jeenie Yoon, LMSW, senior campus sexual assault coordinator at the NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault.

View the entire schedule [here](#). Through March 29.

**Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Workshop: A Faculty & Staff Forum**

**When:** Monday, Mar. 5, 10:30 am to noon  
**Where:** Information and Technology Building, 151 East 25th Street, Room 763  
As discussions on raising awareness of and preventing sexual assault continue, Baruch is actively working to educate faculty, staff, and students on this vital topic. To that end, Baruch hosts a workshop for faculty and staff, facilitated by the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center’s Youth Empowered conSensuality (YES) Program, that addresses how sexual assault conversations manifest on campus and helps participants develop the tools to engage in meaningful discussions on these sensitive topics. Workshop flyer [here](#); rsvp to DiversityEventsRSVP@baruch.cuny.edu.

**College Transitions: A Black Male Initiative (BMI) Workshop**

**When:** Wednesday, Mar. 7, 5 to 6:30 pm  
**Where:** NVC Room 2-125  
Connect with, engage, inspire, and be inspired by our students as they share the many challenges they face, some obvious and others less so, as they transition into college life. All are welcome, so please spread the word to your students! Light refreshments provided. Workshop flyer [here](#). For more information, contact Rebecca.Quainoo@baruch.cuny.edu.

**ReelAbilities Film Festival at BPAC**

Student Disability Services and the Baruch Performing Arts Center (BPAC) have collaborated to bring ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York screenings to the College. Three films feature individuals with disabilities, advocate for full inclusion, and promote disability culture.

**Defiant Lives**

**When:** Thursday, Mar. 8, 1 pm  
**Where:** Engelman Recital Hall, BPAC  
Using interviews and archival footage, this Australian documentary—in its North American premiere—details the rise of the disability rights movement in Australia, the U.K., and the U.S. Plus, following the screening, a conversation between director Sarah Barton and Debbie Kaminer, JD, Zicklin professor of law and an expert on workplace accommodations. Learn more and watch the trailer [here](#).
**Documentary Double Feature: Design-Ability and Deej**

**When:** Monday, Mar. 12, 6 pm  
**Where:** Engelman Recital Hall, BPAC

*Design-Ability* tells the story of Barcelonan design studio La Casa de Carlota that harnesses the unique skills and perspectives of a creative team that includes members with Down syndrome and autism. *Deej* tells the story of DJ Savarese, a young adult on the autism spectrum who finds his voice as a poet. The film follows him as he navigates college admissions. After the screening, DJ Savarese speaks with clinical neuropsychologist Juliana Bates, PhD, of Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Learn more and watch the movie trailers [here](#).

**Upcoming Around the University**

**CUNY Faculty Diversity Dialogues**

A series of open forums for faculty, administrators, and staff showcase issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion with discussions featuring national leaders in higher education who share philosophy and best practices regarding faculty and staff recruitment, retention, and advancement. RSVP to [DiversityEventsRSVP@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:DiversityEventsRSVP@baruch.cuny.edu) to attend one or both of the events below:

**A Conversation with Yolanda T. Moses, PhD**

Professor of Anthropology and Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Excellence, and Equity, University of California, Riverside  
**When:** Monday, Mar. 12, 1-4 pm  
**Where:** Roosevelt House, Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, 47-49 East 65th Street

**A Conversation with Caroline Sotello Viernes Turner, PhD**

Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, California State University, Sacramento, and author of *Diversifying the Faculty: A Guidebook for Search Committees*  
**When:** Thursday, Apr. 19, 3-5 pm  
**Where:** Proshansky Auditorium, The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue between 34th and 35th Streets

In the spirit of community, I thank you for making Baruch College’s and CUNY’s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity a priority.

Sincerely,  
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