

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

# UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY COUNCIL

The Youngstown State University Diversity Council, through its Community Diversity Committee, presents the 2008-2009 Community Diversity Program Series. This year's series features a variety of events and performances for the community to promote a better understanding of and appreciation for the diverse nature of the valley and the region.

The Community Diversity Program Series is sponsored by the YSU Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, which is responsible for the oversight and collaboration of various diversity activities and programs throughout the community and on campus. This year's series will also feature many campus and community partners who are sponsors and/or co-sponsors of various programs and events.

**Thank You to Our Partners:**

- Partners for Workplace Diversity – YSU Williamson College of Business
- Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
- The City of Youngstown
- Penny Wells, Sojourn to the Past & Underground Railroad Research Team
- Youngstown State University Center for Student Progress
- Youngstown State University Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies
- Youngstown State University Dana School of Music
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*Special thanks to Susan Moorer, who currently works in the College of Education, for her leadership and commitment as past chair of the Community Diversity Committee.*

**All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted!**

**Save the Date!**  
**Hispanic Heritage Celebration**  
**“The Legacy of Hispanics in the Mahoning Valley”**  
**Friday, September 19, 2008, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center, YSU**

# PROGRAM SERIES FEATURES

## Fall Events

### September 2008

***A Hispanic Heritage Discussion:***  
***“Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future”***  
**September 20, 2008**

Dr. Alvaro Ramirez, keynote speaker for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration and Professor of Modern Languages at Saint Mary's College of California, facilitates an in-depth discussion about the legacy of Hispanics in the Mahoning Valley. Main Branch Library, 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Development Office, Deborah Liptak, Development Director, at 330-744-8636, ext. 118 or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

### October 2008

***An Evening with Minnijean Brown Tricky***  
**October 28, 2008**

One of the original Little Rock Nine, Minnijean Brown Tricky comes to the Ford Recital Hall of the DeYor Performing Arts Center for an evening public performance/lecture at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Penny Wells, Sojourn to the Past, at 330-788-0545. Sponsored by Penny Wells, Youngstown Sojourn to the Past. Co-sponsors: League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown, Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Partners for Workplace Diversity.

### November 2008

***“Dispelling the Myths of Native Americans”***  
**November 25, 2008**

The Pipe family of Austintown presents a Native American presentation as father, Herman Pipe, facilitates a discussion about the misconceptions about their culture. He will specifically discuss the distinct and unique status of Native Americans from federally recognized tribes in this country as well as legal and political definitions. (Native American artifacts and books of Native Americans will be on display.) Main Branch Library, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. For more information or reservations for this program, contact Deborah Liptak, Development Director, at 330-744-8636, ext. 118.

***Reflections of Dr. Cornel West's Visit to Youngstown***

Dr. West, the 2008 featured speaker of the Skegg's Lecture Series, is a Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University. He is one of America's most preeminent and prolific public intellectuals and is also one of the most sought after speakers in universities across the country. Facilitators: Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, Director, Africana Studies Program, Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, and Dr. Benjamin McGee, Assistant Professor, Counseling & Special Education, Beeghly College of Education. (Date, time and place to be announced later.) For more information, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

## Spring Events

### February 2009

***The Langston Hughes Poet Society***  
**February 24, 2009**

The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County presents the Langston Hughes Poet Society of Pittsburgh, who will present “Black Tie Poetry – Reading and Remembering Langston Hughes,” 4:00 p.m. Newport Branch Library, 3730 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio; 6:30 p.m. East Branch Library, 430 Early Road, Youngtown, Ohio. For more information, contact Deborah Liptak, Development Director, at 330-744-8636, ext. 118. **(For more Black History Month celebrations and activities, visit the YSU diversity website at [http://www.ysu.edu/div\\_ysu/](http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/).)**

### March 2009

***A book discussion “Summer Art in China”***  
**March 12**

Join Dr. George McCloud, Vice President for University Advancement, and students of YSU, for a presentation and book discussion. 6:30 p.m. Newport Branch Library, 3730 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio. For more information, contact Deborah Liptak, Development Director, at 330-744-8636, ext. 118.

### April 2009

***Writing a Multicultural Novel***  
**April 8**

Mary Claire Mahaney, author of “Osaka Heat,” facilitates this discussion, Newport Branch Library, 3730 Market St, Youngstown, Ohio, 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Deborah Liptak, Development Director, at 330-744-8636, ext. 118.

***“The Zoot Suit Riots” by YSU's Dr. Mehera Gerardo***  
**April 14**

In 1943, during WWII, Los Angeles experienced a 10-day-long race riot during which white servicemen beat and stripped Mexican American and African American youths who wore zoot suits. Dr. Gerardo of YSU's History Department will take us back to that time to recreate the events and examine the motives that led to them. Join us to learn about these almost forgotten shameful incidents. (Friends of the PLYMC Lunch & Learn Brown Bag Series) Main Branch Library, 12 noon. For more information, contact Deborah Liptak, Development Director, at 330-744-8636, ext. 118.

***Flight to Freedom - a 2-day Spring Bus Excursion***

Join us as we take students on an educational journey across the southwestern part of the state to discover Ohio's important contributions on the “Underground Railroad.” We will also travel to Dayton and visit the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center and take a site visit to Wilberforce University and Central State University – Ohio's historical black colleges.

Co-sponsors: the Office of Student Diversity, the Partners for Workplace Diversity, Youngstown State Early College, and Penny Wells (the Underground Railroad Research Team). The date and time of this remarkable excursion will be announced at a later date. Please visit the YSU diversity website at [http://www.ysu.edu/div\\_ysu/](http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/) for the announcement or contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370.

**Save the Date! April 2, 2009**

**Youngstown State University**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration**  
**Guest Speaker: Luke Visconti,**  
**Partner/Co-Founder, Diversity, Inc.**

**Check out these and  
other diversity events  
at [http://www.ysu.edu/div\\_ysu/](http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/)**

***Sean Jones Quintet***  
**October 9, 2008**

Come and experience the strong and smooth jazz sounds of YSU graduate and Warren native, Sean Jones. The performance will showcase the trumpeter's latest album, Kaleidoscope, which reveals his immensely expressive and versatile sound. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. at Stambaugh Auditorium. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Crist, Director of YSU's Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636. YSU students free, adults \$10, and other students \$5.

***Prayer with Lior***  
**September 14, 2008**

A 2008 Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival presentation. Lior Liebling has Down syndrome and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. Is he a "spiritual genius," as many around him say, or simply the vessel containing everyone's unfulfilled wishes and expectations? The movie poses difficult questions such as what is "disability" and who really talks to God? Told with intimacy and humor, it is a family story, a triumph story, a grief story, a divinely-inspired story. Youngstown State University, DeBartolo Hall Auditorium, 4 p.m. For more information, contact YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at 330-941-1604 or visit [www.ysu.edu/judaic/mission.html](http://www.ysu.edu/judaic/mission.html) for other Jewish Film Festival Events.

***How His Bride Came to Abraham***  
**October 2, 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**October 5 & 12 at 3 p.m.**

This play happens in the stormy Israel-occupied zone of southern Lebanon, just north of Israel. In classic ROMEO AND JULIET fashion, the play centers upon the romance between young people on warring sides – an Israel soldier and an Arab woman. For tickets contact the University Theater Box Office at 330-941-3105.

The **University Diversity Council** is comprised of campus and community leaders who serve as advisors to YSU President David C. Sweet on issues of diversity on campus and in the community. The Council has three subcommittees: Community Diversity Committee, Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, and the International Committee. See [http://www.ysu.edu/div\\_ysu/](http://www.ysu.edu/div_ysu/)

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