Georgia Institute of Technology
Diversity & Inclusivity Week 2016

Tuesday, March 1

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Tech Walkway
Ask a Muslim
This event provides and open forum for people to ask any questions about Islam. With the increasing Islamophobia in America, the Muslim Student Association hopes to clear misconceptions and offer a chance for the GT Community to get to know them.

4:00 PM, Student Success Center, Clary Theatre
Vaccination and the Public in the 21st Century with Elena Conic (Emory University), Bernice Hausman (Virginia Tech), and Melinda Wharton (Centers for Disease Control). Co-sponsored by GT Center for the Study of Women, Science and Technology (WST), the College of Sciences, and the Office of Student Diversity Programs. Reception Following. Register at diversityprograms.gatech.edu/plugins/rsvp/.

Wednesday, March 2

4:30 – 6:30 PM, Clough Commons 152
The Life of Holocaust Survivor Robert Ratonyi
Born in Budapest, Hungary, Robert remembers a childhood scarred by fear, upheaval, hunger and loss. He was six-years old when forced to wear a yellow star, and face the terrors of war and ghetto life without his parents, both of whom were deported to concentration camps. Ratonyi is a graduate of MIT and Drexel University. Co-sponsored by Hillel and the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum. Register at diversityprograms.gatech.edu/plugins/rsvp/.

Thursday, March 3

6:00 PM, D.M. Smith 105
My Jesus Year – Benyamin Cohen
Part memoir, part spiritual quest, part anthropologist’s mission, Benyamin Cohen’s My Jesus Year is a humorous, personal, ultimately inspirational exploration of Evangelical Christianity by the son of an Orthodox Rabbi on his journey through America’s Bible belt. Sponsored by the Wesley Foundation. Register at diversityprograms.gatech.edu/plugins/rsvp/.

Saturday, March 5

8:00 PM, Ferst Center for the Arts
Maya Beiser
Maya Beiser will perform live featuring films by Bill Morrison and music by composers Michael Gordon and Michael Harrison. Throughout her adventurous and versatile career, Maya Beiser has reimagined the concert experience, creating new music for the cello, commissioning and performing many works written for her by today’s leading composers. Tickets at arts.gatech.edu
Tuesday, March 8

7:00 PM, Student Center Theatre
Night of Diversity: A Cultural Celebration
A performance showcase to celebrate Tech’s rich diversity on our campus. Sponsored by Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Wednesday, March 9

12:00 – 1:00 PM, Smithgall Student Services (Flag) Building 117
Intercultural Toolbox: Developing Global Competence on an International Campus. A review of practical skills to improve communication across cultures for students, staff and faculty. Sponsored by the Counseling Center.

2:00 – 3:00 PM, Clough Lounge
STEM Women's Coffee Talk: Sorry, Not Sorry Workshop
This presentation will review gender differences in communication, especially in the workplace, and provide opportunities for participants to highlight the differential impact of women's voices based on the style of language used. Facilitated by Dr. Erin English – GT Counseling Center and sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

5:30 – 9:30 PM
Safe Space: Peer Education of Students
SSPE equips students with the knowledge and skills to support a peer who comes out to them and to be effective allies to LGBTQIA communities. Free dinner is provided. Register at lgbtqia.gatech.edu

6:00 PM, Student Center Theater
Silver Linings Playbook (Movie)
After a stint in a mental institution, former teacher Pat Solitano moves back in with his parents and tries to reconcile with his ex-wife. Things get more challenging when Pat meets Tiffany, a mysterious girl with problems of her own. Co-sponsored by the Counseling Center and Student Diversity Programs.

Thursday, March 10

11AM-2PM, Tech Walkway
Better Together Campaign: #ChangeTheStory
Share your beliefs and values while learning about other faith and non-faith traditions. This event is sponsored by IDEA (Interfaith Dialogue & Engagement Alliance)
Friday, March 11

3:00 – 9:00 PM, Clough Commons 123

**Social Justice Training for Students**

Students are critical in building an inclusive community on-campus. This highly interactive and engaging training will expand students’ skills regarding the concept and ideal of social justice – including terminology, definitions, and action planning. Participants will explore their own identities and acknowledge systems which are barriers to social justice. This session is limited to 25 students. Register at diversityprograms.gatech.edu/plugins/rsvp/.

Tuesday, March 15

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**Safe Space**

The LGBTQIA Resource Center’s Safe Space training cover language, policies, resources and skills for supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual communities at Georgia Tech. This training is open to all employees. Register at safespace.gatech.edu

Wednesday, March 16

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Trans 101**

Trans 101 is the LGBTQIA Resource Center’s introductory education program designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to support transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender questioning individuals at Georgia Tech. The workshop will cover trans-inclusive language and practices, challenges facing trans people at Tech and nationally, and resources for supporting trans communities on campus. Trainings are open to students, faculty, and staff. Register at lgbtqia.gatech.edu

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Student Center Peachtree

**“THE SKIN I’M IN: HEALING, REDEMPTION & ATONEMENT ACROSS THE SKIN COLOR DIVIDE”™**

In this powerfully transformative "keeping it real" dialogue, participants discuss "colorism," as something to emerge from rather than a phenomenon to continuously perpetuate. The knots in participants' stomachs are loosened as they learn to reject the politics of hue and embrace their own unique array of beauty in the face of society's distorted messaging. Facilitators: Chery D. Cofield – Director of Inclusion & Engagement, Institute Diversity and Stephanie Ray – Associate Dean/Director of Student Diversity Programs. Register at diversityprograms.gatech.edu/plugins/rsvp/.

Thursday, March 17

4:00 PM, Wardlaw, Gordy Room

**Gender Mainstream in Higher Education in Africa** Catherine Guma, Fulbright Scholar and guest instructor at Clark Atlanta University. Co-sponsored by the GT Center for the Study of Women, Science, and Technology (WST), Ivan Allen College Dean’s Office, and the Women’s Resource Center.
March 28 – April 22
Clough Commons, 3rd Floor Gallery

Love Makes a Family Photo Exhibit

Love Makes a Family is a museum-quality traveling exhibit including photographs and interviews with families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) members. Through first-person accounts and positive images, this exhibit seeks to challenge and change damaging myths and stereotypes about LGBT people and their families. This event is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. Georgia Tech housing students are welcome to visit the exhibit on for a special viewing and reception on April 7 at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, March 29

5:00 – 6:30 PM, Ferst Center for the Arts Westbrook Gallery

Relationship between the United States and Cuba: Past, Present & Future

Panelists: Rigoberto Hernandez PhD – Chemistry & Biochemistry, Diley Hernandez PhD – CEISMC, Osvaldo Cleger PhD – Modern Languages & Michaelanne Dye, Doctoral Candidate – Human Centered Computing

The U.S. and Cuba agreed to diplomatic relations in 2015. What do you know about Cuba and Cuban contributions to the world? What does this new agreement mean for Cubans and Americans, including you? Come and find out the answers to these questions and more. Authentic Cuban sandwiches will be served. Co-sponsored by Office of Hispanic Initiatives and Student Diversity Programs. Register at diversityprograms.gatech.edu/plugins/rsvp/ by March 24.

Wednesday, March 30

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Student Veteran Awareness Workshop, Student Services (Flag) Building Room 117

An overview about Student Veterans at Georgia Tech. Topics for discussion include: life in the military, transitioning from military to civilian and college life, acceptance and challenges on campus. Sponsored by the Veteran’s Resource Center

5:00 – 6:30, Student Center 301

The Power of Your Personal Story (Student’s only)

Storytelling is one of the world’s oldest art forms, and this art is shared by all cultures and backgrounds. Stories bond us to each other and to the communities we share. Learn the elements of a good story and how to create an original story to arouse emotion to bring about change. Student stories will be showcased in April at a Storytelling Salon. Co-sponsored by SGA’s Culture and Diversity Affairs Committee and the Diversity Ambassadors.

7:00 PM, Clough Commons 152

Screening DOPE (2015) and hosting film director, Rick Famuyiwa. Sponsored by the Sundance Film Forward.
For more information call the Office of Student Diversity Programs at 404-894-2561 or TDD 404-894-1664. Please let the Office know if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these programs. For a detailed description of these events visit www.diversityprograms.gatech.edu.

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