

# 2011 Diversity Resources at Drexel University for Psychology Students

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## **Drexel University Intercultural Engagement & Diversity Initiative**

The mission of the Intercultural Engagement & Diversity Initiative is to integrate diversity into the fabric of the university – its curricular and co-curricular offerings; policies; programs and practices and to foster a community grounded in respect for differences that engages with openness and humility.

It embraces the ideological, intellectual, economic, gender, ability, gender identity, religious, age, racial, cultural, ethnic, national and all differences of our students, faculty, staff and alumni and value their contributions to Drexel University.

Go to: http://drexel.edu/intercultural

#### James E. Marks Intercultural Center

Drexel University has a diverse student body from 50 U.S. states and 130 foreign countries. Drexel students are over 50% female, and almost 35% are African or Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander, Hispanic, bi-racial or of international origin. The University hosts a large number of cultural, religious and identity-oriented student organizations on campus, including Asian, Filipino,



Hellenic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Indian, Romanian, Latin American, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Christian, Islamic, Jewish and Hindu student groups.

The Intercultural Center embraces the uniqueness of Drexel's many cultural, religious, and identity groups and supports the vision of the Intercultural Engagement & Diversity Initiative (see above), which was launched in late 2008 to encourage intercultural engagement, build intercultural competency, and support life-long learning among Drexel's diverse community of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners.

The Intercultural Center features a seminar room, an exhibition gallery, a resource center, an interfaith chapel, a multipurpose room, and a kitchen. The Center also houses the administrative offices of Drexel's Office of Equality & Diversity, Office of Multicultural Programs, Office of Study Abroad, and office space for spiritual and religious ministries.

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# **Office of Multicultural Programs**

The Office of Multicultural Programs coordinates comprehensive, student-focused, cultural month programming and develops and implements a wide range of multicultural and social justice education and training opportunities on topics including but not limited to: gender,

race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and socioeconomic class by means of in-class presentations, intergroup dialogue circles, student organization workshops, etc., to increase student engagement and promote an inclusive and interdependent, socially just community.

The programs and services provided by the OMP are based on a philosophy of social justice, meaningful and equal participation of a group within a society that is mutually shaped to meet their needs. The programs and services provided by the office are open to all members of the Drexel University community.



Go to: http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/MulticulturalPrograms/

#### 2011 programs include:

- 1. Black History Month (February) http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/MulticulturalPrograms/BHM.html
- 2. Women's History Month (March) http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/MulticulturalPrograms/WHM.html
- 3. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May) http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/MulticulturalPrograms/APAHM.html
- 4. LGBT Pride Days (First week of May) http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/MulticulturalPrograms/LGBT.html
- 5. Latino Heritage Month (September) http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/MulticulturalPrograms/LHM.html

## Office of Spiritual & Religious Life

The Office of Spiritual & Religious Life believes that spiritual and/or religious exploration and expression is integral to the ongoing process of establishing identity, making meaning and clarifying purpose in our lives. Under the umbrella of this office, the Interfaith Council provides support to students, faculty and staff at Drexel in the expression, understanding and practice of faith; and cultivates mutual respect for the variety of faith traditions represented by the members of the University community. The Interfaith Council is currently comprised of professional religious staff from Asbury Ministry, Baptist Campus

Ministries, Hillel of Greater Philadelphia, and Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in addition laypersons from Student Life and Academic Affairs at the University.

#### Go to: http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/Interfaith

## **Related Student Organizations**

#### Go to: http://drexel.edu/oca/so/sod\_cultural.asp

- African Students Association
- Asian Student Association
- Bhangra (Punjabi cultural organization)
- Dandiya (South Asian cultural organization)
- Diversity Leadership Organization
- Drexel Indian Undergraduate Students Association
- Filipino Intercultural Society of Drexel University
- Foundation of Undergraduates for Sexual Equality
- Hellenic Society
- Hong King Students Association
- Italian Students Organization
- Japanese Undergraduate Student Association
- Korean Student Association
- Latinos for a United Campus
- Malaysian Student Association
- Minority Student Association
- Multicultural Greek Council
- Muslim Student Association
- Over the Rainbow (LGBT organization)
- PRAGATHI-Graduate Indian Student Association
- Romanian Organization
- Salsa con Cache' (Latino song/dance organization)
- Shor (social/musical Indian organization)
- Student Association for Reviving Entertainment, Games, & Art of Malayees
- The African American Perspective
- Turkish Student Association
- Ukrainian Society
- Variety of Indian Cultural Expressions
- Vietnamese Student Association
- West Indian Student Establishment

