

2017  
DEDICATED SEMESTER

# IDENTITY

FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY

WE, MYSELF & WHY?

Who are you? Who are we together? Is your identity your own or do others co-construct it with you? Is your self stable or ever-changing? There are so many questions we can ask about our identities, but one thing we can know for sure is that identity matters. Our identities shape and are shaped by our experiences of the world, they influence the opportunities we have and the struggles we encounter, and they are situated in cultures, histories, belief systems, and power structures. We dedicate the Fall 2017 semester to the broad consideration of identity and identities. We invite you to find yourself, discover the other, and celebrate our identity as the community of Fontbonne University.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **OUR TRANS FAMILY PHOTO EXHIBIT**

August 25-September 22nd

Open during Fine Arts Gallery Hours – Fine Arts Gallery

Twenty-seven framed photographs of transgender people and their families.

### **CONVOCATION: THE SOCIAL NATURE OF IDENTITY: WE, MYSELF, AND WHY?**

August 30 – 10 a.m. – DSAC Gymnasium

Featured Speaker: Wayne Brekhus, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Missouri - Columbia

### **COFFEE TALK AT THE WYDOWN HOUSE: AUTHENTICITY**

September 1 – 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Wydown House

Do you have a picture perfect life? Do you exhaust yourself to impress others? This discussion will focus on the ways in which we connect and censor our lives. Please join the Pressimones for coffee, pastries, and conversation centered on the topic of Authenticity. RSVP is required.

### **OPENING GALLERY TALK: OUR TRANS FAMILY PHOTO EXHIBIT**

September 7 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Fine Arts Gallery

Featured Speakers: Jeff Percy and Meredith Watts, from the charitable organization “For Good” Photography, Inc.

### **TRANSCENDING GENDER: EXPERIENCING IDENTITIES ACROSS THE SPECTRUM**

September 20 – 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Library Lewis Room

Perspectives from transgender and genderqueer persons as well as a parent of a transgender child.

Featured Panelists: Ro Kicker, Peter Seay, Jes Stevens (FBU Alumnus), Kylee Swendig

### **FONTBONNE STUDENT IDENTITIES SPOTLIGHT: LATINO HISPANIC UNION**

September 27 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Golden Meadow

Join students in the Latino Hispanic Union to learn more about their identities and experiences.

### **FROM TOLERANCE TO RESPECT: BEING CATHOLIC AND BEING PROTESTANT SINCE THE REFORMATION**

September 28 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Lewis Room

Panel discussion with professors of church history, coinciding with lecture series on the Reformation at Covenant Seminary the following two days.

Featured Panelists: Dr. Eduardo Echeverria, Sacred Heart Major Seminary; Dr. Sean Lucas, Reformed Theological Seminary; Dr. Brian Matz, FBU

### **WOODROW WILSON GRANT SPEAKER: THREE LIES AND A TRUTH: A NEW AMERICAN REALITY**

October 3 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Lewis Room

Featured Speaker: Dr. Sayu Bhojwani, President of The New American Leaders Project

Dr. Bhojwani’s talk will address key myths about American identity that get in the way of knowing ourselves and building an inclusive democracy.

### **CSJ IDENTITIES: TRIP TO THE MOTHERHOUSE**

October 4 – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Meet in the AMC

Take a tour and have dinner at Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet Motherhouse. RSVP is required.

**COFFEE TALK AT THE WYDOWN HOUSE: INTERSECTIONALITY**

October 6 – 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Wydown House

Ever heard of the term intersectionality? Our discussion will focus on overlapping identities, and their role in dominance and oppression. Please join the Pressimones for coffee, pastries, and conversation centered on the topic of Intersectionality. RSVP is required.

**FONTBONNE STUDENT IDENTITIES SPOTLIGHT: FONTBONNE LGBTQA ALLIANCE FOR RESPECT AND EQUALITY**

October 11 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Golden Meadow

Join students in FLARE to learn more about their identities and experiences.

**CARONDELET LECTURE SERIES: SHIFTS IN CATHOLIC SELF PERCEPTION FROM THE REFORMATION TO THE ECUMENICAL AGE**

October 19 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Lewis Room

Featured Speaker: Dr. Susan Wood, Marquette University, Catholic member of Vatican-sponsored North American Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue Group

**EXPLORING ST. LOUIS' IDENTITY: NEIGHBORHOODS TROLLEY TOUR**

October 20 – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Meet in the Golden Meadow

Take a ride on a trolley through the St. Louis neighborhoods to learn about their rich history. RSVP is required.

**SERVICE WITH THE CSJS**

October 21 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Meet in the AMC

Service is a strong component of our Fontbonne identity. Join us for a morning of service with the CSJs. RSVP is required.

**THE INTERSECTION OF EDUCATIONAL DISABILITIES/EXCEPTIONALITIES AND IDENTITY**

October 25 – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Library Lewis Room

Featured Panelists: Nancy Bonn-Winkler, School counselor for Gifted Education, Rockwood School District, Madeleine Gruzca, Special Educator, and Emily Klein, Fontbonne Student

Host: Michael Barla, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Education/Special Education, Fontbonne University

**PANEL DISCUSSION AND EXPO: SOCIAL MEDIA AND IDENTITY**

November 1 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – DSAC Caf'

Exploring the ways in which people construct their identity and represent themselves on social media.

Featured Panelists: Michael Barla, Assistant Professor, Fontbonne University, Christine Keller, Director of Career Development, Fontbonne University, Jody Jedlicka and Fannie Terrell, Fontbonne Students

**COFFEE TALK AT THE WYDOWN HOUSE: PRIDE/SHAME**

November 3 – 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Wydown House

What's the price of belonging to a particular group? This discussion will focus on how our identity allows us to feel self-determined, or the ways it causes us to feel helpless or invisible. Please join the Pressimones for coffee, pastries, and conversation centered on the topic of Pride/Shame. RSVP is required.

**SHOW-ME DEMOCRACY FILM**

November 6 – 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – Library Lewis Room

In collaboration with the Peace and Justice committee, join us for a showing of the documentary "Show-Me Democracy" and a discussion to follow with Fontbonne Alum, Karina Arango and the film's director, Dan Parris.

**OMICRON DELTA KAPPA PRESENTS THE BREAKFAST CLUB FILM AND DISCUSSION**

November 10 – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Library Lewis Room

Omicron Delta Kappa invites you for a viewing of the movie "The Breakfast Club" and to engage in a group discussion led by Kevin Eiler and Janelle Julian.

**FONTBONNE STUDENT IDENTITIES SPOTLIGHT: INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR**

November 14 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – DSAC Gymnasium

Food, dance, and décor! Join our many international students to learn more about their identities and experiences.

**MANDY HARVEY PERFORMANCE AND TALK**

November 17 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – DSAC Caf'

Mandy Harvey is a singer, songwriter and motivational speaker who happens to have an invisible disability. Mandy will perform her music while sharing her story of rediscovering herself after losing her hearing at the age of eighteen.

**FONTBONNE STUDENT IDENTITIES SPOTLIGHT: BLACK STUDENT UNION**

November 30 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – AMC

Join students in the Black Student Union to learn more about their identities and experiences.

**COFFEE TALK AT THE WYDOWN HOUSE: HOW TO BE AN ALLY**

December 1 – 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Wydown House

How are you in solidarity with other, non-dominant groups? Our discussion will focus on how we can "show up" for others, and the reflection necessary to identify as an ally. Please join the Pressimones for coffee, pastries, and conversation centered on the topic of How To Be An Ally. RSVP is required.