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## 2014-2015 Cultural Awareness Series Highlights

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Cultural Awareness Series! The James Farmer Multicultural Center is celebrating the 21st annual CAS with a year of numerous events. The events that will be hosted this year will consist of captivating performers and speakers that will educate about culture through the arts, increasing awareness and knowledge of diversity issues that impact students as well as the community as a whole. Our CAS strives to promote an understanding and appreciation for diversity in race, gender,



nationality, sexual orientation, religion, age, and culture. All events are free, unless otherwise stated, and open to faculty/staff, students, alumni, and community members. Please come and join us as we celebrate culture through the arts. For more information on the speakers and performers please visit our website at [www.students.umw.edu/multicultural](http://www.students.umw.edu/multicultural).



**Latino Identities Month** keynote – Shayla Rivera

**Gender and Sexual Minorities and Allies (GSMA)** keynote - Mara Keisling

**Asian Cultural Celebration** keynote – Onoe Ryu Dance Enterprises

**Taste of Asia** – November 1, 2014

**Jewish Cultural Celebration** keynote – Dr. Vanessa Ochs

**Native American Cultural Celebration** keynote – Dr. Scott Stevens

**Kwanzaa Celebration** - December 4, 2014

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration** keynote – Ernest Green

**Black History Month** keynote – Judge Glenda Hatchett

**Step Show Competition** – February 21, 2015

**Women's History Month** keynote –

Dr. Anita Taylor

**Islamic Cultural Banquet** keynote –

Noor Tagouri

**24th Annual Multicultural Fair** - April

11, 2015

**Passover** - April 7, 2014



## Human Rights Film Series Debuts

As part of our ongoing commitment to social justice and honoring the legacy of Dr. James Farmer, the James Farmer Multicultural Center announces a new initiative this year: the Human Rights Film Series. In its inaugural year, the Human Rights Film Series will screen documentaries dealing with issues and topics, such as the rights of undocumented immigrants, the struggles of indigenous peoples to reclaim their cultures, and the crucial and significant role women played during the Civil Rights Movement.

In September, Jose Antonio Vargas' *"Documented: a Film About an*

*Undocumented Immigrant"* will be shown. This film details the life and struggles of Vargas, a Pulitzer prize winning journalist, immigrant rights activist, and an undocumented immigrant. In November, *"We Still Live Here-Âs Nutayneân,"* by Anne Makepeace, documents the challenges and successes of the Wampanoag peoples of southeastern Massachusetts in reclaiming their native language. Lastly, in February, Sharon La Cruise's *"Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock"* details the life of the incredibly influential but largely forgotten civil rights activist, Daisy Bates.

All film screenings will be free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

- Thursday, September 18, 6 p.m., Lee Hall room 412: *"Documented: a Film About an Undocumented Immigrant."*
- Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m., Lee Hall room 412: *"We Still Live Here-Âs Nutayneân."*
- Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m., Lee Hall room 412: *"Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock."*

## 2014-2015 Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership Recipient:

### Cara Wimberley



Cara Wimberley is a senior attending the University of Mary Washington from Blacksburg, Virginia. She is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Linguistics and Middle Eastern Studies. Cara recently spent a semester abroad at Al-Ahliyya Amman University in Jordan studying Arabic and taking other courses about Middle Eastern culture and history. This experience has opened her eyes to many global, social and political issues. Participating in this study abroad program has further enhanced her leadership skills, as well as increased her understanding of different cultural environments. Her time in Jordan has added to her ability to communicate effectively and establish positive relationships in an international arena. From this opportunity, Cara has a heightened desire to experience life in multiple areas of the world, as more than just a tourist.

During her UMW career, Cara has held several leadership roles and been very involved in a number of campus-wide cultural programs. She is a member, past secretary and vice president of People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM). In addition, she has consistently participated in the Cross-Cultural BBQ, Arab Culture Night, Day of Silence and the Multicultural Fair. This year, Cara will be a peer mentor in the InterLink Mentor Program with the Center for International Education.

Her studies at UMW and abroad have encouraged her to work toward causes that promote diversity, equality, social justice, and cultural awareness. Cara's UMW and study abroad experiences have taught her that being a leader means learning about diverse identities and cultures in order to best understand the richness of community. They have also led her to explore her own identities, as well as her role in the UMW community. Cara appreciates receiving this award as a special opportunity to address social justice and diversity issues that impact members of the Mary Washington community and beyond. She aspires to continue these efforts after graduating.

### Upcoming Events

- Cross-Cultural Barbeque, Thursday, August 28, 2014, Ball Circle, 4 pm



### 2014 Senior Recognition Program



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