



Brock University Graduate Students' Association Cultural Integration Week 2022

GSA's 2nd Annual Cultural Integration Week Schedule **February 14 – 18, 2022**

MONDAY

Cultural Connections Speed Networking @ 1pm

This event is focused on enhancing connections between international and domestic students at Brock, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the GSA knows that student social life has taken a serious hit! For this hour long Zoom session we want to foster an environment of intercultural connection and provide students with the opportunity to connect with peers at Brock and build new friendships.

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TUESDAY

Iaminuk Workshop led by Cindy Biancaniello @ 12pm – 2pm

During this session Cindy will show a PowerPoint slideshow of pictures depicting traditional Inuit life. Pictures date back to 1897, when Cindy's grandfather was an Inuktitut interpreter on board the SS Diana and the Neptune expedition ships.

Many of the pictures are family photos that will give the viewer a fascinating glimpse of the past in a harsh and beautiful environment. Clothing, food, tools, and hunting practices are discussed by Cindy as she shares these spectacular photos. Cindy also delivers a hands-on workshop making such things as bookmarks, bracelets and earrings with beads and charms that remind her of stories past.

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WEDNESDAY

HRE Workshop on Intercultural Perspectives on GSV @ 12pm – 1pm

Join us for a workshop reflecting on how gender & sexual violence affects multiple cultures, intercultural communication, and dating. This workshop involves two components. A 30-minute Sakai online module, and a 1-hour Teams Seminar to discuss what you've learned in Sakai, and engage in some experiential activities.

For access to Sakai, please register on Experience BU for this event at least 3 hours before the scheduled Seminar. We ask that you please complete the Sakai module BEFORE the Teams Seminar to be able to attend and engage in the seminar.



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This workshop is part of a Certificate Series. Complete 5 workshops to receive a “Standard Gender & Sexual Violence Support Certificate”. Complete 10 to receive an “Advanced Gender & Sexual Violence Support Certificate”.

For more information about our Certificate program, please visit <https://brocku.ca/human-rights/events-and-actions/#gsvcertificate> or email Talia at tritondo@brocku.ca.

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Wining, Women and Wotlessness @ 7pm – 8:30pm

Are you interested in learning more about Carnival? From the rhythmic chipping of paint-soaked revellers in the early J'ouvert morning to fire breathing Jab Molassie that seek to disturb order and revellers. Join this workshop to explore the origins of Carnival, elements of Ole' Mas that hold such cultural significance that contribute to the seamless beauty of Carnival. Examining the evolution of the rich melodic beats of Kaiso and Calypso, while looking at the emergence of the heavily adorned carnival costumes. It will be done through a cross-cultural lens as we start in the 'home of Carnival', Trinidad and Tobago, while these public demonstrations on the streets.

Presented by Anti-Racism Advocate Monique Maison in collaboration with the Student Justice Centre and office of Human Rights and Equity at Brock.

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THURSDAY

Hollaback! Bystander Intervention Training @ 1pm

Hollaback! is a global, people-powered movement to end harassment — in all its forms. They believe that we all deserve to be who we are, wherever we are.

They believe we all have a role to play in disrupting harassment and building a culture where it is no longer seen as “just the price you have to pay” for being a woman, LGBTQ+, a person of color, or any other marginalized identity. They teach people to take action, and to reach across their own identities to ally with others and establish a united front against harassment each time we witness it.

In response to the continued police violence against black communities and the recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, they are offering this free, one-hour, interactive training to train people on how to safely intervene in the face of police violence and anti-black racism using Hollaback!'s 5D's of bystander intervention

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Black Student Voices: What My Culture Means to Me @ 2pm – 4pm



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Please join Black domestic and international students for a student-led panel discussion on Black Experiences at Brock University. They will discuss how they experience community and define their identities while navigating daily life at a predominantly White institution, community and

country. The panel will consist of five graduate and undergraduate students, as well as a student moderator, who will tackle questions around the successes and challenges of their journeys.

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Intercultural Learning and Services at Brock @ 4pm – 5:30pm

Join us for this Zoom webinar where our guest speakers will be discussing different resources available to international (and domestic) students at Brock, exploring some common challenges or barriers that students may face, and finally offering some information on the cultural context and responsibilities inherent to being a learner on this land.

Our speakers:

- Carolyn Villella, International Student Life Specialist with Brock International Services
- Eve Nyambiya, the Anti-Racism and Inclusion Advisor with the Human Rights and Equity Office
- Dr. Robyn Bourgeois, professor in Women and Gender Studies and the Vice Provost of Indigenous Engagement at Brock
- Samuel Charal, the Aboriginal Recruitment and Liaison Officer from Aboriginal Student Services at Brock
- Moderator: Daislyn Vidal, the VP of Graduate Students with CUPE4207 and international graduate student in the department of Applied Health Sciences

FRIDAY

International Student Solidarity Panel @ 2:30pm – 4pm

Join us for this panel hosted by members of CUPE, OPIRG, and the GSA amplifying voices of international students at Brock who are interested in sharing their experiences with incoming and current students. Panelists will cover such topics as being an international student during online learning, support services for international students during COVID-19, finding a sense of community in a new place, and applying for jobs after graduation.

We will hear from Simranjeet Kaur and Foroogh Zarei, international graduate students in the Department of Education at Brock, as well as Brock alumni Ezgi Sarioglu who graduated around 5 years ago and now works as the Program Manager for Red Deer Local Immigration Partnership, Canada. The panel will be moderated by Rakha Zabin, the Associate Vice President International with the GSA, and an international student in the Joint Phd of Educational Studies.

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Around the World Trivia @ 4pm

It's the final event of our Cultural Integration Week - time to wrap things up with TRIVIA!

Join us on Zoom at 4pm for the chances to win a \$25 gift card from a local restaurant and take your knowledge around the world. Answer questions about global cultures (food, art, music), geography and other aspects highlighted throughout our Cultural Integration Week.

Note: only current Brock graduate students are eligible to win the prize

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