

# OFFICE for EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

# NEWSFLASH edition

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### **DISCOURSE & DIFFERENCE SESSION ONE – A SUCCESS; SESSION TWO, COMING UP**

Have you wondered why civic discourse seems harder than it ever has been before? A group of 16 faculty, staff, and students are thinking about the same thing! So, on February 9th they participated in Discourse and Difference – a program designed to develop capacity for candid, respectful, and empathic conversations on deeply difficult subjects. Will you take your seat at the table on May 11th? Contact us at [EDI@sou.edu](mailto:EDI@sou.edu) to learn more!

### **LIVING GUIDE IS OUT!**

The [Inclusive Rogue Valley Living Guide](#) is available! A HUGE and special thanks to Committee for Equity and Diversity work group members: Christopher Young, Luana Stevens, and Michele Barlow and to Communication and Marketing's Greg Martin and Computing Services' Shankara Glassford for their work on this project!

### **THE ORIGINAL INFLUENCERS | APRIL 6TH | 5:30 PM | MEESE AUDITORIUM**

We are stronger together! That's the message of The Original Influencers, brought to you by EDI and the Racial Equity Center of the Social Justice and Equity Center. From the Selma Marches to the Chicano Walkouts; from Women's Liberation to Love Wins and Black Lives Matter, come and consider the history of the nation changing movements with educators and longtime activists, Geneva L. Craig, PhD., RN and DL Richardson.

### **GAINING GREATER UNDERSTANDING | APRIL 26TH – 28TH**

This year, the Gender Advocacy and Inclusion Network (GAIN) brings its [annual conference](#) to the Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites Convention Center. GAIN's conference is a "pillar of its educational work to build collective understandings about intersectional Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Justice." This year, EDI is sponsoring the attendance of eight of our very own students. We'll share with you what they learn. You can also attend the conference yourself!

### **IAN HANEY LOPEZ | MAY 16TH | 7:00 PM | ROGUE RIVER ROOM**

EDI joins campus faculty members and campus theme coordinators: Prakash Chenjeri and Justin Harmon, and the Directors of OSF Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access to bring to campus UC Berkeley's Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Public Law, Ian Haney Lopez. Professor Lopez posits that, "no matter what our race, color, or ethnicity, our best future requires building cross-racial solidarity." Join us for the lecture and consider what you believe.

### **AAPI HERITAGE MONTH | MAY 20TH & MAY 21ST**

EDI joins SOULA and the Southern Oregon Chinese Cultural Association (SOCCA) in recognition of the contributions Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans have made to the history of Southern Oregon. Come hear from multi-sensory artist, Sam Roxas-Chua on May 20th. On May 21st, come and take a hike with us and our [Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument](#) to Buck Rock Tunnel, excavated by Chinese laborers and intended to serve as a passage for Oregon and California Railroad trains before financial setbacks ceased work. Stay tuned for more time and location details.