



**SPRING 2020**

# DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 || 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM || MORSE HALL

**11:00**

## **THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA**

This interactive session will cover what trauma is, how it might impact people differently, and how this information can support individuals impacted by gender-based violence.

**12:30**

## **LUNCH BY THEMED TABLE**

### **Intersectionality and Identity**

Everyone has multiple identities and it impacts our lives in positive and sometimes hurtful ways. Intersectionality takes into account people's overlapping identities and experiences in order to understand the complexity of prejudices we might face.

### **Mental Health Benefits of Emotional Support Animals**

Service animals play a huge role in our society. Our animal companions have proven their ability to provide invaluable assistance to us. Let's explore the positive effects of emotional support animals.

### **Sorting Through the Fake News**

Are we even aware of our biases in the news? This lunch table topic will focus on current news media, and how we can find factual, unbiased information and identify those sources that may be angled towards a conservative or liberal base.

### **I Am More Than My Hair**

Schools today need to be reminded that their students' hair does not define their character. Some schools have implemented dress codes that now prohibit the wearing of hair extensions or certain hairstyles on school grounds, and it seems that African American students are the target of these policies.

**1:30**

## **BATTLING WITH COMPLICATED LEGACIES**

It's disheartening to come across a blemish on an otherwise inspiring legacy, but it happens more often than not in human history. We wish that these legacies would not have any loose ends, but that is often not the case. How do we deal with this conflict?

**3:00**

## **THE POWER AND DANGER OF BEING DIFFICULT**

The experience of being labeled "difficult" for speaking up is common to many. But sometimes you have to challenge others opinions in order to be heard. Are there repercussions when speaking up?

Lunch will be Thai food!

RSVP Requested:

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