

The background of the image is a vibrant teal and white marbled paper, featuring intricate, organic patterns. A solid black rectangular box is centered on the page, containing the main title and date in white text.

# ODI Matters

- APRIL 2023 -

# Contents ✨

From the Desk of Dr. Abrams

Ten Strategies to Improve Trans  
Inclusiveness on Campus

Arab History Month

Sexual Assault Prevention and  
Awareness Month & Convocations

ODI Events

DEI Community Events

New Horizon Events

Religious Life

Connect with Us

**“  
We must stand  
together united in  
solidarity against the  
targeting,  
demonization, and  
vilification of any  
group of people.  
--Linda Sarsour**

From the Desk of Dr. Abrams,

**Last Wednesday, a caravan of students, staff, and faculty traveled to Frankfort to protest Kentucky Senate Bill 150, an assault on the human rights of those in the transgender, non-binary, and queer communities. As folks gathered behind the Norton Center, despite the cold and the heaviness of the moment, I witnessed smiles, hugs, and love in the crowd. In addition to protest signs and bottled water, those headed to Frankfort also carried some trepidation about what *may* happen and steely determination concerning what *must* happen. As a society, we must resist any rhetoric or behavior that would deny the right to autonomy over one's body, freedom to express identity, ease in forming a community, and access to education on gender and sexuality.**

**There are those in the Centre community who disagree with what the protesters are fighting for. The diversity of culture, family, religion, politics, and personal belief means there are varying perspectives concerning gender and sexuality. But, surely, we all agree in our common humanity and that each among us are deserving of dignity, safety, and respect.**

**I urge everyone to remember our shared humanity, our common right to expect dignity and safety in our daily lives, and our commitment to be a community who cares for one another despite our differences. This is the moment to choose kindness, this is the time to act. Reach out with your support. Hold accountable those who do harm.**

**Centre has made strides in the past few years but there is more work to do. The next page contains resources shared by Dr. Rick Axtell and the Human Rights Campaign.**

**Yours in Solidarity,**

**Andrea Abrams, PhD  
Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**SCAN**



**How Anti-Trans  
Legislation Affects  
College Students**

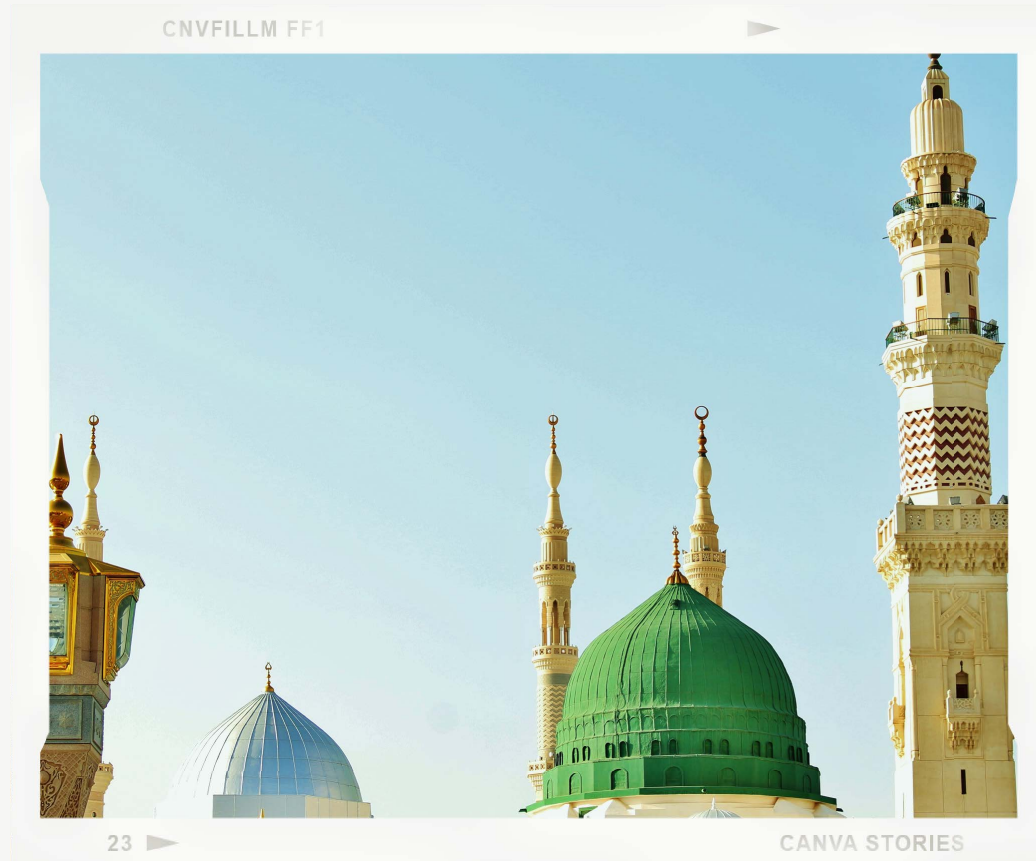
**SCAN**



**5 Things You Can Do  
Today to Support  
LGBTQ Youth**

**April is  
National Arab  
American Heritage  
Month**

# NAAHM



**NATIONAL ARAB HERITAGE MONTH** celebrates the rich and diverse culture, heritage, and contributions of those the diverse population of Arab Americans. National Arab Heritage Month has been observed in the United States during the month of April since 2017.

SAVE THE DATES

*April 25 and 26*

Combs Warehouse



**Musical Encounters:  
Jewish and Muslim  
Songs *of*  
Spain & Morocco**

Convocation (4/25) and Concert (4/26)  
Featuring Dr. Vanessa Paloma Elbaz of the  
University of Cambridge and  
French-Moroccan musicians  
*Mostafa Benhmed & Abdallah Hachami*



SAVE THE DATE  
*Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 pm*  
Combs Warehouse



**Jewish-Muslim  
Encounters in  
Spanish & Moroccan  
Music**

A Convocation Lecture & Demo  
Dr. Vanessa Paloma Elbaz  
University of Cambridge



SAVE THE DATE  
*Wednesday, April 26 at 8 pm*  
Combs Warehouse



**Concert of Ladino and  
Judeo-Arabic Songs  
*from*  
Spain & Morocco**

Featuring Dr. Vanessa Paloma Elbaz of the  
University of Cambridge and  
French-Moroccan musicians  
*Mostafa Benhmed and Abdallah Hachami*





**April is also  
National Sexual  
Assault Prevention  
and Awareness  
Month**

# SAAM



## **NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

recognizes the ongoing need to put an end to the crime of sexual assault. April is also a time to acknowledge the resilience of those impacted by sexual assault including survivors and victims, as well as advocates and professionals supporting survivors, and to ensure that our homes, places of learning and work are safe for all.

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month



6

Cowan  
Table  
11-2

## ***SAAM Kick-Off***

Grab a button and join the Health Promotion Team in kicking off Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

11

CC 201  
8:00pm

## ***Succulents for Survivors***

Survivor network with Centre Counseling and make your own succulent habitat.

12

South Turf  
Field  
6pm

## ***Teal Takeover***

Cheer on the women's lacrosse team as they wear teal in support of SA survivors. Wear blue jeans or teal.



**19**

Football  
Stadium  
7:30pm

***Sunset Yoga***

Wind down with some yoga at the football stadium. Free yoga mat for first 50 attendees.

**20**

Crouse 104  
9:30-12:30

***Ampersand Hours***

Sexual violence resource center hours on campus.

**26**

Cowan  
Table  
10am-2pm

***Denim Day***

Wear jeans and join Centre Health Promotion outside Cowan to paint a denim patch in support of SA survivors.

**APRIL**

**CENTRE**  
COLLEGE

HEALTH  
PROMOTION

***Instagram:***

***@centrehealthpromotion***

# Reproductive Well-Being in Kentucky: Strategies to Increase Contraceptive Access

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 | 7-8 p.m.

Young 113

**Sponsored by: Health Promotion Office, Centre Feminists, and SPEAC**

All Access EKY (AAEKY) is a collaboration between Appalshop and Power to Decide that works in eastern Kentucky to build support for policies, programs, and services that ensure all eastern Kentuckians have access to the full range of contraceptive methods. In this convocation, All Access EKY will describe the current landscape of contraceptive access in Kentucky. Facilitators and participants will identify barriers to and policy solutions for protecting and increasing access. Facilitators will share examples of how young people across the country are increasing access on their college campuses and in their communities. Attendees will learn how they can be successful advocates for contraceptive access and develop an advocacy action plan that they can use to improve Reproductive Well-being in their own communities.

# Consent and Kink

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 | 7-8 p.m.

Vahlkamp

**Sponsored by: Health Promotion Office, Centre Feminists, and SPEAC**

Content Advisory: The convocation will contain discussions of sexual assault prevention through kink-consent practices. This advisory is provided to foster an informed decision and is not intended to discourage attendance.

## Description:

Emerson Karsh is a sex and kink educator, content creator, and writer. She has a degree in Human Sexuality and a dream to make kink and sex education accessible to everyone. She has also been featured in HuffPost, Get Me Giddy, Style Caster, Men's Health, InStyle, and more! Emerson will discuss what we can learn about consent from the kink community. She will equip the audience with the consent and communication tools used in kink. This convocation is part of Centre College's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month pro



# ODI Events

**CENTRE COLLEGE**

# "THREADS ON MAIN"

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT SPONSORED BY SGA  
CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

**DONATE, TAKE, USE!**



Location: Office of Diversity and  
Inclusion, 2nd Floor  
(517 W. Main Street)

Hours of Operation:  
Monday and Thursday 11am-3pm  
(Or by appointment; email [odi@centre.edu](mailto:odi@centre.edu))



**SAVE**

**THE WEIGHT  
OF WORDS**

*STAFF-FOCUSED  
WORKSHOP*

17 APRIL

**2023**

10-12PM

**THE**

**DATE**

FACILITATED BY:  
KALINDA FISHER

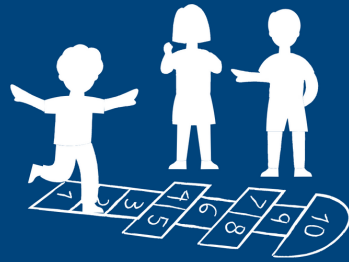
**SPONSORED BY ODI**



SPOTS ARE  
AVAILABLE!



**DEI  
Community  
Events**

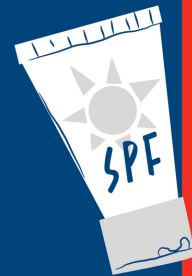


# Summer Baskets for CASA!



CASA is an organization that works to help give children who are abused and/or neglected a voice in court to ensure that their needs and interests are represented.

Help us give these kids a fun way to kick off their summer!



## Accepting Donations of...

- Sunscreen
- Beach Towels
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Sunglasses & Sun hats
- Basketballs, Beach Balls, etc.
- Backpacks
- Board Games
- Jump Ropes
- Frisbees
- Puzzles
- Bubbles
- Educational Books
- and Other Summer Toys!



The collection bin is in the Centre College Library until  
April 30th.



Please contact Raegan Richardson, Sophie Butler, Abby Woolverton, or Katelyn Operle if you have any questions!

raegan.richardson@centre.edu  
sophie.butler@centre.edu

abby.woolverton@centre.edu  
katelyn.operle@centre.edu

## Centre Fusion/African Drums

Mon, Apr 17, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

Combs Warehouse

Centre Fusion performs a mixture of arranged and improvised material with strong jazz and rhythmic foundations, primarily in contemporary styles of American and world music. The African Drums ensemble performs the percussive music of Ghana and other West African countries. The ensemble uses authentic instruments such as torque, ashanti, and djembe drums to explore various styles, particularly those intended for dance and ritual. This event is open to the public.

## CONVOCAATION

### CENTRE FUSION/ AFRICAN DRUMS

MON, APR 17, 2023 | 7:30 P.M.

COMBS WAREHOUSE  
853 WEST WALNUT STREET, DANVILLE, KY



This event is free and open to the public.



# Monuments Mentalities

Thurs, Apr 27, 2023 | 7 p.m.

Vahlkamp

**Sponsored by: Centre College Art Program**

This convocation will feature J. Roderick Heller, former Trustee and Vice Chairman of the National Trust for Historical Preservation, and Stuart Sanders, Director of Research and Collections at the KY Historical Society and former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association (and Centre alumnus). These two distinguished guests, who have spent their scholarly and professional careers addressing monuments, memorials, and issues of collective memory, will join a roundtable discussion moderated by Centre Art History professors Peter Haffner and Amy Frederick, along with several Centre students, to address how we, as a society, memorialize difficult moments from the past and how to address generational shifts in cultural perspectives.



# **Béla Fleck, Zakir Hussain and Edgar Meyer**

**Thurs, Apr 27, 2023**

**7:30-Newlin Hall (Open to public)**

Steeped in jazz, funk and Bluegrass, star Béla Fleck is widely considered to be the world's premier banjo player, with Grammy Awards in more categories than any instrumentalist in history. Zakir Hussain is an international percussion phenomenon, a virtuoso classical tabla player and a national treasure to his native India. Edgar Meyer, a five-time Grammy winner and master of the double bass, combines unparalleled technique and musicianship with a unique gift of composition. Coming together as musical maestros and genre-benders, these longtime friends and innovators create a fusion that is uniquely their own.

update



**NEW  
HORIZONS**

**SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**CENTRE COLLEGE**

DAY OF  
*Positivity*



**THURSDAY, APRIL 13 11:30-12:30**

**IN FRONT OF LIBRARY**

**HOSTED BY NEW HORIZONS**





**New Horizons  
Presents**

# COMBATING MICROAGGRESSIONS:

**PERSONAL  
STORIES MEET  
PRACTICAL  
STRATEGIES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18  
7-8 PM  
EVANS-LIVELY ROOM  
IN OLD CARNEGIE**

Refreshments will be served!



New Horizons Presents

# WHAT'S YOUR STORY COOKOUT

Join us as we take a moment to listen and share with one another. Everyone has a story, we just need to be willing to listen.

**FOOD - STORIES - COMMUNITY**

Sign-up before it's too late - Limited seats available

ODI Front Lawn  
Wednesday, April 26  
6:00pm - 7:00pm



We can't wait to hear  
YOUR story!

# Religious Life

**April 4 – Mahavir Jayanti:** This holiday celebrates the birthday of Jainism founder Lord Mahavira.

**April 5 to April 13:** Passover: This holiday spans 7-days and commemorates the Israelites being freed from slavery in Egypt.

**April 9 – Easter:** Easter is the most important holiday in Christianity. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ – Lord and Savior of Christians.

**April 14 – Vaisakhi:** This ancient festival celebrates both the Solar New Year and springtime harvest.

**April 16 – Feast of the Divine Mercy:** This day, celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska. St. John Paul II declared that it would be celebrated when he canonized her in 2000.

**April 21 to April 22\*** – Eid al-Fitr: The holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. To end the fast, a big meal is its primary event.

***Let all who are hungry,  
Come and eat!***

***Let all who have cares to unburden,  
Come to find comfort!***

***Let all who wish to learn,  
Come to hear the story!***

***Let all who pursue justice,  
Find inspiration!***

**Join us for a Passover Seder  
Monday, April 10th  
Evans-Lively  
6:00 pm**



**RSVP by April 5th  
via this [link](#).**





*Keep in touch*

Connect with Us!



 @centreodi

 @centreodi

 @centre\_odi

 [centre.edu/diversity-at-centre](https://centre.edu/diversity-at-centre)