

# EDUCATE-ORGANIZE-ADVOCATE

UMKC Conference on Civic and Community Engagement  
Friday, October 20, 2017



Time	Room	Presentation	Presenter(s)	Description
8-8:30	401	Registration and Breakfast		Assorted fruit, muffins, and coffee
8:30-850	401	KC for Refugees	Dr. Sofia Khan	This opening presentation will focus on the global refugee crisis, and will explore the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program, and inspire you to get involved to support local refugees in KC.
9-9:50	419	Seeing is Believing: The Impact of Media in Bringing Awareness to Social Inequality	Dr. Rebecca Davis	This lecture will focus on the power of media to communicate a cause, raise awareness and inspire activism, and organize to create change.
	302	Understanding Our Privilege and Its Impact	Dr. Makini King and Lona Davenport	This presentation with audience participation will help participants (1) define privilege, (2) learn about their own privilege, (3) its impact on society, themselves and others, (4) and to learn what to do about it.
	401	Know Your Rights: On Campus and In the Streets	Jessica Piedra, attorney and advocate for immigrant rights, Bob Grove, People Power KC and Kim Hardeman, Black Lives Matter	This panel will discuss rights all "persons" have when encountering Law Enforcement in their daily lives and when taking action in protests . The session will include personal experiences from activists with Black Lives Matter and United We Dream (immigrant rights) as well as explaining how Legal Observers help to protect our democracy at protests. Learn about how "Direct Action/Civil Disobedience" has changed our country in recent years and how to get involved.
	402	The Feminist Resistance in Colombia	Witness for Peace with Carol Rojas	Join us and learn directly from Carol Rojas on popular education and intersectional organizing in a dynamic of escalating violence in post-accords Colombia. Carol is an organizer with the Feminist Antimilitarist Network, a grassroots organization in Colombia, recognized for its popular education model that supports demilitarization and eradication of systems of oppression based on sex, class and race. Carol will be presenting on The Feminist Resistance in Colombia.

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9-10:45	103 Theatre	Policing and Race in America	Prof. Mikah Thompson, Dr. Toya Like, Gabriela Lopez-Gardner, KCPD Deputy Chief Robert Kuehl and Community Activist, Pastor Floyd Wiggins III, UMKC Police Office Officer Jalonn Gordon	This panel will feature a discussion of the historic and modern-day conflict between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. The panel hopes to explore how feelings of fear and distrust have affected interactions between police officers and members of minority groups. By exploring the historical underpinnings of these feelings, we believe we can move toward solutions that will save lives.
10-10:50	402	Good News: The Center for Neighborhoods at UMKC	Drs. Jacob Wagner and Dina Newman	Educate faculty, staff and students about the work of the Center for Neighborhoods and how we organize with neighborhood leaders in Kansas City MO to build their capacity as advocates for neighborhood empowerment and revitalization. The session will provide an overview of the Center for Neighborhoods model, how it works, our goals and objectives, and report on our first year and a half of operations. The Center provides a new approach to applied research, community-based education and service learning at UMKC.
	419	GreenDot Bystander Training	Arzie Umali and Michelle Kroner	Green Dot is a comprehensive bystander intervention training program that creates momentum through the power of a common language and purpose. The goal of Green Dot at UMKC is to help individuals see that their behaviors, choices, words, and attitudes are part of something bigger. At this session, participants will learn how to make our community safer and feel empowered to make that change together.
	302	The Science of Unconscious Bias	Diversity Ambassadors	Increase your capacity to recognize biases and prevent or reduce unintended consequences in order to create a more inclusive relationships, organizations, and campus climate. In this presentation, participants will learn about unconscious bias and discuss the implications of bias judgment and the campus environment. Finally, we will review strategies and resources to further identify unconscious biases and reduce their impacts.

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	401	Immigrant and Refugee Integration into the Kansas City Metro Area	Drs. Clara Irazabal, Theresa Torres, Jessica Piedra, Judy Ancel, Yolany Garcia	Immigrant and Refugee Integration into the Kansas City Metro Area"- This panel will educate about immigrant and refugee issues, inform about some organizations working on the issue, and motivate audience to become advocates.
11-11:50	401	Student Activism Panel		
	419	Difficult Dialogues in the Classroom	Dr. Mikah Thompson	Many professors avoid discussing controversial topics in the classroom, especially when those topics include race, politics, or religion. How can a professor facilitate meaningful dialogue concerning these issues without losing control of the classroom? This session will explore proven techniques for addressing controversial or "hot button" topics in the classroom while ensuring that the learning environment remains inclusive of all perspectives.
	402	Fake News: Your Role and Responsibility	Mardi Mahaffy, Danielle Wellemeyer, and Jessica Williams	Our own histories and frames of reference influence our exposure and approach to news. This session will explore how confirmation bias, privilege, and filter bubbles shape our information habits and our participation in the news cycle. We will share strategies for being responsible and critical information consumers and advocates against fake news.
	302	Supporting Trans College Students	Jonathan Pryor	Educate faculty and staff on best practices to support trans and non-binary students. Advocate for best practices to implement in the classroom and on campus to enhance the climate for trans and non-binary students.
	103	The Many Faces of Truth: Interfaith Kansas City	Cherag Ira Sirkar Harritt, Prof. Syed E. Hasan, Ph.D., Jude Hunzt, KartaPurkh Khalsa, Barb McAtee, Dr. Tamilya Reed, Lama Matthew Rice	In this panel, Kansas City community members who represent Bahá'ism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Paganism, Sikhism, and Sufism are joined together to elevate participants' awareness of spiritual diversity in our city and to promote understanding, respect, and advocacy for each other. Participants will learn commonalities across these perspectives, how faith, philosophy and secular world view discrimination presents itself and strategies to personally and professionally support each other and our various world views.

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12:00-12:30	3rd and 4th floor Student Union	Civic Connections Fair		In light of recent events around social justice and human rights in America, UMKC students have expressed a strong interest in becoming more involved in their local community; because of this, UMKC administration is inviting several community organizations that focus on Education, Women and Children, Social Justice, and Healthcare Access. This event is open to the public with a specific focus on reaching out to college students across the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area.
12:30-1:00	401	Lunch		Lasagna, salad, breadsticks
1:00-1:50	401	Keynote	Representative Emanuel Cleaver	Educate-Organize-Advocate