

# EDUCATE-ORGANIZE-ADVOCATE

UMKC Conference on Civic and Community Engagement

October 12, 2018 | Pierson Auditorium

8:00 -8:50

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**Continental Breakfast; Professor Carol Anderson's Keynote Address**

9:00 - 10:15

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**Stand Up, Fight Back: Community Organizers for Racial and Economic Justice:** Local organizers share their experiences creating community and building coalitions. Panelists will discuss their challenges and triumphs, ways to engage in self-care, to maintain resilience and momentum, the potential pitfalls of working with allies who are not necessarily part of the affected community, as well as a look behind-the-scenes.  
Diana Martinez (Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation), Terrence Wise (StandUp KC), Marcus Winn (MORE2), Diane Burkholder (One Struggle KC), & Alex Perez ( KSMODA)

Room 237 Atterbury  
Student Success  
Center (ASSC)

**Inclusive Diversity: Immigration and American Exceptionalism:**  
The session suggests strategies for engaging with students, staff, and faculty who were not born in the USA so that their experiences become a core part of our conversations about diversity and inclusion. Immigrants bring perspectives to the table that make valuable contributions to our discussion of civic and community engagement. The panel uses specific examples from UMKC and the Kansas City community to demonstrate how immigrants strengthen and complexify American culture.  
Stephen Dilks, Professor of English; Abdulmajeed Baba Ahmed, SGA President; Diana Tamer, Clinical Professor of Pharmacy

Room 238 (ASSC)

**Higher Education and the Handling of Sexual Assault:**  
Sexual assault impacts college campuses across the nation and every university struggles with ways to combat the problem and give justice to the victims. Local youth activists discuss UMKC's history of handling sexual assault and systemic failures to bring justice to victims, and invite the audience to discuss how universities can overhaul how they support victims of sexual assault.  
Victoria McMahan-Parra and other local organizers.

Miller Nichols  
Library Room 325

**Student Activism Panel:**  
Students have played a large role in activism throughout history, but how did student activism progress in America? Take a ride with us through history as we learn more about the progression of student activism and engage with our own student activist panel about how to channel your

	<p>emotions to take the proper action. Our student activist will be discussing various topics including their involvement on campus and in the Kansas City community.</p> <p>Rachel D'Autremont, Brandon Xavier, Angelique Long, Nabil Abas, Mia Scott, Ivan Fontcha, Gabriela Gardner-Lopez and Humberto Gonzalez, UMKC Assistant Director of Student Support Services</p>
	10:30-11:45
Pierson Auditorium	<p><b>Panel Discussion on UMKC's Wrongful Convictions Clinic and the Midwest Innocence Project:</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will highlight the work of the Wrongful Convictions Clinic and the Midwest Innocence Project. The panel will feature attorneys, law professors, law students, and individuals who have served time in prison for crimes they did not commit. In addition to raising awareness about the prevalence of wrongful convictions and their disproportionate impact on communities of color, the discussion will inform individuals who are considering social justice law as a profession.</p> <p>UMKC Professors of Law Mikah Thompson, UMKC Professor of Law Sean O'Brien , UMKC Clinical Professor of Law Lindsay Runnels, Executive Director of the Midwest Innocence Project Tricia Bushnell, two student panelists, and two exonerees.</p>
Room 236 (ASSC)	<p><b>Seeing is Believing: The Role of Media in Activism:</b></p> <p>An exploration of the various ways that media has been used historically (and in a contemporary sense) by activists to rally people to their cause. Using photographs, film, and social media posts, we will discuss media in an ever-changing world where now we are all plugged in (but sometimes how this tends to distract, detract, and desensitize the intended audience).</p> <p>Dr. Rebecca Davis</p>
Room 237 (ASSC)	<p><b>Education Advocacy and Social Justice Panel:</b></p> <p>Locally, parents, teachers, and community members have taken up that call, particularly in the wake of threats to public education funding which greatly affect quality and equity in public schools. In this session, representatives from local education advocacy groups will engage in a panel discussion about: how their groups formed, how they have each carved out a niche in advocating for public education, how they work to address inequity in education and fight for social justice, their successes and challenges, and how people in the KC metropolitan area can get involved.</p> <p>Jen Salvo Eaton, Moderator; Representatives from 5 education advocacy groups: Education First Shawnee Mission, Stand Up Blue</p>

	<p>Valley, Game on for Kansas Schools, Save the Children Action Network, Show Me KC Schools.</p>
Room 238 (ASSC)	<p><b>Teaching and Learning in Troubled Political Times:</b>  An interactive session in which faculty and students can discuss the struggles and challenges of teaching/learning about pressing social issues in the current political climate. A panel will briefly discuss their own struggles/challenges with this issue, and engage the audience in a discussion of how to navigate this terrain. Not limited to predetermined topics, this session will encourage a fruitful dialogue about issues as wide-ranging as: what "counts" as politics and political viewpoints, and the place of politics in the classroom; civility, academic freedom and safe spaces; and inclusion and exclusion, broadly construed.  Professors Lori Sexton, Toya Like, Janet Garcia-Hallett</p>
Miller Nichols Library Room 325	<p><b>Student Government Association Listening Session:</b>  SGA President, Abdulmajeed Baba Ahmed; SGA Vice-President, David Fulks</p>
<b>12:00-1:15</b>	
Pierson Auditorium	<p><b>Lunch and Civic Connections Fair (12:00-2:00)</b>  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. Come meet representatives from various local organizations and to discover new service opportunities. Be prepared to ask questions, take notes, and make new friends!</p>
<b>1:15-2:30</b>	
Room 236 (ASSC)	<p><b>Open Educational Resources as a Social Justice Issue:</b>  This session will provide an overview of OER and an exploration of how OER can help address inequities in education. OER are free to use for anyone, so students and the community at-large will benefit from a greater awareness of the existence of resources they can access to help achieve educational goals.  UMKC Librarians Scott Curtis and Jen Salvo-Eaton</p>
Room 237 (ASSC)	<p><b>A Conversation About Change: Developing a Cultural Paradigm Shift:</b>  This engaging and interactive workshop will provide participants an opportunity to think about the role each one plays in fostering a more inclusive work environment and what diversity means for us as students, staff and faculty. The core question will be asked, "what obligation do we have towards diverse like thinking and creating change."</p>

	<p><b>Eric Thompson, Metropolitan Community College Dean of Student Development</b></p>
Room 238 (ASSC)	<p><b>Diversity Ambassadors: Communicating Respectfully in a Diverse World:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand the impact of stereotypes and bias statements, even when casually said</li> <li>● Identify the most common reasons people sit silent in the face of bias and stereotypes</li> <li>● Explore skills for speaking up against stereotypes and bias without blame or guilt.</li> </ul> <p><b>Andy Chapel &amp; Mackenzie Guinn, UMKC Students</b></p>
Miller Nichols Library Room 325	<p><b>Antifascism in the Trump Era:</b>  Discussions on what fascism is and how it has presented itself during history, and how fascism changes to fit the specific conditions of that country. Students, faculty, and community members will discuss how to effectively combat the rise of fascism through organizing, education, and agitation. The panel will touch on LGBTQIA and disability issues as well. antifascist organizers from the KC metro area</p>
Pierson Auditorium	<p><b>2:45-4:00</b></p> <p><b>Kansas City Mayoral Forum:</b>  Mayoral Candidates Alissia Canady, Phil Glynn, Quinton Lucas, Scott Taylor, Jason Kander, Jermaine Reed, and Scott Wagner will share their vision for Kansas City. They'll respond to a set of questions around the following themes: housing, education, crime, economic development, and how to best serve the diverse metropolitan area. We will have a Q &amp; A with audience questions during the final 15 minutes of the forum.</p>