



In the Community, March 24, 2021

A Weekly Listing of Diversity and Multicultural Events
From the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony:
 "Diversity, Unity, and Justice Are at the Heart of ACEH"

ACEH was founded in Holland in 1999 and is committed to justice, equal opportunity, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. Members work together to make West Michigan a place where all people are welcomed and respected. "In the Community" is also on the ACEH website www.harmonyalliance.org Check us out under Groups on Facebook, at ACEH – Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony. Our "Half-Year Annual Report: Looking Back and Moving Forward" is available at [ACEH Report](#).

Dear Readers, your financial support will help us publish "In the Community" next year, provide various kinds of resources, present programs, and--we hope--host our two diverse community gatherings that create connections and friendships in West Michigan. Will you join us as a first-time member? We'll warmly welcome you! If you've been a member in the past, will you consider renewing with ACEH? We would greatly appreciate it.

Dues are \$20 (\$35 for 2 years) for an individual; \$30 (\$50 for two years) for a couple or family; \$40 for a nonprofit group, and \$75 for a business. ACEH is a 501(c)3 organization. Please go to www.harmonyalliance.org and click on Membership.

A warm ACEH welcome to new members Claire Haines and Angela Maxwell!

Events

Thurs, March 25, 4 pm: Grand Rapids African American Health Institute program: "The Power of Our Voices: A Candid Roundtable with Women of Color." Topics: COVID, women's health disparities, and mental health. Panelists: Carletta Counts, West Village Academy superintendent; Alexis Stanton, Ph.D. student at University of Virginia; Koaster Brim, Ascension Health Center clinical social worker; Lisa Lowery, MD, Spectrum Health physician, with Vanessa Greene, CEO of GRAAHI. Free, one hour, open to anyone on or off GRAAHI's Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

Wed, March 31, 10 am - 11 am: Virtual "Community Gathering." Unity is Strength: Key to Social Justice. Organized by **The Committee to Honor César Chávez**. Free, online with Facebook Live (open to anyone on or off Facebook). [Click here for the link.](#)

Wed, March 31, 4 pm: Annual César Chávez Lecture: "Migrant Workers' Tale: Chávez and Huerta's Legacy of Courage and Persistence." Virtual presentation by Dr. Lorna Hernandez Jarvis, formerly of the Hope College psychology faculty and now chief diversity officer at Whitworth University, Spokane, WA. Co-sponsored by Hope Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Latino Student Organization, and others. Free, but registration required. [Click here for link to Register](#)

Thurs, April 8, 7 pm: Tenant and Landlord Rights & Responsibilities. Virtual presentations on tenant-landlord law (leases, security deposits, repairs), evictions (court process, mediation), fair housing (discrimination, service animals), eviction diversion program. Presented by 58th District Court, Fair

Housing Center of West Michigan, Mediation Services, and Good Samaritan Ministries; hosted by City of Holland Human Relations Commission. [Here's the link to register](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 11, 4 pm to 6 pm: ACEH hosts "Exploring Vaccine Skepticism in the Hispanic/Latinx Community." Free, virtual program with health professionals and community representatives to discuss questions and concerns and provide reliable information for people to make their own decisions.

Panelists: **Irving Vega**, Ph.D., associate professor, MSU College of Human Medicine; **Guillermo Flores**, Ph.D., and third-year medical student at MSU College of Human Medicine; **Joanna Rodriguez**, RN, Spectrum Health - Healthier Communities Core Health program; **Dereh Glashower**, senior epidemiologist, Ottawa Co. Department of Public Health; **Sarah Yore-Van Oosterhout**, Esq., founder, Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates nonprofit law office in Holland; **Tom Eggleston**, pastoral care minister at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Parish, Holland. Moderator: **Yadah Ramirez**, programs manager, LAUP. Translators of audience questions: **Natalie Martinez** and **Maria Morales**.

This is the third in the ACEH series **"Racial Disparities in Health Care: Digging Deeper,"** rescheduled from March 21. [Here's the link to sign up.](#)

Community Opportunities

(1) You are invited to learn about redistricting in Michigan and how Communities of Interest can play a crucial part in the process; LWV and Holland Museum will partner for a Town Hall on Thursday, April 22.

If you are a member of a community of interest (a population in a geographic area that shares cultural, historical, or economic interests), and you think that the legislative districts in your area have divided your group and diluted your influence with your elected representatives, then you may want to testify before the Michigan Independent Citizens Commission.

What's involved in testifying before the Commission? To learn more about that, contact Tina Pawlak at tina.pawlak@gmail.com or Lena Del Real at lenadelreal@gmail.com. The League of Women Voters of the Holland Area has guides for an effective presentation and access to mapping software to draw the boundaries of your community and will be happy to share these with you.

Redistricting in Michigan is a hot topic right now. The 13-person Michigan Independent Citizens Commission is working hard to determine how to draw the boundary lines for our legislative districts, and can use your input. Find out more on Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m., with the Holland League partners with the Holland Museum in a virtual Town Hall. To register for the event, click here: [Click here to Register](#)

(2) Community Action House Food Boxes: CAH, with community contributions, has distributed hundreds of thousands of food boxes over the past year. There's still a need, and a very practical way for you and your family to help. [Click here](#) for information on how to what to buy and how to pack Basic, Latinx, and Asian food boxes.

Links to Anti-Racism, Race & Ethnicity Resources

The Black community and vaccines. [Tuskegee is not the top reason. Read more here](#)

Racial & ethnic gaps in U.S. persist on 8 key demographic indicators (click on each box in the study) [Click here for Pew Research study.](#)

The \$16-billion cost of racism in the U.S. [Click here for the link.](#)

White parents of Black children: a call to action. [Here's the link.](#)

13 microaggressions Black people deal with all the time: [Click here for the link.](#)

Austin Channing Brown asks: Dear Nice White People: What are you afraid of? [Here's the link](#)

"How does a black person know if a white person is racist?" [Click here for the link.](#)

"What, me racist?" Your intentions are not the point: Tim Wise. [Click here](#)

White privilege: yes, it's made your life easier: [Click here](#)

Learning to stop performing anti-racism and begin living it. [Click here for the link.](#)

"Not racist" is not enough: Putting in the work to be anti-racist. [Click here for the link.](#)

Organizational racism: why unconscious bias training won't fix it. [Click here for the link.](#)

158 articles, videos, podcasts, and websites for understanding systemic racism, compiled by the Smithsonian Institution: [Click here for link to Smithsonian resources.](#)

Latinx stories for young readers: [Click here for the link](#)

Someone's telling a racist "joke"; what will you do? <https://www.upworthy.com/white-person-shares-two-lessons-from-stopping-a-racist-joke>

Things that white people say that highlight their white privilege: [Click here for the link.](#)

Series of YouTube videos "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" hosted by Emmanuel Acho, who discusses race with various guests and answers viewer questions. [Here's the link.](#)

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia: Take a virtual tour of collections and resources in this outstanding museum, located in Big Rapids, MI at Ferris State University. www.ferris.edu/jimcrow

[Help with Evictions/Foreclosures/Buying a Home](#)

<https://www.goodsamministries.com/wp-content/uploads/EDP-Tenant-Application.pdf>

<https://www.communityactionhouse.org/foreclosure-intervention>

<https://www.cityofholland.com/249/Tenant-Landlord-Fair-Housing-Information>

State-funded program may lower down payment, closing costs for some local homebuyers:
[Click here for the link.](#)

[County and Local Pandemic Links and Resources](#)

West Michigan: FAQ re vaccines & availability. [Click here for the link.](#)

[Click](#) for more information about COVID-19 and Ottawa County's Response.

[Click here for the link.](#) Daily updates from Ottawa Co. Dept of Public Health; links to info about cases; resources for issues, including domestic violence. In English and in español.

Locations to find food: [Click here for the link.](#)

Mental Health Resources and Support: Organizations providing behavioral health services during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Ottawa Co. Visit miottawa.org/cmh :

[State Health Data, Governor's Info](#)

Cornovirus dashboard: cases, deaths, maps. [Click here for the link.](#)

Governor's executive orders: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705---,00.html

<https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-health-watch/coronavirus-tracker-what-michigan-needs-know-now>
Links to where families can get food, cash, internet; coronavirus Q&A; unemployment benefits; testing for coronavirus; where kids can get meals.

For additional **help locating food, housing, childcare**, and other community services, call 2-1-1 at (844) 587-2485 or visit www.mi211.org.

If you are feeling anxious or looking for **mental health and wellness resources**, visit www.Michigan.gov/StayWell for hotlines, texting resources, and mindfulness tools.

The state's response and community mitigation strategies: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

National

The COVID-19 global outbreak situation at www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Jobs and Job Fair

West Michigan Works! Thurs, March 25, 9 am to noon. Virtual job fair for variety of positions in agribusiness with participating employers Herbruck's, Hearthside Food Solutions, Kellogg's, Michigan Turkey, Kent Quality Foods, Dykhuis Farms, and Roskam Baking Co. Registration open through today, Wednesday, March 24. **Go to this link to register for the virtual job fair:** <https://www.westmiworks.org/industry-spotlights/>

Pure Michigan Talent Connect: <https://www.mitalent.org/find-a-job>

Holland Sentinel employment ads: www.hollandsentinel.jobs

Michigan Works! <https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/> info@westmichiganworks.org

Workforce Employment Specialists: Virtual hiring events: www.teamworkforce.com or (616) 396-3700.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland: <https://bgch.org/> Click on About and the various Staff buttons, then "We're Hiring." Resource development director. Teen Program Assistant, part-time. Junior Room Coordinator, Junior Room Program Assistant, Elementary Program Coordinator, Health & PE Coordinator, Elementary Program Assistant, Youth Development Professional Sub..

Community Action House: <http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs> Director, Advancement & Strategic Partnerships. Program development specialist (financial wellness). Outreach specialist. Staffing reserve associate.

Evergreen Commons: Data systems coordinator. Director of development. [Use this link and click on Careers](#)

Global Battery Solutions: Entry-level position, supporting office and shipping/receiving. Send email to khunter@globalbatterysolutions.com

Good Samaritan Ministries: <https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/> Office manager and administrative specialist, 20-29 hrs/wk. Housing resource navigator. Housing case manager. Eviction response specialist. Front desk receptionist, bilingual (English/Spanish).

Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.grandrapids.org/your-chamber/join-our-team/> Inclusion program manager.

City of Grand Rapids: <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Jobs> Human resources assistant. Assistant planning director. Administrative aide-Our Community's Children. Youth services manager - Librarian III. Library assistant (Adult Services), part-time.

Grand Rapids Public Schools. [Click here for the link.](#) Art teacher, shared-time program. Other job openings.

Grand Valley State University: <https://www.gvsu.edu/jobs.htm> Associate vice-president, Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer. Employee Ombuds Officer. IT services technician. Recruiter, Adult and Continuing Studies. Farm manager/educator for Office of Sustainability Practices. Custodian.

Haworth: <https://www.haworth.com/na/en/careers.html> Benefit analyst II. Other job openings.

Herman Miller: <https://www.hermanmiller.com/careers/> Web producer. Customer engagement specialist - eCommerce. CMF design director. Marketing specialist - Ancillary/Lifestyle. Group product manager.

Herrick District Library: <https://herrickdl.org/content/jobs-hdl>

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan: <https://hispanic-center.org/> Community outreach specialist.

Holland Charter Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us

City of Holland: <https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx> Parks specialist. Other jobs openings can be accessed through the link..

Holland Hospital: www.hollandhospital.org Diabetes care & education specialist.

Holland Museum: <https://hollandmuseum.org/> Summer internships: Collections assistant. Communication specialist. Interpretive specialist. STEAM learning associate. Youth and family engagement specialist. 15/20 hours per week; stipend paid at successful completion of internship. Apply by April 23.

Holland Public Schools: <https://hollandpublicschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

Holland Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us

Hope College: <https://hope.edu/jobs/index.html> User services associate for Van Wylen Library. Senior philanthropy advisor, Natural & Applied Sciences. Director of biology laboratories. Physical plant project manager. Explore Hope academic outreach--summer staff. CASA summer teacher. CASA - summer teaching assistant. Admissions representative. Admissions - associate director. Employment coordinator, human resources. Coordinator of student life. Resident director. Residential life coordinator. Executive director, Children's After-school Achievement (CASA) program. Bookstore--sales specialist/buyer, part-time. Step-Up interim program coordinator. Custodian, full-time. Assistant football coach and equipment supervisor.

Innocademy: <https://innocademy.com/careers/> Middle-school Spanish language arts teacher, part-time. Middle-school English teacher, part-time. Middle school mentor.

Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance: <http://lakeshorenonprofits.org/programs-and-services/nonprofit-job-postings>. Job openings at local nonprofits.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan: <https://lawestmi.org/careers/> Legal assistant. Lakeshore intake attorney. COVID Fellowship. (Spanish speakers).

LG Chem: <https://lgenergy.com/> Thirty+ job openings in Holland, including summer internships 2021.

LIFELine Ministries: Information on available restaurant, factory, sales, and office jobs in West Michigan. Contact Pastor Willie J. Watt Jr. at williewatt@gmail.com or (616) 335-061

Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates: <http://lia-michigan.org/get-involved/careers/> Staff attorney, full-time; must be bilingual (English/Spanish), have a J.D., and an active license to practice law in any U.S. state (Michigan preferred). Administrative assistant, full-time; must be bilingual (English/Spanish)..

Momentum Center, Grand Haven: https://www.momentumcentergh.org/careers?blm_aid=1527810 Fund development manager.

Ottawa Area Intermediate School District: <https://www.oaisd.org/> Payroll coordinator, full-time, benefits.

Ottawa County: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/miottawa> Parks & Recreation seasonal positions: grounds attendant, maintenance crew worker, park attendant, stewardship case worker, parks supervisor (full-time); parks located in Holland, Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, Spring Lake, West Olive, Jenison, and Casnovia. Appraiser 1. Assistant public defender. Intern: elections.

Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence (formerly Center for Women in Transition). <https://resiliencemi.org/job-opportunities/> Crisis and supportive services manager.

Saugatuck Center for the Arts: <https://www.sc4a.org/arts-outreach-liaison/> Arts outreach liaison, part-time; must be bilingual.

Spectrum Health (Zeeland): <https://www.spectrumhealth.org/careers>

State of Michigan: <https://www.indeed.com/q-State-of-Michigan-l-Ottawa-County,-MI-jobs.html>

WOOD-TV: www.woodtv.com/careers Multi-media reporter.

Zeeland Public Schools. <https://www.zps.org/employment/>

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