



In the Community, October 14, 2020

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 recently issued "Half-Year Annual Report: Looking Back and Moving Forward" can be found here: <https://conta.cc/36Y079t>, including information on how to support our work by becoming an ACEH member and/or contributor. ACEH is a 501(c)3 organization. Thank you!

And much appreciation to these renewing members: David Blatt and David Moore; Dean and Mary De Ridder, Janice Fike, Mary Jo Henretty-Jornales, Joyce Mott, Bill and Judy Parr, Lyn Raymond and Larry Helder, Jill Russell, Deb, Jon, Claire, David, Jacob, and Eli Van Duinen, Nettie Van Duinen, Herb and Ann Weller, Debra Williamson.

Thurs, Oct 15, 7 pm: 2nd annual Green Lecture on Faith, Race, and Community: "To Achieve Our Country: Pathways to an Anti-Racist Future," by Dr. Charles Green, Hope College professor of psychology. Hosted by Hope's American Ethnic Studies and Phelps Scholars Programs. To join the virtual event via Zoom, go to www.hope.edu/green-lecture

Fri, Oct 16, 7 am to Thurs, Oct 22, 11:59 pm: Latinos Beyond Reel: Free virtual livestream film showing & discussion. (Discussion and Q&A are Thurs, Oct 22, 7 pm to 8 pm). Hosted by Holland Human Relations Commission. Link to film will be sent to people who register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/latinos-beyond-reel-virtual-film-showing-discussion-tickets-124403864307?fbclid=IwAR0>

Mon, Oct 19; Thurs, Oct 22; and Mon, Oct 26; all begin at 7 pm: "The Art of Listening: Navigating Difficult Conversations." Free, virtual three-part series hosted by the Holland Human Relations Commission. **First week:** Listening: The Power Workout, with Ann McKnight; **Second week:** Listening: An Act of Hospitality, with Prof. Kyle J.A. Small; **Third week:** Listening: Putting Your Heart in Front of Your Head, with Dr. Llena Chavis. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-art-of-listening-navigating-difficult-conversations-tickets-125002127729>

Tues, Oct 20, 8:15 am to 3:15 pm: 5th annual Ottawa County Diversity Forum: Journeys to Equity. Virtual event focused on (1) the role of government in advancing racial equity and (2) health equity, amid COVID and beyond. Hosted by Ottawa County, the county's Cultural Intelligence Committee, and the City of Holland. **Cost is \$25. Must register** at <https://www.miottawa.org/AdminEventReg/displayEvent.action?calEle=2&eventID=122>

Wed, Oct 21, 4 pm to 5:30 pm: Documentary and discussion (virtual): Reflection on Native American Heritage in the 21st Century: "Ngiwe--Shaping Narratives." Belinda Bardwell, from Grand Rapids, produced this documentary for WGVU; in it, she is "reclaiming her Native traditions by

interviewing and connecting with her community." Must register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-v6u3zjhaMMJ4vrg2BdosTL2WAg6p3cAYBA0xDU9ya31cFw/viewform>

Mon, Oct 26, 6:30 pm: "Racism in the Media." Virtual Town Hall event with panelists and breakout group discussions; hosted by the (Anti) Racism Task Force of Momentum Center, Grand Haven. Free but register at <https://momentumcentergh.org/town-hall-racism>

Tues, Oct 27, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm: Disability Network/Lakeshore annual Ability Award event (virtual). Honors "those who work to create communities where people with disabilities can participate, contribute, and belong." Speaker is Sarah Lewakowski, MA, executive director of Mosaic Counseling. RSVP to https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yOfiFVRGRfCnGB9IVq1iZg

Thurs, Nov 5, 9 am: 14th annual Lakeshore Friends of Fair Housing: "Opening Doors to Housing Choice": Virtual "breakfast" with speaker Jim McCarthy, past president of National Fair Housing Alliance board, who will discuss current fair housing cases and trends, including concerns in light of the pandemic. Free, but **registration required** (open now) at <https://client.grcmc.org/fhcnwm/eventregistration/162>

Mon, Nov 2, 7 pm: Kickoff event (virtual) of The Big Read ("In the Heart of the Sea"). Dr. Fred Johnson of the Hope College history department will present "Swimming through the Gray," the 19th century historical context of the book and will explore issues surrounding our country's historical stories and events--"those who have traditionally told history, those who are currently telling history, and those whose histories have been left out or silenced." Register at <https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/kick-off-event-with-dr-fred-johnson-iii-swimming-through-the-gray/>

For other Big Read and Little Read events and schedule information, go to <https://bigreadlakeshore.com/>

2020 Big Read and Little Read titles will be available at the Hope College Bookstore, Reader's World (Holland), The Bookman (Grand Haven), Barnes and Noble in Holland and Amazon.

Participating libraries will host book giveaways in late October.

You can also check out the titles at participating libraries. Book club bags are available.

- Cook Library (Western Theological Seminary)
- Fennville District Library
- Gary Byker Library of Hudsonville
- Georgetown Township Public Library
- Herrick District Library
- Howard Miller Public Library
- Loutit District Library
- Patmos Library
- Saugatuck-Douglas District Library
- Spring Lake District Library
- Van Wylen Library (Hope College)

Exhibits

Through tomorrow, Thurs, Oct 15: Virtual exhibit "Luis Sahagun: Lo Que Grita Mi Piel" ("That Which My Skin Screams") explores race through alternative Latinx narratives. He has participated in multiple invitational and national exhibits, worked as a teaching artist, and is artist-in-residence/visiting professor for Critical Race Studies at Michigan State University.

Through Sat, Nov 21: Exhibits (1) Black Lives Matter, Black Culture Matters: 50 artworks "that address African American history and culture from Civil War to the present; to provide historical context for Black Lives Matter protests against systemic racism in criminal justice, education, jobs, health care, housing. It is also a celebration of Black culture and the many ways that Black culture has enriched American life over the past two centuries." **(2) Resistance and Revival in 20th-Century Yoruba Art.** <https://hope.edu/arts/kam/exhibitions/index.html> 395-6400 Public hours: **Thurs/Fri 1 pm to 4 pm and Sat 10 am to 4 pm.** At Kruienza Art Museum, 271 Columbia Ave, Holland.

Community Opportunities

The Holland Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for its **2020 Social Justice Awards** in housing, education, employment, and government/community relations as well as for a student/youth category for ages 13 to 19. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Nov 13.** Recipients will be notified in December and recognized at the Social Justice Awards ceremony at Holland City Hall in January 2021. Information and nominating forms are at [2020 Social Justice Award Nomination Online Form](#) and <https://cityofholland.com/FormCenter/Human-Relations-4/Nomination-for-2020-Social-Justice-Award-77> (the latter form is for the Youth award).

Supreme Court Shuts Down Census Early

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

On Tuesday, Oct 13, the U.S. Supreme Court ended the 2020 Census count; it had been scheduled to continue until Oct. 31.

Registration and Voting Information

The Michigan Secretary of State has an amazing site of links to all kinds of information about what's on the ballot; how, when, and where to register to vote; how, when, and where to apply for an absentee ballot; locations of drop boxes, tracking your ballot, accessible voting; voting in person; locations of polling places-- official answers to just about any voting-related question you can think of. Here's the link: [Michigan Voter Information Center](#)

Voting by **absentee ballot**: When you've completed your ballot AND signed/dated the envelope, you can return it to your city or township clerk's office; you can mail it in (do this early!), or you can place it in a secured drop box. Here's the link to these boxes in Ottawa County

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?dl=0&fbclid=IwAR1XexB06LCClzXiwYmDeKkSRPyWVcVNOym_9bM0Tn_ZEuzrwJCubOu2uZA

The League of Women Voters offers a Voters Guide, with links to what's on the ballot and other information, in English and en español. <https://www.vote411.org/search-by-topic>

You can vote **in person** on Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. See the link above (Michigan Voter Information Center) for locations of polling places.

Information, Help with Evictions/Foreclosures

<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>

Community Action House: Latinx and Asian Cuisine Boxes Needed

Community Action House offers 3 types of food boxes: Basic, Latinx, and Asian -- the latter two with culturally appropriate foods. CAH needs more Latinx and Asian Cuisine Boxes and here's an easy-to-follow list of what to buy, how to pack, where to deliver, ways to donate:

<https://www.communityactionhouse.org/standtogether>

Next week look for information on CAH's need for Thanksgiving food boxes.

Links to Anti-Racism Resources

158 articles, videos, podcasts, and websites for understanding systemic racism, compiled by the Smithsonian Institution:

[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smithsonianmag.com%2Fhistory%2F158-resources-understanding-systemic-racism-america-180975029%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR39UtZRY2at9WF1PJSCqAE8jdYHQDQ7bbboUMbtB_azgNOCK4WzUXJBNq0&h=AT2Tnr_VkeRAQji_1aN3DufdmToXzm8SnPQp2jUF0cuAPg2aaxMFLICsHAgYCxwVjGDvp_hS9mkNIN8GGT6IVMGosG_aZ4ZSlcFgdeOOLx_jR1Z68JSaKpgcflS0Rnll_g&_tn_=%2CmH-R&c\[0\]=AT2CyJS7kypZ6Fpt7WPOQ7Q0FzFjhg5JTIE0IKDUVSe2hmNGJHrTRei8SZcO3wq2u1S7rAiFiLp_f-NRTBUuA9TJgemWJE_IzM5Jt4pn5-npTvYu0xieHnhNgwwi44t4](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smithsonianmag.com%2Fhistory%2F158-resources-understanding-systemic-racism-america-180975029%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR39UtZRY2at9WF1PJSCqAE8jdYHQDQ7bbboUMbtB_azgNOCK4WzUXJBNq0&h=AT2Tnr_VkeRAQji_1aN3DufdmToXzm8SnPQp2jUF0cuAPg2aaxMFLICsHAgYCxwVjGDvp_hS9mkNIN8GGT6IVMGosG_aZ4ZSlcFgdeOOLx_jR1Z68JSaKpgcflS0Rnll_g&_tn_=%2CmH-R&c[0]=AT2CyJS7kypZ6Fpt7WPOQ7Q0FzFjhg5JTIE0IKDUVSe2hmNGJHrTRei8SZcO3wq2u1S7rAiFiLp_f-NRTBUuA9TJgemWJE_IzM5Jt4pn5-npTvYu0xieHnhNgwwi44t4)

Systemic racism. George Floyd: born with two strikes:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/george-floyd-america/systemic-racism/?utm_source=retention&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pw_ret_floyd_101220

White parents: it's time you had "the talk."

<https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/white-parents-its-time-you-had-the-talk-74f713ecec74>

Latinx stories for young readers: [https://www.npr.org/2020/09/28/916980190/new-groups-aim-to-get-more-latinx-stories-to-young-readers?](https://www.npr.org/2020/09/28/916980190/new-groups-aim-to-get-more-latinx-stories-to-young-readers?fbclid=IwAR3WgAtNiaiT88A3S9FhWqhYuLF7kTkMGgJuv74XUTj4kfOPqaOwBvFnZBU)

[fbclid=IwAR3WgAtNiaiT88A3S9FhWqhYuLF7kTkMGgJuv74XUTj4kfOPqaOwBvFnZBU](https://www.npr.org/2020/09/28/916980190/new-groups-aim-to-get-more-latinx-stories-to-young-readers?fbclid=IwAR3WgAtNiaiT88A3S9FhWqhYuLF7kTkMGgJuv74XUTj4kfOPqaOwBvFnZBU)

Series of YouTube videos "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" hosted by Emmanuel Acho, who discusses race with various guests or answers viewer questions.

<https://uncomfortableconvos.com/about>

What racism is...and isn't: https://thecorrespondent.com/547/what-racism-really-is-hint-its-not-your-attitude-or-belief/72411285650-26661483?pk_campaign=daily**13 microaggressions Black people deal with all the time:**

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/microaggressions-black-people-deal-with_1_5eity_july_21e8ffa9c5b6fe2600260ec8i

Things that white people say that highlight their white privilege:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/things-white-people-say-highlight-privilege_1_5edeafafc5b637b87e22cee0?ncid=fcblkinkushpimg00000046&utm_campaign=hp_fb_pages&utm_source=women_fb&utm_medium=facebook&fbclid=IwAR0rv1dim0WODoVqB7M8ayLmbOn_c60PdxHIFUPesWWEEzfbnbg6crD1sfQ&fbclid=IwAR05oOOmmrnM0dl2gOlaJImF2WNMrt8QP7odKXLL15ccAwPcag9ZE-CGsMs

The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: 40 TV series, documentaries, movies, TED talks, and books:

https://parade.com/1046031/breabaker/anti-racist-tv-movies-documentaries-ted-talks-books/?fbclid=IwAR1nzzFoTRkyYtEfUnKE1ehtW5nu1Rz7N8Zx0o3_QrYrSx1KQWvhn8iB7w#.Xt4VYtJyGu5.fac_ebook

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

County and Local Pandemic Links and Resources

<https://www.careottawacounty.com/> An "all-purpose" link to resources from government and nonprofit organizations in Ottawa Co. Find info, ways to donate goods or money, volunteer opportunities, more. Or call 2-1-1. In English and in español.

Click for more information about COVID-19 and Ottawa County's Response.

Locations to find food: https://www.ottawafood.org/findfood/?fbclid=IwAR2yu9ChurTZq5E3w4iNA6BJXMunKzsv0Q0VI3ss0FOfd1y_Pk5HCHtZONE

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[https://www.mriottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?](https://www.mriottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

[utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](https://www.mriottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) 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.

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

State Health Data, Governor's Info

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.

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 Virtual Job Fair, Wed, Oct 21, 9 am to 4 pm: Register to speak directly with hiring managers in West Michigan about your skills and qualifications and hear more about their open positions. Registration is open now at <https://jobs.westmiworks.org/virtual-job-fair/>

West Michigan Works! <https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/>

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. Elementary program assistant, part-time (up to 25/hrs/wk). Elementary program coordinator for Saugatuck Extension Facility at Douglas Elementary School, part-time (20-29 hrs/wk).

City of Holland: <https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx> West Michigan Regional Airport Authority director (applications close Oct 19). Parks general maintenance (seasonal). Plumbing and mechanical inspector, full time. Youth soccer instructor, part-time, for ages 3-5. Recreation supervisor. Video internship, part-time, paid. Custodian/maintenance for Holland Police Dept, part-time. Election inspector. Police officer. Reserve police officer, part-time. Police cadet. On-call firefighter.

Community Action House: <http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs> Program director to join strategic leadership team. Coordinator of volunteers. Outreach specialist, part-time. Food access associate. Resale logistics. Outreach specialist AmeriCorps member, full time. Food rescue logistics driver. Sunday morning help in Community Kitchen.

Creative Dining Services: <https://creativedining.com/> Click on Work with Us. Marketing and promotions specialist (Zeeland). Line servers, full time and part time (Holland). Dishwasher, full time (Holland).

ESCAPE Ministries: <http://escape-out.org/> Executive director, full-time. **Deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 6.**

Good Samaritan Ministries: <https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/> Front-line receptionist, part-time (20-29 hrs/wk); Spanish language proficiency strongly preferred. COVID eviction response specialists, part-time, temporary.

Greater Ottawa United Way: <https://www.ottawaunitedway.org/employment>

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan: <https://hispanic-center.org/> Click on About and scroll down to Careers. Development and donor relations manager. Resource navigation specialist (must be bilingual Sp/Eng).

Holland Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us Entry-level maintenance assistant, full-time.

Holland Hospital: www.hollandhospital.org Occupational therapist, inpatient rehab; part-time. Manager, physician's office practice, LHP; full and part-time positions available. Receptionist-security, part-time, varied hours. Emergency department RN, part-time (48 hrs/2 wks, 3 pm to 3:30 am). Occupational therapist, in-house rehab, part-time (1 weekend/mo, 8 am-4:30 pm, 16 hrs/2wks).

Holland Public Schools: <https://hollandpublicschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> Instructional assistants- Title I. Tier 2 Provider. High school math teacher. Instructional assistant-deaf & hard of hearing preschool program.

Instructional assistant - special education. Assistant varsity baseball coach. Basketball coaches, middle school. Groundskeeper-building services. Food service servers.

Hope College: <https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hopeedu/promotionaljobs> **Staff:** Engagement officer for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. **Faculty:** Open rank--professor of literacy & elementary education (Education); economics and business (Accounting faculty); economics and business (Management faculty). Assistant professors: Studio art in drawing (Art and Art History); ecology (Biology); communication (Communication); religion and society (Religion); social work (Social Work). .

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

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) 335-0611.

Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates: <https://lakeshorenonprofits.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/LIA-ED-Job-Description-9.2020.pdf> Executive director, full-time (36 hrs/wk).

Meals on Wheels Western Michigan: <https://mealsonwheelswesternmichigan.org/get-involved/employment/> Director of operations. Donor stewardship and events planner. Prep cook. Mobile pantry assistant.

MOKA: <https://moka.org/> Residential support/direct support professionals, full- and part-time, all shifts, flexible schedules to assist persons with disabilities.

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

Ottawa County: <http://www.miottawa.org/careers>. Health educator - substance abuse disorder prevention, part-time. Legal investigator (licensed with State of Michigan). Probation officer--substance abuse assessment. Nurse practitioner, part-time (20 hrs/wk). Community health nurse: COVID-19 investigator (temporary).

The ACEH Board: *C.J. Kingdom-Grier, Viola Jackson, Annette Manwell, Al Minert, H Bin Lim, Kim Lillibridge, Natalie Martinez, Lori Joseph Shaw.*

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