

Welcome to the February 2017 edition of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Digest. You are receiving this email because you have indicated that you wish to be notified of information, educational opportunities or events related to creating a respectful and inclusive environment at the University of Alberta. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at EmploymentEquity@ualberta.ca. For archived digests, please go to <http://www.hrs.ualberta.ca/MyEmployment/EmploymentEquity.aspx>. To unsubscribe to this digest please click EDI@mailman.srv.ualberta.ca <http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/edi>

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1. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Awards

****NOTE: Nominations deadline has been extended to February 15, 2017****

The Equity Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Awards nomination deadline has been extended! Consider nominating students, student groups, instructors, faculty or staff members who are leaders in creating respectful and diverse learning and working environments at the U of A. The Awards Committee encourages nominations on a wide range of EDI topics such as: commitment to addressing gender or racial bias in the classroom or in academic disciplines; student groups raising awareness of cultures and intersections of identities; instructors incorporating principles of universal access into curriculum design and delivery; or, colleagues creating opportunities for their teams to ensure their work environment is respectful and inclusive; and so many more... Nomination Deadline: February 15, 2017. For more information and nomination form visit: <http://bit.ly/2hg8vFe>.

2. Equity Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Week (March 16-18, 2017)

Keynote Speaker: Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come

Please see the attached poster for details and registration links or visit us at

<http://www.hrs.ualberta.ca/Learning/Programs/EDIWeek.aspx>

Volunteer Opportunities: Community engagement in EDI is essential to building sustainable equity diversity and inclusion initiatives. Interested in volunteering during EDI Week? Contact us at: EDI.Week@ualberta.ca.

3. February is Black History Month

Making Black History in Alberta Visible

On February 1, 2017, Alberta became the fourth province in Canada to officially recognize Black History Month. The history of black people in Alberta is largely unknown, obscured by what political scientist Malinda S. Smith calls the “tyranny of homogenization” and “invisibilization.”

By Donna McKinnon, February 2, 2017. For the complete article visit:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/arts/faculty-news/2017/february/making-black-history-in-alberta-visible>

4. Resources

“Don’t Judge a Book by Its Cover” at University of Alberta Libraries

February 13 - 24, 2017

University of Alberta Libraries (UAL) is holding a “Date With a Book” style event in celebration and promotion of Black History Month. Displays will be available in Rutherford, Cameron, and Coutts libraries on North campus, as well as at Bibliothèque Saint-Jean and Augustana. All the books included (over 250!) are either by black writers or about significant people, historical events or movements. They cover a wide variety of genres, styles, and topics, as well as feature newly published works and established classics. All UALberta students, faculty, staff, and external borrowers are welcome to participate.

During the event, visit library.ualberta.ca to view the entire list of books included in the displays and access titles available online. While this list is not exhaustive, it will give you a great idea of additional materials you can find in UAL’s collection! For any questions, contact nloroff@ualberta.ca.