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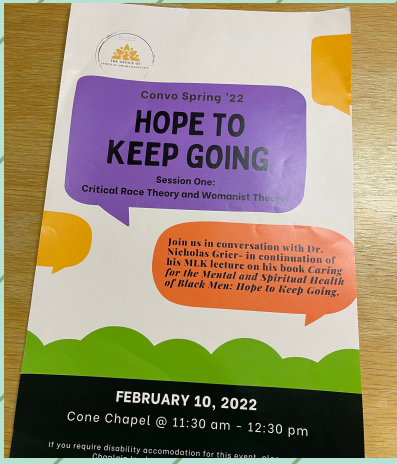
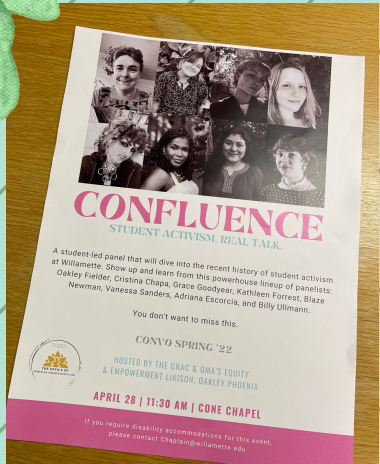
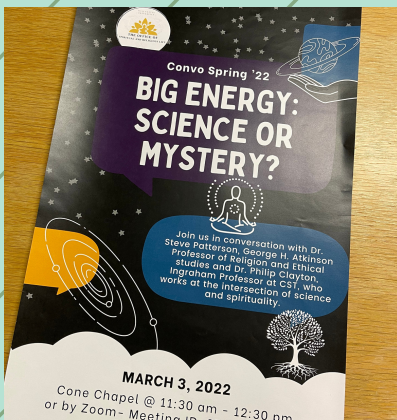
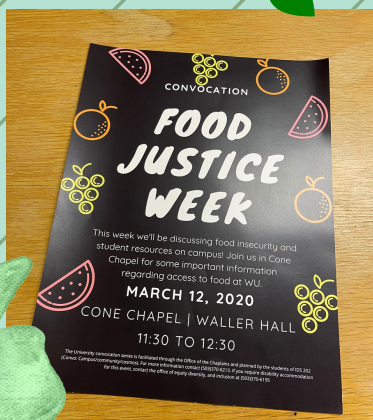
Hi! Welcome to **SRL's 5th newsletter!** We hope everyone feels rested and invigorated as we inch closer to the end of the semester. In this issue, we've got more recaps, highlights, and events for you to enjoy, so stick around!



CONVOCATION: A BRIEF HISTORY

What is convo? **Convo (short for Convocation)**, Convocation is an opportunity to bring the Willamette Community together to address ideas and issues that are timely, relevant and compelling for students, faculty, staff and local citizens. Convocation may address **ethical dilemmas, offer opportunities for the exchange of ideas and opinions, provide education about political and social issues, offer beauty** through artistic expression or provide sustenance through engagement, entertainment and community building activities. Convocation, at its best, **is engaging, interactive and conversational** – an opportunity to build bridges across campus, community and cosmos.

The history of convocation extends **back to the foundation of Willamette University**, whose mission was based in the Methodist faith tradition. The Chapel was used to start each day with **readings of Biblical hymns** and sermons, but with the **drastic changes that occurred in American society in the 1960s**, as well as adjusting levels of faith in students, Willamette replaced daily, mandatory chapel attendance with weekly, secular Convocation. **If you are interested, sign up for the Convocation class!** It is led by Chaplain Ineda (**IDS-202**), which is an action and reflection seminar where **students will work to research topics and issues** that academia can and should address. If you have any questions or ideas about future convocations, please contact Chaplain Ineda at **ipadesanya@willamette.edu** or Kate West at **kgwest@willamette.edu**.





HOMELESS EPIDEMIC: CONVO!

Join us for a current **Convo series!** Student **Madonna Jonhera** looks into the **Homeless Epidemic** with a particular focus on Salem community surrounding the Willamette campus. This epidemic has **increased significantly with the influence of COVID-19** when the forced isolation negatively impacted societal spending. There were many who suffered without work and support from others causing them to lose their homes. This three-part convocation series will **bring speakers from local charities** that work alongside those who suffer from homelessness, and encourage students to help get involved and make a tangible difference. **Part 3 will be held April 20th @ 11:30** at which time participants will prepare survival bags to be distributed in the community.

ASH WEDNESDAY!

Recently passed was **Ash Wednesday**, a holy day of **prayer and fasting in multiple Christian denominations** such as Catholic, Lutheran, Moravians, Methodists, and more. This sacred day marks the first day of Lent and focuses on fasting and abstinence, with an eye toward sacrifice, to mimic the life of Jesus, the Christ's great sacrifice on earth. Lent symbolizes a period of preparation that focuses on themes of self-reflection, almsgiving, justice, simplicity, sincerity, grieving, solidarity, compassion, and community. Ash Wednesday was observed on campus with a prayer station, service of songs, and the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Season Ash Wednesday

ON FEB 22, 2023, CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD WILL OBSERVE ASH WEDNESDAY. ASH WEDNESDAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN SEASON (LENT). SLIDE RIGHT FOR MORE INFORMATION

share your lenten season reflection here



THE SALEM PEACE LECTURE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

THE SALEM PEACE LECTURE SERIES HAS BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITY A VARIETY OF THOUGHT-PROVOKING LECTURES EXPLORING PATHWAYS TO JUSTICE AND HARMONY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHILE MEMORIALIZING AND HONORING THE LIVES AND WORKS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING DEVOTION TO THESE MOST CHERISHED GOALS.

AS WE ARE PLANNING FOR OUR 34TH ANNUAL PEACE LECTURE TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER 2023, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WU COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE TOPICS YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE. FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW!

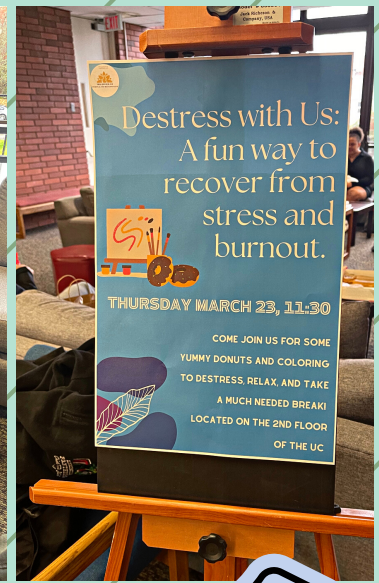


PEACE LECTURE INTEREST SURVEY

It's time to vote on our topic discussion for Salem's Annual Peace Lecture **for next semester!** The Salem Peace Lecture is annual event held at Willamette for thirty-three years, in partnership with the office of the Chaplain, that brings a variety of thought-provoking lectures on peace, justice, and harmony and recognizes and honors local peacemakers. **Last Fall's Peace Lecture featured Ira Helfand**, who spoke about the issues surrounding nuclear weapons in our world and honored PCUN (Pineros y Compesinos unidos del Noroeste) for their long-standing support and advocacy of Salem farmworkers. We are currently gathering opinions on future topics for Fall of 2023. **Follow the QR code to the left to visit our online poll to vote on your preferred topic!**

DESTRESS WITH US!

We hope you stopped by to **Destress with Us!** A convocation led by **Laila Pickett with support from Madonna Johnera**, provided space in the comfy lounge area of the UC 2nd floor to take time, stop, and relax. Laila reminds us that "**it is important to destress** because college can become isolating," especially with class and just life. Madonna adds that "with classes and with Spring Break coming, you just **gotta** chill." The event had donuts, anti-anxiety coloring, and lofi music! The SRL Office plans to **offer more destress-ing events** in the future, so stay tuned!



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MARCH SACRED DAYS ACKNOWLEDGED!

Ala: Ala is the nineteenth and last month of the Baha'i year. Ala begins a 19-Day fast which ends on the 20 of March. The fast is in preparation for the new year, Naw-Ruz.

Laylat al Bara'at: An Islamic tradition falls on the middle of the eighth moon. A time to prepare for Ramadan, named, "Night of Repentance/Forgiveness," which ends at sunset the following day.

Purim: A Jewish holiday that commemorates the saving of the Jewish community from the Achaemenid Empire.

Holi: A popular Hindi festival often called The Festival of Colors, Love, and Spring. This festival celebrates Krishna, the Hindu deity often known for protection, compassion, tenderness and love.

Ostara: The Wiccan holiday Ostara is the beginning of spring and the celebration of the Equinox. The name comes from an Anglo Saxon of the Goddess, which means new life.

Naw Ruz (Baha'i): Naw-Ruz is the first day of the new year for the Baha'i calendar. Naw-Ruz translates from Farsi into 'new day' and is a holy day. Baha'i's feast and celebrate during the evening.

Now Ruz (Zarathusti): Now Ruz is the New Year's day for the Farsi calendar. "It celebrates the renewal of the world and the creation of fire." This day marks when "Zarathustra received his revelation."

Ramayana Week: This week festivities mark the nine days before Lord Rama's birth date. Devotees may fast and/or read the Ramayana during this week.

First of Ramadan: The Holy month of Ramadan is a month of fasting, which begins at sunrise and ends at sunset each day. It is a "time of self-examination and religious devotion."

Birth of Prophet: This day honors the birth of the Iranian prophet Zarathustra, who founded the religious movement which challenged ancient Iranian religion.

Ayambil Oil: Ayambil Oli, or Navpad Oli is a nine-day festival that occurs twice a year when devout Jains Undertake a special type of fasting. Ayambil is an external Tapa, a spiritual practice that aims to help Jains shed Karmic bondage.



DIVERSITY OF LOSS GRIEF GROUPS

Sign up for grief groups! The group is called **Diversity of Loss: The Journeys of Grief**, which focuses on social support for those who are grieving in a group setting. It gives us a chance to digest and understand the raw emotions that come when we are faced with significant yet varied losses. The group is also lead by **Maegan Brooks**, a professor at WU who specializes in grief. She quotes that "the Diversity of Loss grief groups are **wonderfully supportive spaces** to more deeply understand how loss affects all of our lives. Our groups also explore how we can care for ourselves and others in the midst of loss."

Groups will continue **every Monday, at 4:15 PM and 5:30 PM in the Salem Reflection Room, UC 217**. Sessions at PNCA began Tuesday, Feb 21st and will be held every other week in the Reflection Room, 312B. **Please sign up using the QR code!**

SIGN UP HERE



CHAPLAIN INEDA'S PNCA OFFICE HOURS!

Chaplain Ineda is **present at PNCA!** Her office hours for the Spring semester are **Tuesdays: 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16;** and **Wednesdays: 3/29, 4/12, 4/26 and 5/10, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM**. Students at PNCA may drop-in or for 1:1 care sessions or sign up here!

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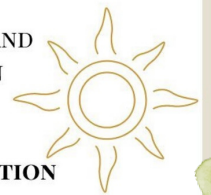
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PURIM		MARCH 7TH
HOLI		MARCH 7TH
OSTARA		MARCH 20TH
NAW-RUZ		MARCH 21ST
NOW RUZ		MARCH 21ST
RAMAYANA WEEK		MARCH 22ND
FIRST OF RAMADAN		MARCH 22ND
BIRTH OF PROPHET		MARCH 26TH
ZARATHUSTRA		MARCH 28TH
AYAMBIL OLI		MARCH 28TH



THE OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE LEAR SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2023

Through the Dwight and Margaret Lear Endowment Fund, the Lear Summer Internship program provides participating students with a summer stipend for intern experiences that promote civic engagement and service and that advance the University motto "Not unto ourselves alone are we born." Students will have the opportunity to partner with a local organization, under the supervision of Willamette University's chaplain, to engage in work for the community that they are passionate about.

- **STIPEND:** EQUIVALENT TO \$15/HOUR AND HOUSING/TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** MAY 5, 2023
- **FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION ON HANDSHAKE**



SIGN UP FOR
OUR MAILING
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