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## Happy October!

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To:

Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 4:53 PM



Happy October, friends! This month is notoriously busy on campus. It feels like the last chance to plan an outdoor event before the harsh Maine winter descends and it feels like we've all settled into our routines on campus. There is no shortage of fun, educational, and engaging events to attend on and around campus, and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion is no exception!

October is LGBTQ+ History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 11th is both Indigenous Peoples Day AND National Coming Out Day. Out of respect for Indigenous Peoples Day and for Fall Break, we will be celebrating Coming Out Week the following week, October 18-22.

We will have a finalized list of events with dates, times, and locations in our next newsletter, but we're excited to have our pride button and painting events confirmed, as well as a visit and HIV/Hepatitis C testing with our friends at Health Equity Alliance!

Next week's newsletter will have a special focus on Indigenous Peoples Day, but I wanted to be sure to share some special events happening that day for any who would like to plan to attend:

-From Passamaquoddy Wild Blueberry Company: "We're so excited to announce this collaboration with Luke's Lobster, Portland Pier in Portland, ME! They are hosting an Indigenous Peoples' Day dinner highlighting us, Passamaquoddy Maple and MicMac Farms. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Wabanaki REACH. If you're in the area on October 11, purchase your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3uic43o>"

-Sign Up to watch the Emmy Award winning documentary films [Dawnland](#) and [Dear Georgina](#) for free at [eventbrite here](#).

As always, stay tuned to our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more updates and photos from our events! Additionally, thank you to all who have utilized our new [newsletter submission form](#) since we rolled it out. It has made organizing this newsletter MUCH easier and I'm so appreciative for your efforts. Please continue to use the form to submit your events, training opportunities, scholarships, and other information that might be of particular interest to our community.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy week to come!

All the best,

Rob Jackson

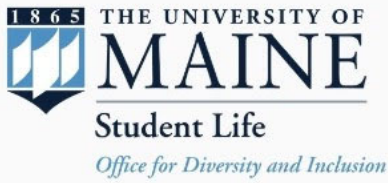
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# **PAINT WITH PRIDE**

**OCTOBER 20TH  
6P-8P  
MEMORIAL UNION ROOM 312**

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# JOIN US WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM ON ZOOM FOR LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT GROUP

Starts on September 29th, 2021

**SIGN UP BY EMAILING  
JULIA TANER AT  
JULIA.TANER@MAINE.EDU**

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OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND  
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# B BOLD

## Black Bear Outdoor Leadership Diversified

October 23 - October 24

Maine Bound Adventure Center and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion invite you to participate in the Black Bear Outdoor Leadership Diversified (B BOLD) program, a weekend (overnight) full scholarship retreat for Students of Color. We hope to create a comfortable space where students can explore and grow in their leadership skills developed in the outdoor activities.



Scan here for the application!

Contact: [beth.jackson@maine.edu](mailto:beth.jackson@maine.edu) or [anila.karunakar@maine.edu](mailto:anila.karunakar@maine.edu)

*\*This program is made possible with generous support from the Alton '38 and Adelaide Hamm Campus Activity Fund*

# BIPOC Focused Leadership



SCAN ME

*Engage in critical conversations around  
BIPOC leadership and how to navigate  
marginalized social identities in relation to  
leadership roles in white dominant spaces.*

DATE : OCT 6 / MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER / TIME: 3-4PM

*Please contact [sabrina.murray@maine.edu](mailto:sabrina.murray@maine.edu) if interested!*

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In 2021, by an act of humanism, solidarity, and reparation, the Passamaquoddy tribe has been reunited with 140 acres of their unceded Ancestral territory – part of the largest island in Kci Monosakom, (Big Lake) Maine. To the Passamaquoddy people, it's more than land return; it is the return of a stolen family member. In this short film, we join Passamaquoddy community members who are finally able to reunite with their non-human Relative.

Originally known as Kuwesuwi Monihq (Pine Island), and renamed "White's Island" by settlers, this place has deep historical and cultural significance to the Passamaquoddy community.

The island was included as part of the Tribe's Modahkomikuk (Indian Township) reservation in the 1794 Treaty with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980. Despite treaty agreements, Kuwesuwi Monihq, or Pine Island, was stolen from the people at some point during the mid-1800s and renamed White's Island. In fact, it seems to have been stolen by renaming it...once it became White's Island on the map, it no longer matched the language of the 1794 treaty, which identifies Pine Island as protected, reserved land.

The island fell out of Tribal stewardship quietly as colonizers bought up parcels. Once the island was considered privately owned, the Passamaquoddy people were denied access.

Land dispossession is a barrier to Wabanaki people who are practicing their culture and connecting with their homelands. As Tribal Nations, we are endowed with the Sacred responsibility to protect the lands we come from. In return, these lands protect us. This understanding is at the heart of the #LandBack movement, which has taken off across Turtle Island. Passamaquoddy people can now visit Kuwesuwi Monihq safely, enjoy their kinship connection to the island, and know that they will not be asked to leave.



In efforts to heal the Earth and the damaged relationship between Indigenous & colonizing peoples, the #LandBack movement has already seen the return of millions of acres to tribes. For the Passamaquoddy, the return of their relative, Kuwesuwi Monihq, will help them fulfill those Sacred responsibilities and heal along with the land & water. All our Relations. P'site Elakumukik. #IsLandBack

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67 College Ave. in Orono

please bring a mask  
all are welcome, beginner and expert

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## THE ROBERT TALBOT CIVIL RIGHTS SPEAKER SERIES

PROMOTING DIALOGUE AND ENGAGEMENT  
TO ADVANCE EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

Co-hosted by  
**The UMaine Alumni Association  
and the Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP**

**Please join us in Orono for the inauguration of  
The Robert Talbot Civil Rights Speaker Series**

Thursday, October 21, 2021  
Wells Conference Center, University of Maine  
4:30 p.m. – reception | 5:30 p.m. – program



FEATURING  
*Fighting Time* co-authors  
**Amy Banks and Isaac Knapper**



Register at [our.umaine.edu/talbot](https://our.umaine.edu/talbot) or call 207.581.1146.  
Admission is free. *This event is supported by a generous grant from Bangor Savings Bank.*




All guests 12 years and older are required to present proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a qualifying negative COVID-19 test to gain access to this event. See registration page for more details.



**About *Fighting Time*, by co-authors Amy Banks and Isaac Knapper**

In 1979, 16-year-old Isaac Knapper was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the murder in New Orleans of UMaine History Professor Ronald Banks. However, Knapper was freed 13 years later after it was revealed that prosecutors had suppressed evidence that cleared Knapper of the crime.

Professor Banks' daughter, Amy Banks, was also 16 years old at the time of her father's murder. Twenty-six years later, she and Knapper met and began working together to process the horrific circumstances of the murder and judicial failures.

Now close friends and advocates for racial justice and reform, the two have collaborated on *Fighting Time*. As reviewer Jennifer Thompson wrote, "*Fighting Time* is not just a book about the injustice of a wrongful conviction, but a love story of the capacity of human beings to find power in the pain and healing in the harm."

*Fighting Time will be published on November 5th. Advance copies of the book will be available for sale at Banks and Knapper's October 21st presentation and at The Briar Patch bookstore in Bangor.*

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Please join us in Orono for the inauguration of the Robert Talbot Civil Rights Speaker Series, featuring co-authors of "Fighting Time," Amy Banks and Isaac Knapper. The event will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Wells Conference Center from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Registration available here: [our.umaine.edu/talbot](https://our.umaine.edu/talbot).



# SOLIDARITY MEETING

A SAFE PLACE TO FIND SOLIDARITY! A PLACE TO  
SHARE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS  
STUDENTS OF COLOR AT UMAINE




MEETING WILL BE HELD BI-WEEKLY  
STARTING 9/15/21 AT 2PM  
SIGN UP VIA ATTACHED LINK

*This meeting is offered online for the time being. Students must be  
physically in Maine to attend.*



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week in advance



A vibrant rainbow Pride flag with horizontal stripes of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, waving in the wind. The flag is the background for the entire poster.The University of Maine logo, featuring a shield with three vertical stripes and the year 1865 above it.

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OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION  
PRESENTS

# MAKE YOUR OWN PRIDE FLAG BUTTON

Everybody is welcome!  
October 12 & 14  
COE Room 11:30a-1:30p

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# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

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MONDAYS 6PM-7PM

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## WHATS OUR PURPOSE?

The purpose of American Sign Language (ASL) Club is to get club members comfortable with signing an introduction of who they are/where they come from in order to feel prepared to engage in conversation with deaf or hard of hearing people. Students will be a part of bridging the gap between hearing and Deaf cultures; they will gain new perspective. This preparedness will also come through learning about Deaf culture and the proper use of ASL.

## WHERE?

We are currently meeting in front of the bear statue (on the opposite end of the library). When it gets too cold, we will relocate inside!

## CONTACT:

Please direct any questions to our President, Morgan Oehler, or Vice President, Shanna Scribner: [Morgan.oehler@maine.edu](mailto:Morgan.oehler@maine.edu), [Shanna.scribner@maine.edu](mailto:Shanna.scribner@maine.edu)



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### Weekly Meetings

Wednesday @ 5pm at the  
Multicultural Student Center  
3rd Floor, Memorial Union

- Holiday Events and Services
- Jewish Cooking
- Resources and Support
- Shabbat Dinners
- Fun and Games
- Volunteer Opportunities

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contact our president at  
[sarah.meyerwaldo@maine.edu](mailto:sarah.meyerwaldo@maine.edu)  
or message us on facebook  
or on instagram @umainehillel





# Asian STUDENT ASSOCIATION

6 - 7 PM every other Friday at Room 312,  
Memorial Union

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## WHO WE ARE

We are a student organization who welcomes **everyone** from different backgrounds to join us for our events.

## WHAT WE DO

Join our general meetings for fun games, movie nights, cooking and study sessions. Have fun and make friends along the way!

## CONTACT

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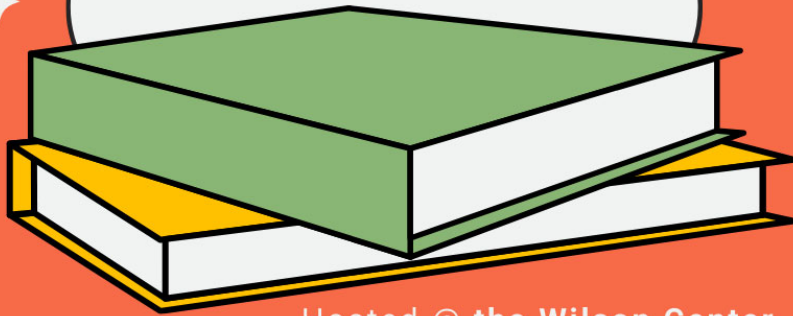


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