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Happy Coming Out Week! 🌈

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UMaine Office for Diversity and Inclusion <robert.jackson@maine.edu>

Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 4:33 PM

Reply-To: UMaine Office for Diversity and Inclusion <robert.jackson@maine.edu>

To:



Happy Coming Out Week, UMaine! This is one of my favorite weeks of the year. I want to take this moment to congratulate my LGBTQ+ friends and family who have made the bold choice to come out and share their gender and/or sexuality with the folks in their lives. It is not a decision to be taken lightly, and coming out is a regular decision we must make each time we connect or interact with somebody new.

I also want to send all my love and solidarity to folks who are reading this who may not have come out yet. There are a million different reasons someone may choose not to out themselves, and none of them negate or invalidate your identity. You are just as much a part of the LGBTQ+ community as those of us who choose to share that part of ourselves openly and publicly. This week is for you, too.

Please check out the schedule of events for this week and the rest of LGBTQ+ History Month below. We're also excited to be bringing our Parade of Flags back, and will be sharing images of each of the different flags raised above campus on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for those of you who are unable to be here when your flag is raised. Know that, whether or not you personally see your flag flown above Orono, this is a place for you and every other LGBTQ+ student, staff, and faculty member, whether or not you are out.

For our cis and straight neighbors and colleagues, I ask that you take this week to advocate for better and more inclusive policies wherever you are. Speak to your colleagues about the importance of pronouns. Participate in International Pronouns Day on Wednesday and Spirit Day on Thursday to show your support. Find ways to make the work you do more inclusive of folks of all genders and sexualities, and that's one less thing that LGBTQ+ have to put the labor into doing themselves. It all helps, and it all adds up.

Happy Coming Out Week, and sending all my love to LGBTQ+ folks far and wide, out or closeted, questioning or certain. You are valid, and you are family.

Rob Jackson (He/Him)
Staff Associate for Diversity

October 2021 LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH



12 & 14 PRIDE FLAG BUTTON MAKING 11:30AM-1:30PM COE ROOM, UNION	18 COMING OUT WEEK PRIDE FLAG RAISING NOON EST ON THE CAMPUS MALL	18 HIV/ & HEPATITIS C TESTING W/HEAL NOON-4PM 224 MEMORIAL UNION
20 LUNCH AND LEARN WHITE APPROPRIATION OF BLACK CULTURE NOON-1PM 312 MEMORIAL UNION	20 PAINT WITH PRIDE 6-8PM 312 MEMORIAL UNION	21 WALK WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE 12:15 PM ON THE CAMPUS MALL
22 OUTDOOR LAWN GAMES WITH WILDE STEIN 4-5PM ON THE CAMPUS MALL	28 CLIMB WITH PRIDE 5:30-7:30PM MAINE BOUND ADVENTURE CENTER	18-22 PARADE OF PRIDE FLAGS 10AM-4PM DAILY ON THE CAMPUS MALL

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Coming Out Week

PARADE OF FLAGS



CATCH OUR PARADE OF PRIDE FLAGS EACH DAY FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 18-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22. FLAGS WILL BE DISPLAYED FROM 10:00AM UNTIL 4:00 PM EACH DAY. THE RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG WILL REMAIN UP FOR THE DURATION OF THE WEEK AND THE SECOND FLAG WILL ROTATE BETWEEN 14 OTHER PRIDE AND IDENTITY FLAGS. CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE BELOW TO FIND THE TIME YOUR FLAG WILL BE ON DISPLAY!

Monday, 10/18

**12:00-2:00:
TRANSGENDER FLAG
2:00-4:00:
BISEXUAL FLAG**

Tuesday, 10/19

**10:00-12:00:
PANSEXUAL FLAG
12:00-2:00:
GENDERQUEER FLAG
2:00-4:00:
DEMISEXUAL FLAG**

Wednesday, 10/20

**10:00-12:00:
INTERSEX FLAG
12:00-2:00:
ASEXUAL FLAG
2:00-4:00:
AGENDER FLAG**

Thursday, 10/21

**10:00-12:00:
NON-BINARY FLAG
12:00-2:00:
GENDERFLUID FLAG
2:00-4:00:
LESBIAN FLAG**

Friday, 10/22

**10:00-12:00:
AROMANTIC FLAG
12:00-2:00:
PENOBSCOT FLAG
2:00-4:00:
BLACK LIVES MATTER
FLAG**



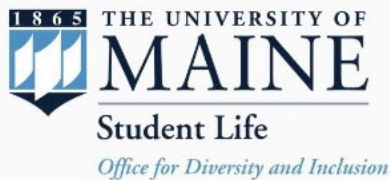
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PAINT WITH PRIDE

**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**

THIS GROUP IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COUNSELING
CENTER. THIS GROUP IS A PRIVATE, NON-
CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUP.







UMaine Maine Bound and ODI Presents

CLIMB WITH PRIDE AND THEY/THEM FILM

October 28 5:30p-7:30p
In the Maine Bound Building
-100% Free
-Free Shoe Rental
-Free Harness Rental
-No experience is necessary

"Content Warning: This film includes discussions of eating disorders, body dysphoria, self-harm, sexual assault, and suicide. While we have done our best to explore these topics conscientiously, remember that we are looking through the lens of a single person's experience. Please take care of yourself as you watch and use the resources provided below to find support if you are struggling with any of these topics."

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LGBTQ+ young people, attending GYRO, discuss what pronouns mean to them.
International Pronouns Day "is an annual event that seeks to make sharing,

respecting and educating about personal pronouns commonplace."



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MAINE
Student Life
Office for Diversity and Inclusion

Presents:

**Lunch & Learn:
Black Cultural
Appropriation in the
White LGBTQ+
Community**
featuring Rob Jackson

**Wednesday October 20th
12-1pm**

**Memorial Union room 314,
Multicultural Student Center**

**All are welcome
Free meal provided**

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2021 CULTUREFEST

A celebration of countries and cultures from around the world.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
10 AM - 3 PM
OUTSIDE ON THE MALL
UMAINE, ORONO
FREE ADMISSION

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, call 581.3437 or visit umaine.edu/international

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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 or anila.karunakar@maine.edu

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

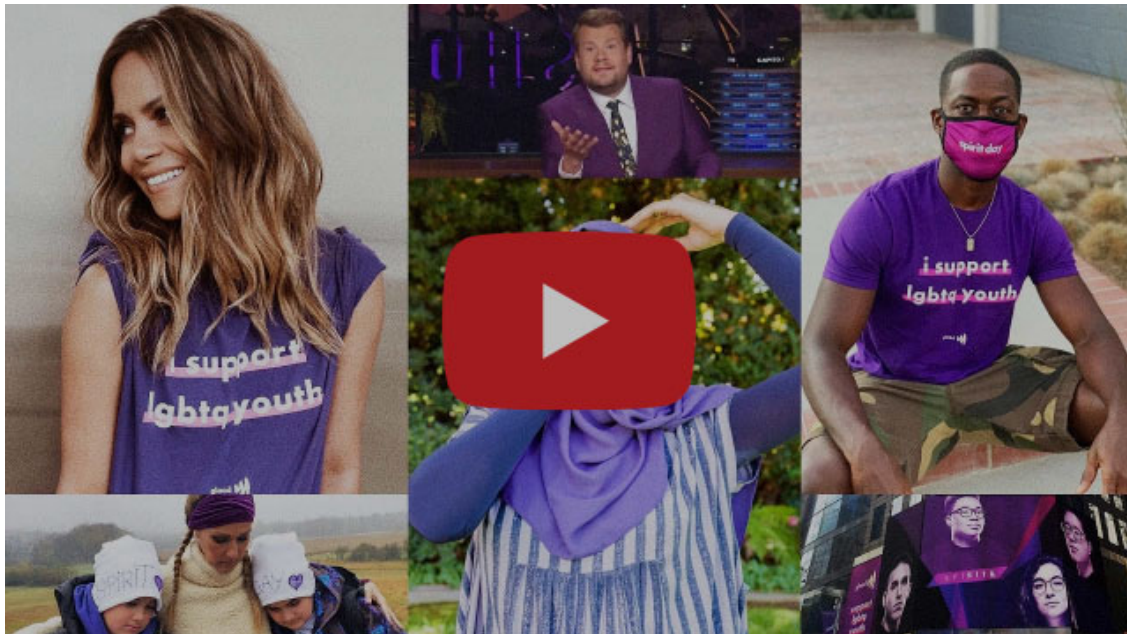
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INVITES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY

MEDITATION GROUP

Thursdays 6-7PM at The Wilson Center
67 College Ave. in Orono

please bring a mask
all are welcome, beginner and expert

RSVPS APPRECIATED - ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE BY REQUEST
WILSONCENTERORONO@GMAIL.COM



A brief recap of Spirit Day 2020 from GLAAD. Join us for Spirit Day 2021 this
Wednesday and don't forget your purple!

For more information about GLAAD's work, please visit <http://www.glaad.org>,
<http://facebook.com/glaad>, and <http://twitter.com/glaad>.





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

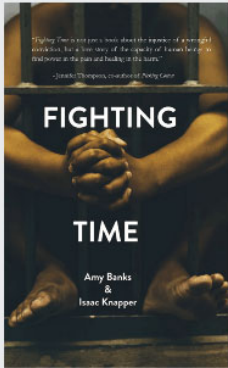
FEATURING
Fighting Time co-authors
Amy Banks and Isaac Knapper

Register at our.umaine.edu/talbot 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.



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



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

MONDAYS 6PM-7PM

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, 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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To learn more
contact our president at
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

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!

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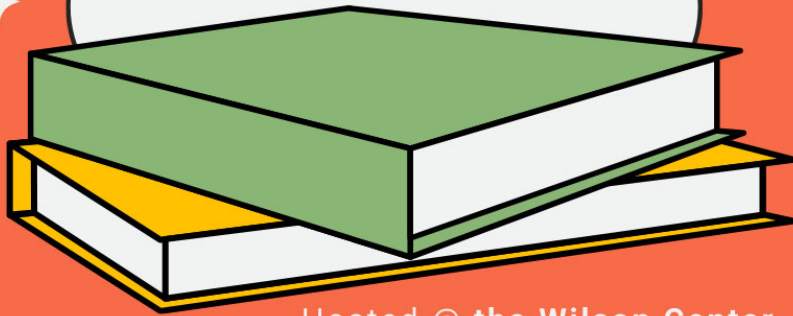


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exploration and multifaith dialogue?

Join the UMaine Interfaith Group!

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MONDAYS @ 6PM
WILSON CENTER, ORONO

Email dominique.dispirito@maine.edu with
questions! We hope to see you there!

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