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## **Black History Month!**

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Tue, Jan 30, 2024 at 4:10 PM



## Hello Friends! Welcome to 2024!!!

I am so happy to be back this semester to bring you all some amazing opportunities for us to practice community. I hope that you are looking forward to new resolutions that help us be community better. Friends, it weighs on me to openly say that I continue to center my thoughts to the war that is taking place between Israel and Palestine. I join all peacemakers in pleading for peace by asking for an immediate ceasefire, release of all hostages without any harm and allowing medical and food aid reach those in desperate need in Palestine.

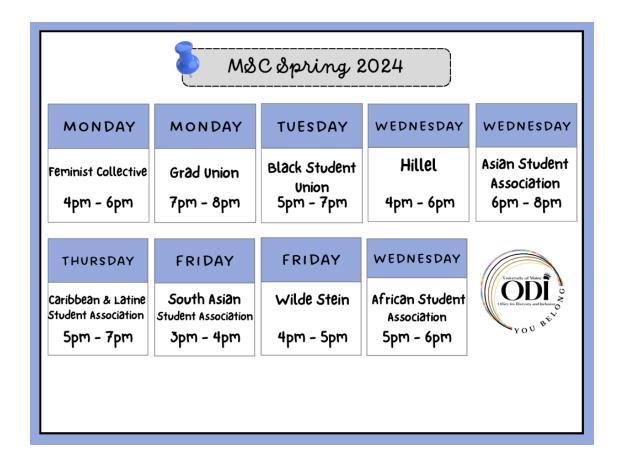
The team at ODI has been working hard to create programs that will enrich us while also working on building skills to practice community. I hope you will join us.. We just completed the first of the Rivers, Cultures and Cuisines series' food from in and around the Penobscot River. It was an

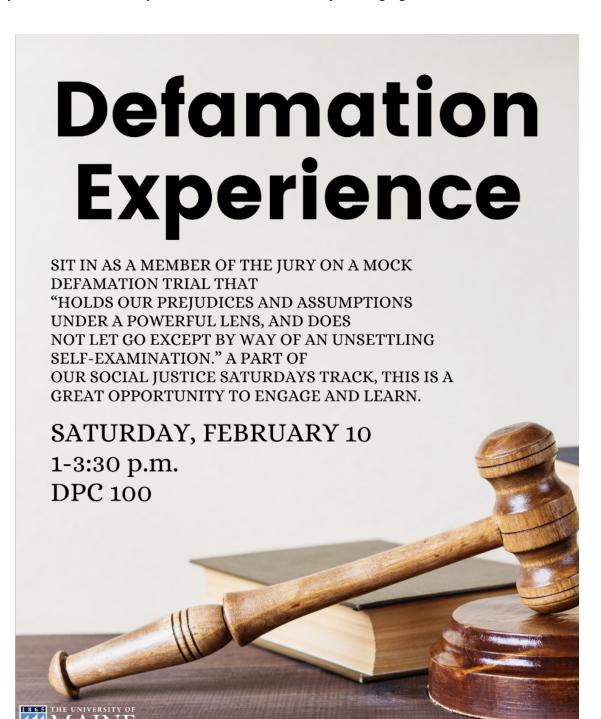
incredible experience. Next Monday, we enjoy food from the Mississippi. Sign up to have a place at the table!

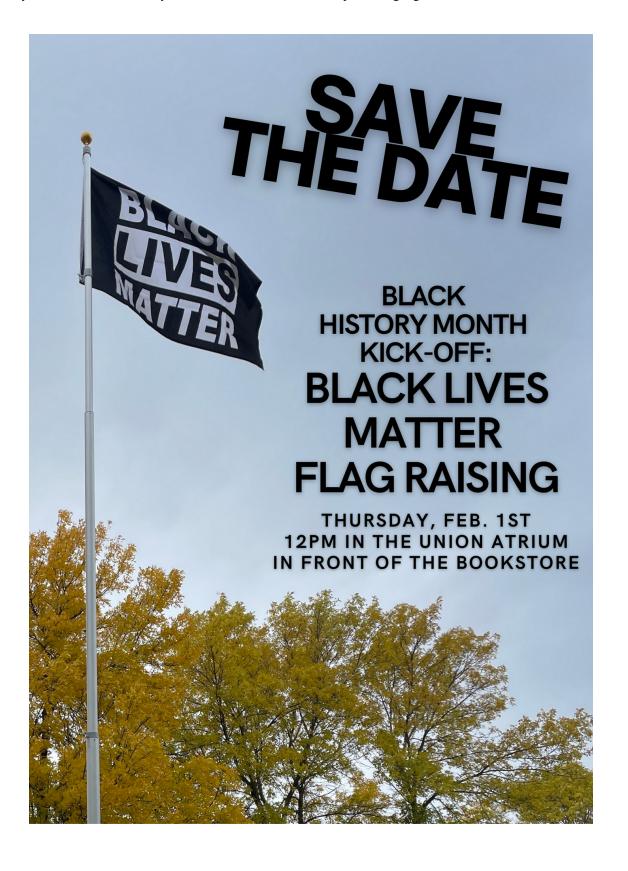
I wish us all a safe, healthy and enriching journey this Spring 2024!

Sincerely,

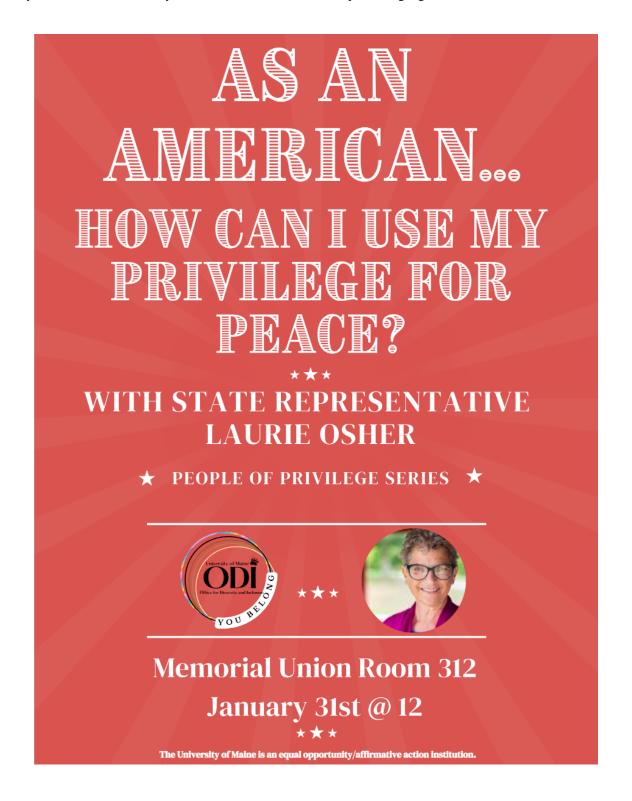
Anila Karunakar (She, her, hers) Director, Office for Diversity and Inclusion Memorial Union Room 310













# "A Tree of Life" Film Screening & Discussion

February 4, 2024 2:00 pm Donald P. Corbet Hall, Room 100

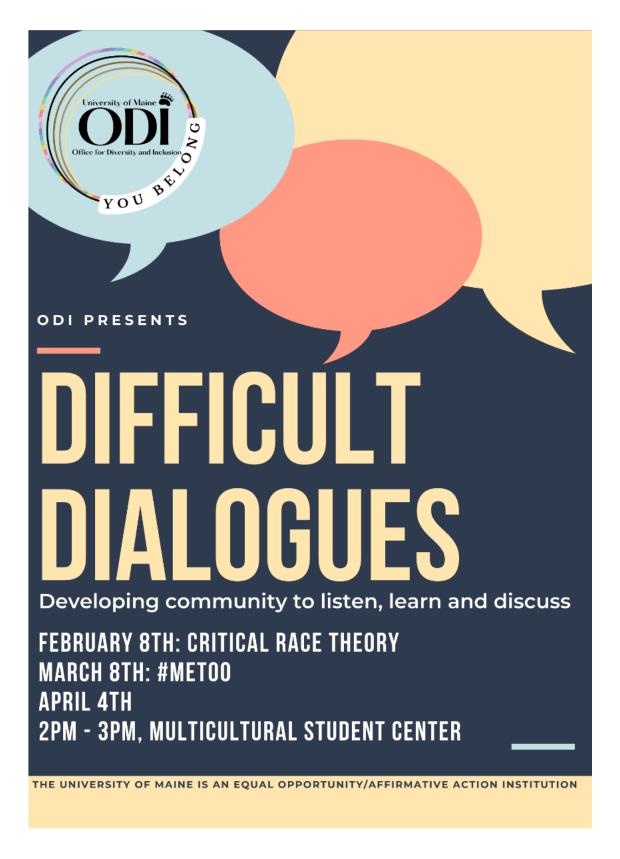
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Join us for a free screening of the documentary film "A Tree of Life: The Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting" followed by live panel discussion with subjects from the documentary, Audrey Glickman, Diane Rosenthal, & Andrea Wedner.

"A Tree of Life: The Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting" is a deeply personal portrait of the survivors, victims and family members, who share their harrowing first-hand accounts of the impact of the shooting on the community. The film is rooted in a community in the aftermath of a violent attack, as they work to rebuild and heal. Despite core differences, they come together to determine what justice looks like and how to best move forward while honoring and learning from the past. The film sheds light on the collective trauma suffered by a tight-knit group and brings into sharp focus the hate-based rhetoric that surrounds many of the mass shootings today, threatening the fabric of our society.

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