



*All are welcome as long as they respect women. Their experiences. Their stories. Their potential.*

## Spring 2016 Events & Programs Calendar

All events will take place in the Women's Center lounge unless otherwise noted.

Be sure to follow us on [myUMBC](#) as we continue to add and update events throughout the semester.

### Women's Center Identity-Based Programs:

**Between Women:** Biweekly, Mondays at 4pm, beginning January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Women of Color Coalition:** Weekly, Tuesdays at 5pm

**Spectrum:** Weekly, Thursdays at 3pm

### January 2016

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Tues

#### **Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence: Cultivating a Survivor-Responsive Campus Workshop for UMBC Faculty & Staff, 11am-12pm**

As a university community, we are expected to report incidents of sexual assault and interpersonal violence. But what else can faculty and staff members do to best support students who have experienced this kind of violence? This workshop will provide learning space will address the scope of the problem of sexual assault on college campuses, challenges related to healing for survivors, best practices for supporting survivors, and tools for personal self-care.

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Fri

#### **Returning Women Student Scholars Orientation, 9am-12pm**

This orientation is for all students receiving a Returning Women Students Scholarship and affiliates participating in the Returning Women Students Scholars program.

### February 2016

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Wed

#### **"Get It Together!": Fundamentals of Activism Workshop 4-5pm**

Want to create change on campus or in your community but don't know where to begin? Discuss your options and gain new insights for taking action at this skill-building workshop for students interested in social justice activism. *Note: This workshop will be offered again on Wed. February 10.*

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Wed

#### **Women + Leadership Class of 2016 Spring Kick-Off, 12-1pm**

Kick-off the semester with some leadership activities and discussions that will put you in prime position to lead through the semester. Pizza will be provided.

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Tues

### **Returning Women Students Scholarship Application Information Session, 4-4:45pm**

Undergraduate students over the age of 25 and seeking their first degree may be eligible for various scholarships offered through the Women's Center. Students interested in applying are highly encouraged to attend this important information session. Scholarship applications are available via the Women's Center website and [myUMBC group page](#).

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Wed

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Mon

### **Returning Women Students Forum: Salary Negotiation, 4-5pm**

Fight the gender pay gap by learning important skills for negotiating your salary at this workshop, presented by UMBC staff member Marie Lilly.

*This forum is for undergraduate women students over the age of 25.*

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Wed

### **Women's Center Roundtable Series: Black Trauma and Mental Health, 4-5pm**

The spring 2016 roundtable series will focus on the intersection of women, gender, and mental health. In recognition of Black History Month, the February roundtable will focus specifically on Black trauma and mental health. Invited panelists include: Dr. Jasmine Abrams, Dr. Tammy Henderson, and Donna-Lee Mahabeer.

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Wed

### **So You Want to Work in the Women's Center?, 12-12:45pm**

Students interested in working, interning, or volunteering in the Women's Center for the 2016-17 academic year are encouraged to attend this information session.

## **March 2016**

*March is Women's History Month*

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Wed

### **Microaggressions Workshop, 11-12pm**

This social justice oriented workshop will provide participants an overview of microaggressions, their impact on individuals and the community, and what can be done to interrupt and address them in your spheres of influence.

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Wed

### **Returning Women Students Forum: Real Talk on Job Searching as a Non-Trad Student, 5-6pm**

Former Returning Women Students and UMBC alumnae will return to share the successes and challenges of their job hunts as non-traditional students. Job searching as a non-traditional student can be a unique & daunting experience and this forum is catered just for you!

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**UMBC Celebrates Diversity: Women’s History Month Fair, 12-1pm**

**Location:** *The Commons, Main Street*

Celebrate the accomplishments of women throughout history and learn where important strides in gender equity still need to be taken.

*Sponsored by the UMBC Celebrates Diversity Planning Committee*

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Thurs

**Women’s Center Roundtable Series: Mental Health in the Trans Community, 4-5pm**

The spring 2016 roundtable series will focus on the intersection of women, gender, and mental health. This roundtable will specifically center the experiences and perspectives of the transgender community. Invited panelists include: Dr. Alexis Melville and Vivien Barrett.

*Co-Sponsored by Student Life’s LGBTQ Programming*

***The Women’s Center will be closed during Spring Break, March 14-18<sup>th</sup>***

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Wed

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**Returning Women Student Scholarships Application Deadline, 4pm**

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Wed

**Telling Our Stories Showcase, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location:** *The Commons, Sports Zone*

The TOS Showcase features creative performances and an open mic by UMBC women of color. Telling Our Stories aims to raise awareness and reject stereotypes of women of color to create space for authentic self-expression. Contact Women’s Center staff to sign up as a performer!

**April 2016**

*April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month*

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**Clothesline Project T-Shirt Making, available in the Women’s Center throughout April**

The Clothesline Project is a visual display featuring shirts designed by UMBC community members who have been impacted by sexual violence and abuse. Opportunities to create shirts for the project will be available throughout April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and will be included in UMBC’s Clothesline Project from year-to-year.

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Mon

**Returning Women Students Networking Spectacular, 3:45-5:30pm**

**Location:** *The Commons, Lower Flat Tuesdays*

Back by popular demand! Returning Women Students are encouraged to RSVP to this event by March 24<sup>th</sup> to reserve their space to practice their networking skills with UMBC faculty and staff. A limited number of mock interview opportunities will also be available.

*The Returning Women Students forum is for undergrad women students over the age of 25.*

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Wed

**Clothesline Project Display, 10am-4pm**

**Location:** *The Commons, Main Street*

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Wed

**Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence: Cultivating a Survivor-Responsive Campus Workshop for UMBC Faculty & Staff, 4-5pm**

As a university community, we are expected to report incidents of sexual assault and interpersonal violence. But what else can faculty and staff members do to best support students who have experienced this kind of violence, and most importantly, how can we build trust and help empower survivors? This workshop cover the scope of the problem of sexual assault on college campuses, challenges related to healing for survivors, best practices for supporting survivors, and tools for personal self-care.

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Tues

**Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence: Cultivating a Survivor-Responsive Campus Workshop for UMBC Students, 4-5pm**

What can you do to support friends and classmates who have experienced sexual violence? What do you say? What do you not say? The majority of the workshop will focus on recognizing challenges to healing for survivors and identifying best practices for responding sensitively and effectively to friends or acquaintances who are experiencing an immediate crisis or ongoing trauma. *We highly encourage those attending Take Back the Night to attend this workshop.*

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Tu-Th

**Take Back the Night (TBTN) Rally Sign Making Available, 10am-4pm**

Join the call to end sexual violence on campus and show your solidarity with survivors at this year's TBTN with your own DIY rally sign! Ideas and materials are provided for free at the Women's Center from Tuesday 4/12 through Thursday 4/14.

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Thurs

**Take Back the Night (TBTN), 6-9pm**

**Location:** *The Commons, Main Street*

Show your support for survivors of sexual violence by joining the Women's Center and UHS for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Back the Night survivor speak-out and march. Don't forget your posters and signs for the march! Craftivism and community building will be available again this year on Main Street following the march. *Post your photos and words of support on social media using #UMBCtbtn*

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Tues

**Women's Center Roundtable Series: Women and (In)Visible Disabilities, 4-5pm**

The spring 2016 roundtable series will focus on the intersection of women, gender, and mental health. This roundtable will specifically center the experiences and perspectives related to invisible and visible disabilities in the lives of women. Invited panelists include: Dr. Kate Drabinski and Dr. Julie Murphy.

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Thurs

**Women + Leadership Class of 2016 Spring Wrap-Up, 12-1pm**

**Location:** Harbor Hall Cafe

Reflect on your experiences learning and practicing leadership over the year and be in the first ever Women + Leadership Class of 2016 photo! Pizza provided.

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## May 2016

TBA

**Returning Women Students End-of-Semester Celebration, Time TBA**

Through the ups and downs, you've all finally made it! Let's celebrate the end of another semester and congratulate our graduating Returning Women Student Scholars. Light snacks will be provided.

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**Self-Care Day, 10-4pm**

It's that time of year! Take time to care for yourself through some DIYing and games as finals week quickly approaches.

***Be sure to check [myUMBC](#) for finals week and summer term hours for the Women's Center.***

