Monday, February 22, 2021

Dear SAS Honors Program Students,

So with the anthropology curriculum, my classwork inevitably exposes me to many different cultural systems and varieties of each. Even so, aside from the constants of some form of belief, some form of commemoration, and some sort of coming to age story, the main similarity between EVERY culture on this planet is the safe space that is home and hearth. A home doesn’t have to be the home you were born in or anything, but wherever you currently reside - be that alone, in an apartment with housemates, or with your family. Hearth on the other hand is the gathering place, traditionally a fireplace on the floor where those close to each other would gather. It is the place where kinship is built.

Why am I telling you this? No particular reason, it’s just one of those things that are fun to talk about. It is also important to break away from home and hearth every now and then - do so with some of these events. Talk to recent alums who are leading in their fields at the upcoming Young Honors Alumni & Student Mixer. Learn all about the neuroscience and social science of the climate crisis - among other things - at the upcoming Chat With Dr. Adam Aron. Join distinguished speaker/activist Dr. Barbara Ransby as she talks about the innate ability within all of us to cause transformative change at the Douglass Dean’s Lecture Series Event. Decompress after the first few weeks of classes at the Peer Mentor Program Game Night. Dissect a timeless speech from the even more timeless Malcolm X at the upcoming Racial Politics in a Global Era Event. Covid has caused serious stress for all of us - but the LGBTQAI+ community was hit especially hard. Learn about ways to alleviate some of the weight on these communities at the upcoming event: Affirming Medical and Mental Health Care for LGBTQAI+ Communities. Covid has caused serious stress for all of us - but the LGBTQAI+ community was hit especially hard. Learn about ways to alleviate some of the weight on these communities at the upcoming event: Affirming Medical and Mental Health Care for LGBTQAI+ Communities. Covid has caused serious stress for all of us - but the LGBTQAI+ community was hit especially hard. Learn about ways to alleviate some of the weight on these communities at the upcoming event: Affirming Medical and Mental Health Care for LGBTQAI+ Communities.

Warm Regards,
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Your newsletter editor
Young Alumni & Student Mixer

Of course Rutgers has a line-up of all-stars happy to share their wisdom with the next generation of students! Part one will have you hear from some of the greats - including staff from the Miami Dolphins, JP Morgan Chase & Co, Biden for President, Harvard Medical School, Epic Records, and Facebook. Part two will have students join a Glimpse Networking Room for one on one conversations with 2015-2020 Alumni! This event takes place next Thu, March 4 at 6pm EST. Find out more here.

Chat With Dr. Adam Aron

Join Professor of the Dept. of Psychology at UC San Diego, Dr. Adam Aron, as he discusses his ongoing research into the cognitive neuroscience and social psychology of the climate crisis - among other things. The Aron Lab specializes in how people control themselves, known in the field as executive function or cognitive control. This event takes place this Wed, Feb 24. Find the time and Zoom link here.

Douglass Dean's Lecture Series

Dr. Barbara Ransby - John D. MacArthur chair and a distinguished professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) - will be speaking at the upcoming Douglass Dean’s Lecture Series on Critical Conversations on Black History. Longtime historian, writer, and activist, Dr. Ransby will talk about the innate power and responsibility each person has to contribute to transformative change. There will be a special cameo from President Jonathan Holloway HIMSELF. This event takes place this Wed, Feb 24 at 6:30pm EST. Register here.
Peer Mentor Program
Game Night

Turn on your cameras, mics, and anything else you might need for an evening of relaxation at the upcoming **SASHP Game Night**. This time around the games codenames, taboo, and skribbi.io will be offered. Take your pick and get ready to attend on **Thurs, Feb 25 at 8pm EST**. Interested students can join the Zoom call [here](#).

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**Racial Politics in a Global Era**

Join Eagleton Professor **Saladin Ambar** and Eagleton Fellow **Emahunn Campbell** as they dissect Malcolm X’s POWERFUL speech given during a debate on Barry Goldwater's quote “Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice; moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.” Malcolm X’s speech went down in history as one of the greatest addresses given during the civil rights era. This event takes place this **Tues, Feb 23 at 12pm EST**. Register [here](#).

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**Affirming Medical and Mental Health Care for LGBTQAI+ Communities**

This week’s events have honestly had some all-stars and I love it. Next up, join senior associate dean of the Medical College of Wisconsin **Jesse Ehrenfeld** and MANY more experts from medical and mental health, social sciences, and humanities as they discuss **LGBTQAI+ Health Care**. While treated poorly prior, healthcare issues in LGBTQAI+ communities have been exacerbated by COVID-19. This event takes place **Thurs, Feb 25, and Fri, Feb 26**. Learn more/register [here](#).
Aresty RURJ Copy Editor Application

The Aresty Research Center is looking to hire a team of copywriters to review and revise the Rutgers Undergraduate Research Journal. The role will officially begin in the summer, with required orientation and training sessions done during the spring semester. Interested students can apply here!

New Blog Post: Looking to Buy a Webcam? You Probably Already Have One!

“With the continued use of Zoom, WebEx, and various other web conference applications in the face of the pandemic, webcams and microphones have found themselves in very high demand and very low stock,” writes author Kevin Feng. Read the rest here.

Flavors of Rutgers Menu Item:

So, this is a super easy lunch recipe that I recently discovered while browsing YouTube. It’s a popular lunch item in Mexico City and is generally made right on top of hot coals! While we won’t be doing that, be sure to check out this week’s Flavors of Rutger Menu Item: Not So Neilson’s Poblano Con Queso. It’s just as good.
POBLANO CON QUESO

**Ingredients:**

- 2 Flour or Corn Tortillas
- 1 Poblano Pepper
- About 4-5 TBS of a melting cheese like fontina, gouda, or asiago
- Optional toppings: diced onion, guac, tomatoes, anything you want!

**Directions**

1. Cut the top off of the poblano pepper, remove seeds
2. Place the cheese inside of the pepper and secure so that nothing will fall out
3. Over a stovetop flame on high (or in the broiler on high) roast the pepper until the outside is charred
4. Let rest in a covered container for 15 minutes or until charred skin comes off easily
5. Optionally remove all charred skin (however it is traditionally left on for its flavor)
6. Next, while a medium frying pan is heating, dice the poblano with cheese inside until the consistency of a roughly diced onion is reached
7. Throw diced poblano and cheese onto an oiled frying pan and fry until cheese is crispy
8. Divide into two portions and throw onto the tortillas

***Makes 1 Serving***

Recipe Courtesy of KP Kwan