In Brief: Pride month, Staff Council agenda, move-in volunteers needed, Confluencenter event

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Celebrating Pride month

The University is marking Pride month with a recommended book list, themed merchandise and more.

Pride month is celebrated in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, which was a key moment in the gay rights movement in the United States.

The University of Arizona Press has put together a Pride month book recommendations list [1] that includes a collection of writings from 45 queer and trans Black writers of Latin American descent, a book about the gay rights movement in Nicaragua and a collection of stories by and about LGBTQ members of the Native American community. (University of Arizona Press also created a list of Juneteenth book recommendations [2].)

For those interested in the story of the LGBTQ community in Arizona and the U.S.-Mexico borderlands, University Libraries houses the Arizona Queer Archives [3], which contains records, papers and more documenting that history. University Libraries is featuring items from both the book recommendations list and the Arizona Queer Archives throughout the month on its Facebook [4], Twitter [5] and Instagram [6] accounts.

The campus community can also celebrate Pride month with themed merchandise [7] available at the University of Arizona BookStores. Some proceeds from products featuring the LGBTQ+ cultural logo [8] will benefit students through the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.

In addition, Arizona Public Media is celebrating with programming, stories and educational resources [9] curated for Pride month.

Staff Council agenda includes compensation updates plus planning for the upcoming year

University of Arizona Staff Council members will hear updates on compensation and begin planning for the upcoming academic year during their June 27 meeting [10].

Ahead of July 1 compensation increases, Chante Martin and Diane Brennan, assistant vice presidents in the Division of Human Resources, will provide updates on compensation policy and take questions from attendees.

The meeting will also include a brainstorming session to generate ideas for goals for the upcoming year. Those ideas will inform topics for a July Staff Council retreat, which will also be discussed.

In addition, attendees will get a recap of the 2023 Crossroads Conference, a day of professional development for staff that took place June 2.

The Staff Council, a shared governance organization that represents University Staff and Classified Staff, meets via Zoom [11] the last Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open to all employees. Anyone who wants more information can find updates [12] on the Staff Council website or email the council’s chair Jeffrey Jones, information technology business analyst for University Information Technology Services, at JeffreyJones@arizona.edu [13].

Volunteers wanted for student move-in

Housing and Residential Life is looking for volunteers to help an estimated 7,000 new and returning students during move-in from Aug. 15-18.

Organizers say volunteers’ duties will include greeting families, assisting in elevators, passing out bottled water and giving directions to students and their families and guests. Volunteers are no longer asked to help transport students’ items to their dorm rooms.

Interested employees are asked to fill out an interest form [14], where they can list their preferred days, times and locations. Shifts up to three hours long will be scheduled from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

Housing and Residential Life asks those interested in volunteering to submit the form by June 23. Anyone with questions can email hsg-moveincrew@distribution.arizona.edu [15].

Roundtable to spotlight 'Reclaiming the Border Narrative' work

The Confluencenter for Creative Inquiry and University Libraries Special Collections are hosting a virtual roundtable
featuring artists, human rights advocates and archivists working in the borderlands.

Titled "FronteriForum: Archiving, Art and Advocacy for Migrant Justice," the roundtable is set for June 29 at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to register.

The roundtable is the first in a series aimed at spotlighting work being done by the Confluencenter for Creative Inquiry and University Libraries Special Collections to create a digital archive featuring art, journalism and community stories designed to expand perceptions and narratives surrounding the U.S.-Mexico border.

The digital archive effort, called "Reclaiming the Border Narrative: Storytelling and Cultural Power for Migrant Justice," is funded in part through a $1.18 million grant from the Ford Foundation.

Read more about "Reclaiming the Border Narrative" and the Ford Foundation grant in a story posted on the University of Arizona News website.

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