October typically marks the arrival of cooler temperatures after months of Tucson’s triple-digit summer heat. The changing season also means the UA’s calendar is brimming with things to do.

This October offers the opportunity to check out two festivals. The Tucson Humanities Festival will examine the role of humanities in society’s future transformations. The TENWEST Impact Festival will bring together national, local and UA experts for exhibits, performances and other presentations to tackle society’s biggest questions.

Later in the month, the Arizona Insect Festival returns for its ninth year, and campus information technology professionals will hold their annual daylong summit.

To see what else is going on at the UA in October, check out the Master Calendar, which is open to submissions from employees and students who want to promote University-sponsored events or events happening on campus or in UA facilities. Add your event using the calendar’s submission form.

**Tucson Humanities Festival** | Throughout October

The Tucson Humanities Festival, presented by the College of Humanities, returns for its 10th year, with venues around campus and Tucson. This year’s monthlong festival, which begins Oct. 2, follows the theme "Next," and will explore ways society will transform itself in the future.

Presenters and topics include:

- **Jonathan Jae-an Crisman**, assistant professor in the Department of Public and Applied Humanities, will give a talk on the future of cities on Oct. 2 at Playground, 278 E. Congress St.
- Elizabeth Otto, executive director of the Humanities Institute at the University at Buffalo, will cover the overlooked contributions of the Bauhaus' women in two talks on Oct. 7 at the UA Museum of Art.
- Four faculty members from the Department of Religious Studies and Classics will discuss what's next for religious institutions after the #MeToo movement on Oct. 15 at the Helen S. Schaefer Building.
- **An Oct. 24 reading** will feature poet and writer Sandra Cisneros, the author of the coming-of-age novel "The House on Mango Street," in the Student Union Memorial Center.

The Tucson Humanities Festival runs through Nov. 1. For more information, visit the festival's [website].
**2019 Downtown Lecture Series** | Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24

Find out what animals can teach us about who we are during the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences annual Downtown Lecture Series, which returns this year with the theme "Animalities."

The lectures will take place the first four Wednesdays in October, with each talk featuring one of the college's experts talking about a different animal. Dog lovers won't want to miss the Oct. 3 talk on new discoveries about the canine mind. A week later, the series will feature a talk titled "The Personhood of Bison."

On Oct. 17, learn about the tradition of herring harvesting on an island in Canada and how fish and humans can live together meaningfully. The series wraps up Oct. 24 with a talk on how horses can teach humans to relate to each other, the land and other animals.

All talks are free and will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

**TENWEST Impact Festival** | Oct. 11-20

The TENWEST Impact Festival, Tucson's answer to the South by Southwest Conference and Festivals, will return this year to venues around downtown Tucson and the UA campus for exhibitions, talks and other events featuring local and national experts. The festival aims to explore answers to some of today's most significant cultural questions.

The UA is among the festival's title sponsors, and many events feature University scholars and experts. They include:

- An Oct. 11 talk between UA Presidential Scholar and photographer David Hume Kennerly and presidential biographer Jon Meacham about the importance of photography in culture.
- A panel discussion on Oct. 14, with three UA experts addressing the demand for higher education and professional development in Native American communities across the U.S.
- An Oct. 16 presentation by associate professor of mathematics Bruce Bayly on the science behind making musical instruments.
- A talk on Oct. 18 by Buell Jannuzi, director of Steward Observatory and head of the UA Department of Astronomy, on the history and future of astronomy research in Arizona.

**UA Presents: 'Lila Downs' Día de los Muertos: al Chile'** | Oct. 16

Lila Downs, a multi-Grammy Award-winning singer from Mexico, will celebrate Día de los Muertos with a performance of music, dance and ritual featuring personal renditions of classic rancheras and her original songs.

The program will also feature Los Angeles' Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company and Mariachi Femenil Flores Mexicanas, an all-female mariachi group from El Paso, Texas. Attendees are invited to come dressed in their favorite Día de los Muertos outfits and makeup.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 1020 E. University Blvd.
The Arizona Insect Festival, presented by the Department of Entomology, will return for its ninth year with interactive exhibits on insects and insect-based research taking place at the UA.

This year's festival will highlight the fact that the Tucson area has more species of native bees than any other place in the world.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 E. Lowell St.

Also happening this month:

- Oct. 1-3 | UA Dance Jazz in AZ: 'One Act One Hour' | Stevie Eller Dance Theatre
- Oct. 3, 10, 17 | Faculty Showcase | Student Union, Arizona Room
- Oct. 10-13 | Family Weekend
- Oct. 16 | Talk ? 'Write Better Emails' | Main Library, Room 112
- Oct. 27-Nov. 2 | Homecoming
- Oct. 29 | UA IT Summit | Student Union Memorial Center
- Throughout October | Office of Digital Learning Adobe Software Workshops | Student Union BookStore and the Albert B. Weaver Science-Engineering Library

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