

EDI FRIDAYS

LEARNING ABOUT EACH OTHER — ONE FRIDAY AT A TIME



Friday, October 20, 2023

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KNOWLEDGE

DEFINITIONS

CIVIL RIGHTS

Guarantees of equal social opportunities and protection under the law, regardless of race, religion, or other characteristics.

Civil rights are an essential component of democracy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“We but mirror the world. If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change.”

–Mahatma Gandhi

Anti-colonial nationalist

A red banner with various white icons including a globe, a magnifying glass, a handshake, a person, and a speech bubble. The word "SPOTLIGHT" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the banner.

SPOTLIGHT

Faculty/Staff Spotlight



Stephen A. Alexis

Department Administrator - Dance

Hobbies: Trail running, creative writing, Meditation (TM)

Biography

“I do equity work because it is congenial to my life's purpose of making a positive difference in the lives of others.”

“Equity work is essential to me because it helps to level the playing field, giving every human an equal opportunity to rise to their highest potential.”

Artist Spotlight



DR. BRANDON WILLIAMS

He/him

- Associate Professor, Choral Music
- Interim Director of Choral Activities

Dr. Williams conducts the Rutgers Kirkpatrick Choir, the Rutgers Glee Club, and the Rutgers Voorhees Choir.

Biography

“In my first few days as a professor at Mason Gross, a music student shared their excitement about my appointment because there had been no other music faculty members who looked like "us".

“A sobering reminder that my mere presence was significant and comforting.

“Embracing EDI efforts means that, hopefully, conversations like that will not occur again.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

TODOS SOMOS, SOMOS UNO
WE ARE ALL, WE ARE ONE

24th Annual Rutgers Jewish Film Festival

October 26 to November 12, 2023

[More info](#)

Moving Forward: Dance and Parkinson's 7th Annual Symposium

Saturday, October 28, 2023

[More info](#)



FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

Rutgers Summit on Student Success

Livingston Student Center

October 25, 2023 | 9:00am to 5:00pm

[More info](#)

Disability and the Arts Digital Film Festival

Alexander Library

October 26, 2023 | 6:00pm to 7:00pm

[More info](#)

The 2023 Culture Conference Mental Health Implications of Discrimination

October 27, 2023 | 9:30am to 3:00pm

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Women's Rights as Human Rights Women's Global Health

November 2, 2023 | 4:30pm to 7:00pm

[More info](#)

Building an Inclusive Academy Diversity Plan Progress Summit

November 14, 2023 | 9:30am to 6:00pm

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