



INTERNATIONAL @ LAWRENCE

A NEWSLETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (ISS) FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND U.S. STUDENTS WITH GLOBAL BACKGROUNDS



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2: Yang Liu
 Oct 8: Andrea Arivella
 Oct 9: Yi-Tse Chen
 Oct 10: Catherine Gitkin
 Oct 10: Shenting Hou
 Oct 15: Minh Quang Ta
 Oct 17: Deepankar Tripurana
 Oct 18: Yilin Zhu
 Oct 18: Fengzhu Chen
 Oct 19: Bohan Liu
 Oct 20: Asuka Miyoshi

Oct 20: Daniel Gysi
 Oct 21: Nam Kon Song
 Oct 22: Zhixuan Lyu
 Oct 23: Naotaro Suto
 Oct 23: Miguelina Burgos
 Oct 24: Miyu Ozono
 Oct 27: Kiet Anh Nguyen
 Oct 29: Anh Hoang Trong Nam
 Oct 29: Tamima Tabishat
 Oct 30: Delina Abadi



OCTOBER 2016

**Upcoming Event
 Spotlight:**
**Lawrence Inter-
 national Ethnic
 Dinner**

**Akoma:
 The Heart of
 West Africa**

**Sunday, October
 16, 2016, 6-8 pm
 @Esch-Hurvis**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016: Wade Fernandez: Presentation and Concert of Menominee Music focused on Native Flute—Wade Fernandez will perform Menominee music and discuss its importance in the Native American heritage here. WCC Mead-Witter Room. 9pm.

Oct. 14-16, 2016: Fall Festival Weekend—Lawrence’s very own homecoming and family weekend. Join in the fun— go to concerts, football games and enjoy the beautiful foliage.

Friday, Oct. 14, 2016: Lawrence Symphony Orchestra Concert—one of the premier undergraduate orchestras in the country, under the direction of Mark Dupere, gives six concerts a year, performing standard orchestral works as well as opera, contemporary music and new commissions. Lawrence Memorial Chapel. 8pm.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016: Trip to Mitsuwa Japanese Market: Visit a Japanese supermarket, food court and bookstore in Arlington Heights, IL with the Waseda students. Bus leaves at Wriston Turnaround. 8am-6pm.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016: Alternative Giving Fair—Students in Professor Dena Skran’s Social entrepreneurship class will run an alternative giving fair to give Lawrence and the Appleton community a socially responsible shopping experience.

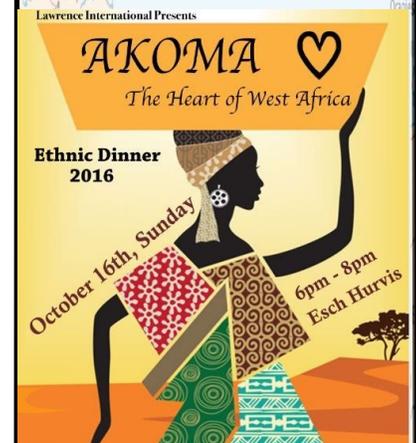
CONVOCATION SPEAKER: NATASHA TRETHEWEY



Trethewey has combined her mixed-race background and profound writing skills to convey the plight of southern black woman. Her acclaimed works include “Domestic Work” (2000), detailing working-class life and jobs, “Bellocq’s Ophelia” (2002), a fiction depicting prostitution in 1900s New Orleans, and most recently “Thrall” (2012) examining mixed-race fathers and children. Her most critically acclaimed work, “Native Guard” (2006), an exploration of death and war, won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, and one that many Lawrentians are familiar with through Freshman Studies.

Named the 19th U.S. Poetry Laureate in 2012, Trethewey is currently teaching at Emory University, with past teaching positions at Duke University, the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill and Yale University.

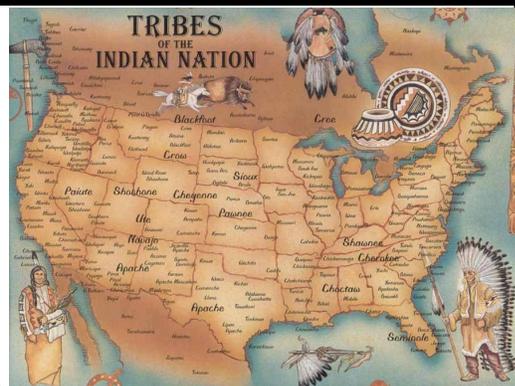
On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, she will deliver her convocation speech “The Muse of History: On Poetry and Social Justice”, 11.10 am at Lawrence Memorial Chapel.



DID YOU KNOW? INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IS NOW REPLACING COLUMBUS DAY

This year, Lawrence celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day with a series of events, including the Pow Wow Demonstration on Tuesday, Oct 11 in the Chapel, as well as the Wade Fernandez concert on Friday. Indigenous Peoples Day is a spreading movement to celebrate the cultural heritage and history of Native Americans, replacing the annual Columbus Day, usually on the second Monday of October.

Getting its start in the 1970s, the idea of this holiday first became a reality in 1992 in Berkeley, California and is now spreading faster than ever. This day honors the people who had lived on American soil long before Columbus ever set foot here. According to many historians, Columbus did not “discover” the Americas as Native Americans had already been living there, and he was not the first European to reach this region. With the celebration of Columbus Day, the stories and histories of the indigenous people in the Americas are dismissed, and instead, a legacy of colonialism is celebrated.



As the movement gains traction over the last few decades, more and more cities and locales in the U.S are adopting the Indigenous Peoples Day, both formally and informally. Many Native American tribes now embrace the holiday as a formal celebration for themselves. The adoption and celebration of this day do not only return the voice back to Native Americans to uphold their rich traditions and values, as well as to tell their stories, but also spread awareness and educate people.

Outside of the U.S., people are also rethinking Columbus’ legacy, acknowledging the glorification of colonialism and imperialism in the celebration of Columbus. For example, the city of Barcelona is proposing to remove Columbus statue from its city center.

So why should we care? The Fox Cities area, as well as Wisconsin and some other Midwestern states, is the home to many Native American tribes and communities. Here on campus, the Lawrence University Native American (LUNA) organization is a great place to start learning more about their heritage. So join the celebration with your Native American peers, and get to know their rich and diverse heritage!

ASK THE ADVISOR

Dear Leah,

If I am planning to travel out of the country this winter break, what do I need to prepare beforehand?

Great question! All F-1/J-1 students must request a travel endorsement from International Student Services (ISS) every six months. This endorsement (signature) on your I-20/DS-2019 allows you to travel and re-enter the U.S. and demonstrates you are an active student at Lawrence. It is important to get your document signed every six months; therefore, most students will request their travel endorsement from ISS prior to winter break and again prior to summer break.

When travelling and re-entering the country, be sure you have a passport valid for six months beyond your intended stay. If you are returning to the U.S. from outside the country, you will also need a valid F-1/J-1 visa. Finally, it is a good idea to carry a copy of your I-901 fee receipt along with a copy of your schedule for the following term to demonstrate your intention to study anytime you travel outside the U.S. and need to re-enter.

For those F-1/J-1 students leaving the United States and **not** heading to your home country, please note specific immigration regulations, particularly in terms visa requirements. For example, your status in the U.S. does not grant you visa-exempt status in Canada or Mexico, but depends on your specific country of citizenship’s visa regulations with these countries.

When you travel, please have your documents with you at all times. For some of you, carrying a photocopy version of your documents might feel safer in case you are prone to losing things! However, be sure you have the originals available if travelling internationally. It is also important to carry a copy of your insurance card in case of an emergency situation.



SUSTAINED DIALOGUE TRAINING AT LAWRENCE

A new program at Lawrence in partnership with the Sustained Dialogue institute, Sustained Dialogue (SD) program aims to facilitate the dialogue-to-action process and that transform relationships and create informed community changes. This program gathers participants from diverse backgrounds into small groups that meet regularly to develop strategies to improve the campus community, especially around the different dimensions of diversity. These include diversity in age, disability and mental health, ethnicity, race and color, religion, sex and gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status. The program is recruiting students and other members of campus as moderators and dialogue participants. Dialogues will start at the beginning of Winter term. SD program is hosting informational sessions to help introduce the idea of SD to campus community members at the Runkel Room on the following dates:

Thursday, Oct. 13, noon

Monday, Oct. 17, 7pm

Friday, Oct. 21, afternoon. A representative from the Sustained Dialogue Institute will be present.

The first SD training session for possible moderators will be on Saturday, Oct. 22 to provide deeper understanding of dialogue facilitation. The session is open to all students regardless of whether you will become a moderator for SD program. For more information or to register for training session, please visit go.lawrence.edu/dialogue

I.S.S. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Year: 2019

Major: Undecided/Minor in Music

Country: Ecuador

Career Aspiration: Happiness

Why did you choose Lawrence?

Because of the financial support Lawrence offered to me and also because I heard about Lawrence from an alumnus who is also Ecuadorian and also from my high school's college advisor.

How has your adjustment to the US and the university been?

It has been very successful, other than the long period of time when it gets cold, I have learned how to be an active international student in the Lawrence community with the help and encouragement of many people including professors, friends, and family (friendship family). Adjusting to this university in the US has not changed me, but rather given me the opportunity to demonstrate and stick to the value and culture that has been taught to me by my parents and home country of Ecuador, and this is the reason why I think have adjusted to the welcoming Lawrence environment without much struggle.

What is one of the most memorable moments during your years here at Lawrence?

One of the most memorable moments would have to be the time when Andrew Commons was open again after a long summer of cooking and cleaning for and by myself.

What are you involved with at Lawrence?

I am and have been involved in Intramural sports such as soccer, Lawrence international serving this year as a board member, recruit officer of Cultural Food Club, member of Viva club, Bon Appetit staff, international calling team etc. A good way to spend time in Lawrence is to be active, there is always something going on, on campus.

Do you have any advice for the freshmen?

Yes, stay involved, do NOT be afraid of seeking help or asking any kind of questions. Even if we think some questions we are about to ask are dumb or we are just nervous or a little scared, ask them, ask for help, do NOT remain in doubt. People are friendly and helpful usually! Also if you think you look funny wearing a winter jacket in the middle of Fall Term because you are cold, have no shame! If you are cold, you are cold.

