December Social Hour
Wednesday December 2, 2015, 12-2 PM
127 New Africa House
Open To: All
The Women of Color Leadership Network at CWC would like to invite you to our Social Hour on December 2nd! This is a time for networking and making connections. Come meet our staff, connect with women of color, network and relax from your busy schedule, or simply just come to say hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served. Bring a friend or two! Open to ALL and wheel-chair accessible.

Round the World Women
Tuesday December 1, 2015, 10-11:30am
Location: Umass Police Department
Co-sponsors: Student legal services & UMPD
Open To (mention audience): Spouses of International Students
Provide an overview on CWC's services as well as introducing Civilian Advocates to the women.

Consent and Healthy Relationship Workshops with My Body My Health Course
Monday, November 23rd & Monday, November 30th
Tuesday, November 24th, Tuesday, December 1st
UMass, Amherst
Open To: Students of My Body My Health Class
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide parts two and three of a multi-session workshop series for the My Body My Health course that will focus on consent and healthy relationships.

Principles of Community Health Education Class: Consent
Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 4PM-5:15PM
Arnold House 120
Open To: Students of Principles of Community Health Education Class
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a workshop on consent for students in the Principles of Community Health Education course.
Spoken Word and Drumming Night
November 19, 2015, 7:30 PM
203 Shirley Dubois Reading Room - New Africa House
Co-sponsors: UMass Afro-Am's Drum Class
Open To: All
Join the Women of Color Leadership Network for the first Spoken Word Event of the semester, featuring poetry performances and live music.
We are excited to be collaborating with UMass Afro-Am's Drum Class, who will be playing short intermissions in between the spoken word performances. Everybody is invited to participate and perform original poetry pieces or read from the works of their favorite artists and authors in relation to power, liberation, social identities, solidarity, resistance and other social justice related issues. Come and speak your truth! If you are interested in performing, please email wocln@umass.edu.
Refreshments will be served, and the event is free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

Understanding the DNA Selection Testing and Reporting Process in Forensic Sexual Assault Reports
Tues November 10, 2015, 9-11:30am
Northampton Police Department, 29 Center Street, Northampton
Co-sponsors: Hampshire County Sexual Assault Response Team
Open To: Hampshire and Franklin county law enforcement and prosecutors, victim advocates, SART members
Stephanie Harmon, Supervisor at the Maynard Massachusetts State Crime Lab, will discuss DNA testing as it pertains to evidence collected in crimes of sexual violence. Ms. Harmon will share the process used to request testing; the protocols technicians use to select particular samples for testing; the different types of tests used and how to interpret the results.

Healthy Relationships and Bystander Intervention for First Year Athletes
November 5th, 2015, 10 am - 1:15 pm
UMass
Open To: first year athletes
Co-sponsors: Men & Masculinity Center, Athletics
The workshops will focus on recognizing signs of an abusive relationship and strategies or intervening. Students will have the opportunity to discus likely scenarios and brainstorm potential interventions. Facilitators will review the three Bystander "D's" of Distraction, Delegate and Direct as well as what prevents students from responding effectively.

**November Social Hour**  
Wednesday November 4, 2015, 12-2 PM  
127 New Africa House  
Open To: All  
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**SOC222 : The Family Class Presentation on Domestic Violence**  
Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 11:30AM-12:20PM  
UMass  
Open To: Students in Class  
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will be provide will provide a presentation for the SOC222: The Family course on domestic violence prevention and bystander intervention.

**Bystander Intervention: Principles of Community Health Education Class**  
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4PM-5:15PM  
UMass  
Co-sponsors: School of Public Health  
Open To: Students of Class  
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a dual session workshop series for the Principles of Community Health Education course on bystander intervention and the fundamentals of consent.

**Alpha Chi Omega Vigil Presentation**  
Monday, October 26, 2015, 7PM  
Student Union, UMass  
Co-sponsors: Alpha Chi Omega  
Open To: UMass Community  
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will present a speech on
CWC services at the Alpha Chi Omega luminary in support of survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

**Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil**
Thursday, October 22, 2015, 7PM-9PM
Location: Campus Center 163 - UMass
Co-sponsors: Sigma Psi Zeta
Join the Center for Women and Community, the sisters of Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority for our annual candlelight vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
The candlelight vigil honors all those who are affected by domestic violence and provides an opportunity for the community to unite. Take a stand against domestic violence by supporting the survivors who choose to speak out against domestic violence and learn about key community resources for responding to violence.

**Sexual Violence and CSA Training (Safe Passage)**
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:00PM-9:30PM
Smith College, Northampton
Open To: Safe Passage Volunteers
Center for Women and Community (CWC) staff will provide training to new Safe Passage volunteers. These sessions will introduce basic information regarding sexual assault. Participants will actively engage in uncovering myths surrounding rape and sexual assault, learning about the typical experiences of survivors, and discussing how this information fits into their work in Domestic Violence prevention and direct service.

**Movie screening of Pariah**
Tues October 20, 2015, 6:30 PM
203 Shirley Du Bois Reading Room- New Africa House
Co-sponsors: Graduate Women's Network- GSS
Open To: All
Marking the debut feature film of writer/director Dee Rees, the award-winning Pariah tells the story of Akile, a 17 year old African American teenager from Brooklyn, as she juggles conflicting identities and risks friendship, heartbreak, and family in a desperate search for sexual expression. Having premiered at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, Pariah is a tender, sporadically goofy, yet candid and powerful coming-of-age story that will make viewers laugh, cry and, most importantly, think. [Pariah Screening Flyer.pdf](http://www.umass.edu/ewc/uploads/basicContentWidget/33287/Pariah%20Screening%20Flyer.pdf)

**AFROTC Training: Bystander Intervention**
Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 4PM-6PM
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a training for AFROTC members on bystander intervention.

**RelationShip Wreck: Responding to Control and Violence**
This workshop will invite participants to discuss the qualities of a healthy relationship. Participants will learn about the signs and patterns of intimate partner violence, as well as the impacts of intimate partner violence on survivors and their loved ones. Participants will learn about what they can do to prevent relationship violence, support survivors, and become agents of social change.

**Mind-Body Workout Series**
Join WOCLN for another hour of wellness and mindfulness exercises, followed by some light snacks and refreshments. A space for people of color to nurture body and mind through a decolonizing mindfulness practice led by our own wonderful Pilates instructor Jamele Vatsend! A supportive and judgement-free space for the communities of color both on and off campus. Free, wheelchair accessible, and open to all gender expressions.

A limited number of yoga mats are available to borrow. Please, let us know if you would like to reserve one over email at **wocln@umass.edu**.
Come for a good stretch with us!

**Western MA Substance Abuse Providers Association**
October 9th, 2015, 9:45
DPH Regional Office, Northampton MA
Open To: Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers
CWC Staff met with the Western MA Substance Abuse Providers Association to share information about the services provided by Rape Crisis Centers. Staff also discussed the connection between experiencing trauma in childhood, such as sexual abuse, and
developing substance abuse issues.

Central Area Block Party
Thursday, October 8 (with rain date as October 15), 3:30-6:30 PM 
Infirmary Way (Between New Africa House and Wheeler)
Co-sponsors: CWC, Afro-Am., CCPH, CMASS, CHP, IPO, JWCC, UMPD and Residential Education
Open To: All, students and community
The Center for Women & Community (CWC), along with the Department of Afro-American Studies, the Center for Counseling and Psychological Health (CCPH), Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success (CMASS), International Programs Office (IPO), Center for Health Promotion (CHP), Justine White Eagle Cultural Center (JWECC), Residential Education from Central area, and UMPD will be holding a FREE Central Area Block Party! We are going to block off a portion of Infirmary Way and host an interactive party with live music, food, games, and crafts.
The Block Party will take place on Thursday, October 8th (rain date October 15th), 3:30-6:30 PM Some of the activities include:
• Free BBQ
• Live music from the Afro-Am Studies Reggae Band
• Tie dye with the craft center (free shirts provided for the first 100 people)
• Photo booth
• Bounce house
We hope you will join us!

October Social Hour
Wed October 7, 2015, 12-2 PM
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Fundamentals of Women's Health Class Workshop
Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 4PM-5:15PM
Arnold House 120, UMass
Open To: Students in Class
Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a dual session workshop series for the Fundamentals of Women's Health course on sexual violence prevention and bystander intervention.

**OIT Sexual Harassment Training**
Tues 9/22, Wed 9/23, Tues 9/29 and Wed 9/30, 5:05PM-6:15 PM  
UMass  
Open To: OIT Employees  
Representatives from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a dual-session workshop to OIT's student staff. Over the course of two sessions, participants will explore the dynamics of sexual harassment and build the skills necessary to act as a positive bystander in interrupting and preventing sexual harassment in their communities.

**My Campus My Choice Bystander Intervention for My Body My Health**
Sep 23 (4PM - 5:15PM) Sep 24 (8:30AM-9:45AM, 10AM-11:15AM, 11:30AM-12:45PM, 2:30AM-3:45PM)  
Integrative Learning Center (ILC), UMass  
Co-sponsors: My Body My Health Class / School of Public Health  
Open To: Students in Class  
CWC Educators will provide the first part of a multiple workshop series for My Body My Health students. This workshop will cover the basics of bystander intervention. Workshops later in the semester will cover consent and healthy relationships as well.

**My Body My Health TA Training**
Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 12:30PM-1:30PM  
UMass  
Open To: My Body My Health TAs  
This training will help My Body My Health TAs to respond to disclosures of domestic and sexual violence. CWC staff will leave Teaching Assistants with information on campus and community resources, in addition to the knowledge needed to speak comfortably about issues related to sexual and relationship violence.

**Walk for Justice**
September 19th, Starts at 10 AM from Haigis Mall and event ends around 1:30 PM at Sweetser Park, downtown Amherst  
Co-sponsors: Event is sponsored by NAACP and co-sponsored by the Women of Color Leadership Network, CMASS and other organizations  
Open to: All  
5K Walk For Justice, September 19, 2015 The 5k-Walk For Justice - organized by the Amherst National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and co-sponsored by the Women of Color Leadership Network at the Center for Women & Community, along with other UMass and local organizations - has the purpose of developing a multi-racial, multi-age group of thousands of people who will participate in
some leg of the Relay to demand legislative changes in policies and practices in the police forces. These changes may lead to better and more effective policing and the elimination of race based policing and discrimination against the disabled. The Relay will endeavor to gain the sponsorship and active support of significant numbers of civil rights organizations, religious groups, community groups and unions.

The walk will be starting at 10 AM from two different locations in Amherst. At UMass, we will gather at the Haigis Mall, concluding at the Sweetser Park Amherst Center, across from the police station on Main Street. After the march, other activities will take place at the Park until 1:30 PM.

If you want to participate in this important event but cannot walk, meet us at Sweetser Park at 11 AM.

**R.A.D Program**

Mon 9/14, Tues 9/15, Mon 9/21, Tues 9/22 5pm-8pm
Amherst Police Departments
Co-sponsors: Amherst Police Dept
Open To: Women-only

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

**Women’s Fundamental Health Class Workshop**

Sep 16th, 2015, 4PM-5:15PM
Arnold House, UMass
Co-sponsors: Women’s Fundamental Health Class
Open To: Members of Class

Educators from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will be provide will provide a dual session workshop series for the Fundamentals of Women’s Health course on sexual violence prevention and bystander intervention.

**Responding to Trauma and Disclosures for Excel Peer Leaders**

Friday, September 4, 2015, 12-2PM
Library
Co-sponsors: Learning Resource Center
Open To: Excel Peer Leaders

During this training Peer Leaders discussed what constitutes a traumatic event and how the experience may impact an individual. Campus support resources were discussed and Peer Leaders practiced responding to disclosures and making referrals.

**Bystander Intervention on Campus: Interpersonal Violence/Sexual Assault**

August 27th, 2015, 12pm - 1:30pm
It is a promising approach to bullying reduction as well as for addressing sexual assault and relationship abuse. This webinar discusses what bystander intervention is including what research says about the potential importance of bystanders for violence prevention. Current patterns of bystander behavior from one large community sample are presented. These show that, among other findings, most violence is witnessed (except sexual assault) but responses vary and although many intervene fewer are perceived as helpful. Faculty provide examples of bystander prevention strategies and summarize some research about their effectiveness. Examples are drawn from research on bullying, campus sexual assault, and preventing child sexual abuse. Practitioner bystander intervention strategies are discussed.