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A Monthly Update About Inclusive Work Across Duke from OIE

May 2023

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Duke Reaffirms Commitment to Support the LGBTQ+ Community

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Joint Statement from Student Affairs and the Office for Institutional Equity*



Congratulations 2023 Graduates

More than 6,600 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees were awarded on Sunday, May 14th at this year's Commencement Ceremony. Festivities began with several days of smaller events put on by individual schools, programs, and campus groups.

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How Duke Makes a Difference Across the State

Duke is dedicated to making its home state more prosperous through education, research partnerships, service, and meeting the health care needs of the people who live there. The second Duke in North Carolina annual report shows what Duke University, Duke Health, and Duke LifePoint Healthcare do in North Carolina and how important they are.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPACT & ENGAGEMENT REPORT](#) ⇨

Colón-Emeric Appointed to 5-Year Term as Dean of Duke Divinity School



Since 2021, Edgardo Colón-Emeric, a world-renowned expert in ecumenical dialogue and reconciliation theology, has served as interim dean. He is the Irene and William McCutchen Professor of Reconciliation and Theology.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT EDGARDO COLÓN-EMERIC](#) ⇨

Duke Employee Community Service Award



The award, organized by the Duke Office of Civic Engagement, is presented annually to a staff or faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service in the Durham area.

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Left of Black: A Treasured Archive of Black Life

Professor Mark Anthony Neal's long-running web series "Left of Black," which was nominated for a WEBBY, features interviews with scholars, artists, and others who discuss how they find joy and creativity even when faced with challenges as people of color.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT LEFT OF BLACK](#) ⇨

The Difference DukeLIFE Can Make



Duke students Sarah Kane (left), Alice Carroll (center) and Jasmine Clairsaint (right), representing the DukeLIFE student organization on campus. Photo courtesy Alice Carroll.

From financial support to information and other resources, DukeLIFE helps approximately 1,400 first-generation and low-income students each year.

[FIND OUT WHAT DUKELIFE HAS TO OFFER](#) ⇨

Faculty Discuss Plans to Strengthen Campus Communities

Nearly 20 Faculty Advancement Seed Grant recipients from across the university recently gathered to discuss their plans to build academic networks and strengthen faculty communities at Duke. The attendees included leaders of the 2023-24 Seed Grant projects as well as several project leaders from the previous grant cohort.

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Catherine Coleman Flowers Named One of TIME's 100 Most Influential People



activist and MacArthur Fellow, is currently a practitioner-in-residence at Duke and has inspired Duke students since 2018. Recently, TIME magazine said that Flowers is "the center of the quest for environmental justice in America."

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Intro to Social Choreography: Book, Podcast Help Define Emerging Field of Practice

The Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University houses the Laboratory for Social Choreography. It is linked to Duke's experimental MFA in Dance: Embodied Interdisciplinary Praxis and helps graduate students get their studies started.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EMERGING FIELD OF PRACTICE](#) ⇨

Metabolic Disease That Strikes Native Americans



changes previous ideas about how neurological problems result from the breakdown of a protein in brains of children.

Duke Professor & Clinician Elected Member of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering



The American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers inducted Duke CTSI Education and Workforce Development Core Co-Director Kafui Dzirasa, M.D., Ph.D. "for his pioneering work in understanding the electrical patterns that underlie mental health disorders and his advocacy for inclusive science." Dr. Dzirasa, the K. Ranga Rama Krishnan associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at Duke, was inducted alongside 140 colleagues who make up the College of Fellows Class of 2023.

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Trainings & Workshops

Duke Learning & Organization Development:

2023 Professional Development Course Offerings

Duke Office of Durham & Community Affairs Racial Equity Learning Arc Fall 2023 Racial Learning Arc

Applications open this summer!

Learn more and apply

Find more Diversity & Inclusion workshops on the *Duke Event Calendar* or follow OIE's *Instagram*

Meetings & Events

Thu, May 25 | 6 PM

Nasher Museum of Art: *Dispelling Myths and Opening*

Fri, Jun 2 | 6:30 PM

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies:

Raíces, Rutas Y Ritmos 3: Concert in Central Park

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Sat, Jun 3 | 4:00 PM

Duke Department of Music: *Mother Tongues: Louise*

Toppin, soprano, with Stephen Jaffe & John O'Brien, pianists

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Wed, Jun 7 | 8:00 AM

Duke Department of Surgery: *Civility Champions:*

Intentional Efforts toward Positive Culture Change

Thu, Jun 8 | 7:00 PM

American Dance Festival: *BODYTRAFFIC*

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Thu, Jul 27 | All Day

Duke School of Medicine: *Equity Advancement*

Symposium

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Duke University Institutional Statement of Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

Duke aspires to create a community built on collaboration, innovation, creativity, and belonging. Our collective success depends on the robust exchange of ideas—an exchange that is best when the rich diversity of our perspectives, backgrounds, and

respected, and that all voices are heard. All members of our community have a responsibility to uphold these values.

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