This month is **Native American Heritage Month**, and is also known as American Indian and Alaskan Heritage Month. It is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. It is also an opportune time to educate the public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges. You can read more about Native American Heritage month by clicking [this link](http://www.native-languages.org/louisiana.htm).

**The Local Connection**

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana are the four federally recognized tribes in Louisiana. The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, and Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana are headquartered in the towns of Elton, Jena, and Marksville, respectively. In New Orleans, approximately 2700 people identify as having American Indian/Alaska Native background, comprising 0.7 percent of the city's population. In Louisiana as a whole, the percentage is slightly higher, at 1.3 percent. The original inhabitants of the land on which New Orleans sits were the Chitimacha, with the Atakapa, Caddo, Choctaw, Houma, Natchez, and Tunica inhabiting other areas throughout what is now Louisiana. Read more: [https://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/nola-tribes](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/nola-tribes)

For more information on Louisiana's indigenous communities, visit the following resources:

- [http://www.native-languages.org/louisiana.htm](http://www.native-languages.org/louisiana.htm)

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**VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11**

The National WWII Museum events for Veterans Day
Veterans Day events in Louisiana
Learn more about the history of Veterans Day and other information
Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester’s death and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Learn more:
- [https://gsp.lafayette.edu/transgender-day-of-remembrance-2021/](https://gsp.lafayette.edu/transgender-day-of-remembrance-2021/)
- [https://tdor.co/](https://tdor.co/)
- Louisiana Trans Advocates (includes information on support groups, legal documents, gender-affirming care, national and local crisis hotlines, and allyship)
- Resources for the Trans Community in New Orleans
- LGBT National Help Center

**LOCAL ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT**

Mission: BreakOUT! seeks to end the criminalization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming (TGNC), queer, nonbinary and, intersex (LGBTQI) youth to build a more just New Orleans. We inherit the rich cultural tradition of resistance in the Deep South to mobilize the power of LGBTQI Black, African Diasporic, Latin American, Asian, Indigenous, Arab, and multi-racial youth, ages 13+ directly impacted by the criminal legal system through youth organizing, healing justice, and leadership development.
"Katrina Babies" Watch Party  
**November 3, 2022; 6:00 p.m.**
Join the departmental "Katrina Babies" Watch Party! You no not need to participate in the Film Club discussion to join the watch party. Click here to join the Zoom.

Departmental JEDI Discussion  
**November 4, 2022; 1:00 p.m.**
We will have our department-wide virtual JEDI discussion on Friday, November 4 at 1:00. All faculty, staff and trainees are invited to attend. This month, we are excited to welcome Petey Peterson, Director of the Tulane Office of Gender and Sexual Diversity. They are an expert in the field with nearly a decade of experience doing gender and sexuality work in higher education. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to engage in more equitable and inclusive treatment of patients and clients who identify as LGBTQ+. We hope you will join us!

JEDI CATS Office Hours  
**November 8 & 22, 2022; 5:00 p.m.**
JEDI CATS hold open office hours for an hour. Feel free to join using this link.

Supervision Interest Network  
**November 18, 2022; 2:00 p.m.**
You can join the Supervision Interest Network meeting at this link.

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**Did you know that all past departmental EDI newsletters have been added online?** You can check out previous issues, as well as see past Book and Film Club picks, by clicking this link.

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The annual NAMI Walk is coming up on November 5, 2022, and will be held in Louis Armstrong Park. More information and signup details can be found at this link.

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We hope you'll join us for our club meetings, and for all our exciting events!

**Angela**

Angela W. Keyes, PhD  
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Tulane University School of Medicine
Film Club
Date and Time: November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Link: Please click here to join our Zoom meeting.

From first-time filmmaker and New Orleans native Edward Buckles, Jr., *Katrina Babies* offers an intimate look at the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and its impact on the youth of New Orleans. This documentary details the close-knit families and vibrant communities of New Orleans whose lives were uprooted by the 2005 disaster. These American children who were airlifted out of the rising waters, evacuated from their homes to refugee-like centers, or placed in makeshift, temporary living situations, have been neglected. As families were tasked with reintegrating into new communities, having experienced loss, displacement, and lack of support from government officials, the children were left to process their trauma in a wounded, fractured city.

*Katrina Babies* is available to stream on HBO Max. Dr. Keyes will host a virtual watch party for those who would like to view the film, but do not have access. The viewing will be held separately from the discussion and viewing the film does not obligate you to participate in the discussion (although you are certainly welcome). Click here for details of how to watch along with us.

Book Club
Date and Time: November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Link: Please click here to join our Zoom meeting.

In this extraordinary memoir, *The Distance Between Us*, award-winning writer Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years, capturing all the confusion and contradictions of childhood, especially one spent torn between two parents and two countries. Elated when she feels the glow of her father’s love and approval, Reyna knows that at any moment he might turn angry or violent. Only in books and music and her rich imaginary life does she find solace, a momentary refuge from a world in which every place feels like “El Otro Lado.” *The Distance Between Us* captures one girl’s passage from childhood to adolescence and beyond. A funny, heartbreaking, lyrical story, it reminds us that the joys and sorrows of childhood are always with us, invisible to the eye but imprinted on the heart, forever calling out to us of those places we first called home.

Current and active members of ACCE include Kankshi Thakur, Kristen Pearson, Maegen Vincent, Sherry Heller, Amy Mikolajewski, and Hien Le Sanchez. Please email Kankshi Thakur (athakur@tulane.edu) if you are interested in joining!
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