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# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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VPD's own Ria Vigil (Assistant Vice President for Inclusive Organizational Practice) authored a recent SOURCE guest column naming specific classroom strategies for faculty to “encourage classroom dialogue and co-create an environment that both upholds the First Amendment and considers the impact our words have on others in the room.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire article!

## SAVE THE DATE!

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14th Annual Feminist Thought & Activism Conference  
Saturday, March 30, 2019 | Lory Student Center  
Free and open to the CSU community

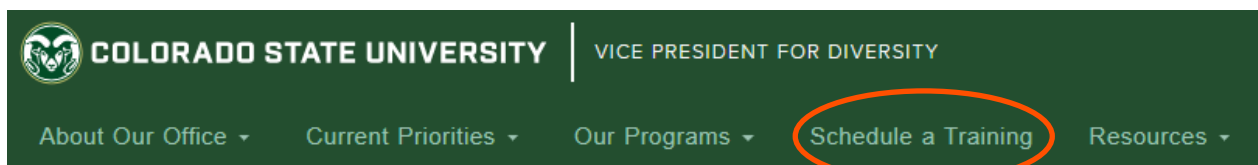
The one-day conference is designed to be educational and entertaining, providing opportunities for the community to engage in conversations surrounding gender and other social justice issues.

The [proposal application](#) is now open and closes Wed. February 20th at noon. Attendee registration for the conference opens March 4th. Visit the [WGAC website](#) for more info!



## NEW TRAINING REQUEST PROCESS FOR THE VPD OFFICE

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Wondering what all the Office of the Vice President for Diversity has to offer? Our updated website is here to help! Visit the “[Schedule a Training](#)” page on the VPD website to read about the classroom-style trainings and facilitated conversations that we have available. You can fill out a training request form for anything listed on the page and one of our Program Coordinators will connect with you to finalize logistics. If you don’t see what you are looking for, feel free to request a customized staff training or retreat for your group. We look forward to working with you!

# Reclamation

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
**Being Black &**  
**A Student Athlete**  
 4:00PM-6:00PM  
 LSC 376/378

**Monday, Feb. 4th**  
**Dress for Success with NSBE**  
 More Details to Come

**Thursday, Feb. 7**  
**Being Black & STEM**  
 4:00PM-6:00PM  
 LSC 226/228

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
**Black Faculty/Staff Luncheon**  
 12:00pm-1:30PM  
 LSC Grey Rock Room  
 \*\*RSVP REQUIRED

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
**Real Talk:**  
**Shut Up and Play**  
 4:00PM-5:00PM  
 B/ARCC - LSC 335

**Sunday, Feb. 10th**  
**RECLAMATION**  
**UWC Hair Show**  
 4:00 PM  
 LSC Theatre

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**  
**BSA Sex for**  
**Chocolate**  
 5:30PM-7:30PM  
 LSC 300

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
**Black History Month**  
**KICKOFF**  
 4:00PM-6:00PM  
 LSC Theater

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**  
**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Simone Ross**  
 6:30PM  
 LSC 308

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**  
**Real Talk:**  
**The Validity of Reclaiming the N Word**  
 4:00pm-5:00pm  
 B/ARCC - LSC335

**Thursday, Feb. 14**  
**Being Black & Fatigued:**  
**Conversation on Mental Health**  
 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 LSC 324



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**Saturday, Feb. 16**  
**Bring the Culture**  
**Hip-Hop Explosion Step Show**  
 6:00PM  
 LSC Theatre

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**  
**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Stay Tuned In**  
 7:00PM  
 LSC Ballroom D

**Tuesday, Feb. 26th**  
**Real Talk:**  
**Connections to Africa**  
 4:00pm-5:00pm  
 B/ARCC - LSC 335

**Monday, Feb. 18**  
**Meet the Greeks**  
 6:00PM  
 LSC 382

**Thursday, Feb. 21**  
**Being Black &**  
**A Student Activist**  
 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 LSC 324

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
**Movie Night**  
**Stay Tuned In**  
 7:00PM  
 B/ARCC - LSC 335

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**  
**Real Talk:**  
**New Age Activism?**  
 4:00pm-5:00pm  
 B/ARCC - LSC 335

**Thurs. Feb. 21st and Fri. 22nd**  
**Lunch in Aspen Grille**  
 11:00AM-1:00PM  
 LSC Aspen Grille  
 \*RSVP REQUIRED  
 970.491.7006

**Thursday, Feb. 28th**  
**Being Black & Enough:**  
**Intersectional Identities**  
 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 LSC 324

Please join me in acknowledging and thanking the following sponsors: Aspen Grille, Athletics, Africans United, Black Student Alliance, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Ram Events, National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Society of Black Engineers, United Men of Color, United Women of Color, University Center of the Arts Theater Department. For more information visit: [baacc.colostate.edu](http://baacc.colostate.edu)

Designed by Jordan Logan



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## WOMEN READING @ CSU

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Women Reading @ CSU is a book club designed for CSU employees and graduate students who identify as women. This project is focused on appreciating women's differences, intersectional identities, and diverse experiences.

All books are available now in CSU Bookstore in the Lory Student Center. Each book will have 30-45 copies sold at a subsidized price ranging from \$10-\$15.

### Meeting Dates and Books for Spring 2019:

February 19th: **Pachinko** by Min Jin Lee

March 27th: **The Body is Not an Apology: The Power of Radical Self-Love** by Sonya Renee Taylor

May 2nd: **Too Fat, Too Slutty, Too Loud: The Rise and Reign of the Unruly Woman** by Anne Helen Peterson

All meeting dates are from 12-1pm in LSC 386. Register to attend the book club meetings [here!](#)

## MONDAYS FIRST

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On the first Monday of each month of the semester, take a moment to gather with other women-identified colleagues, connect, and set your writing in motion. Each gathering opens with a gender-aware discussion session about writing, academic life, and strategies for supporting each other. This short discussion is followed by an 2.5-hour writing session in which participants write "on their own" yet together in a positive and communal space. Sponsored by the Women & Gender Collaborative. Learn more [here!](#)

Spring 2019 Dates:  
February 4 (LSC 304)  
March 4 (LSC 304)  
April 1 (LSC 304)  
May 6 (LSC 226)



## SUPPORT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

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