**UPCOMING VIRTUAL ZOOM EVENTS**

More details on our events calendar

**HISPANIC/LATINX HERITAGE MONTH SEPT. 15-OCT. 15**
FROM: [https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/](https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/)

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Latin American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

- Film Discussion: Black in Latin America: Haiti and The Dominican Republic-The Roots of Division Thursday, October 1 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Community Conversation: Crucial Conversations- “But really, where are you from?” Unconscious bias and Microaggressions in academia and healthcare Tuesday, October 6 | 12:00–12:45 p.m.
- Research Day, Keynote & Roundtable Thursday, October 15 | 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS TURNING THE PAGE**

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, by Michelle Alexander

October 13 | 12:00–12:50 p.m. | Chapters 1 & 2

**FOUNDATIONS OF GLOBAL HEALTH**

Wednesday, October 21 | 12:00-1:00 p.m.

“International Exchange between Peru, Ghana and the USA” presented by Dr. Anthony Kovac

KUMC Professor of Anesthesiology

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**OPT APPOINTMENTS**

For any students completing their program between now and December 2020, please schedule an advisement appointment with Irina, (iaris@kumc.edu) as soon as possible to discuss your options! Remember that failure to meet in a timely manner can cause delays in your future work authorization.

*If your program is ending but you will need additional time to complete degree requirements, please work with your academic advisor to complete the Request for Program Extension Form ([https://redcap.kumc.edu/surveys/?s=YKDKP9W9CM](https://redcap.kumc.edu/surveys/?s=YKDKP9W9CM)).*

**EMPLOYEES AND HEALTH INSURANCE**

Employees enrolling in the Kansas State Employee Health Plan (SEHP):

Please note the Open Enrollment period is October 1-31, 2020. Information will be emailed to you from HR.

**USCIS INCREASES FEES**

Below please find new USCIS fee schedule for the most common visa and application types seen at KUMC. These fees are effective October 2, 2020. For a complete listing of the new fee schedule, please visit the USCIS website at this link: [https://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/uscis-adjusts-fees-to-help-meet-operational-needs](https://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/uscis-adjusts-fees-to-help-meet-operational-needs).

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**OIP WEBSITE**

Check out these pages on our website! [Apartment list, Highlighting Internationals, International Student Guide, Resource Links](https://www.oip.kumc.edu/)

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