Especially during an election year, we hear the word “politics” all the time in reference to what candidates are doing, the party with which one affiliates, etc. But in a broader sense, “politics” refers to social mechanisms that unevenly distribute opportunities and advantages to members of society based on certain facets of identity, such as race/ethnicity, age, socio-economic class, sexuality, gender, (dis)ability, language, and education.

This year’s Conversations on Diversity will look at these social mechanisms’ effects on a range of human identities. The impacts are complex and variable, so we look forward to interesting and thought-provoking presentations and discussions. Please join us to explore the diversity of human experience through the lens of The Politics of Identity.

**Join Us**

Wednesdays from noon to 1:00pm
(snacks are provided)

**September 24, BMU 304**
Pancho Goes to College, A Chicano’s Perspective
Facilitated by Ruben Reyes, Writer, Producer and Director

**October 15, BMU 210**
DNA: Do Not Assume, Personal stories about life and strategies from students with disabilities
Facilitated by Sandy Parsons, Director of Disability Support Services

**October 29, BMU 210**
Queer Rites - Queer Rights: Marriage, Body, Self
Facilitated by Tim Miller, Internationally - Acclaimed Performer

**November 19, BMU 210**
Facing Trans: Inclusion, Advocacy, and Empowerment
Facilitated by Jessica Pettit, Social Justice and Diversity Consultant and Facilitator

**December 3, BMU 210**
White Privilege and the Politics of Identity
Facilitated by Jill Swiencicki and Chris Fosen, Professors of English

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