Why Stop by CMA?

- Do you want to learn how to have a more diverse set of classes?
- Do you want to receive career and academic guidance, especially if you are a first generation, or an underrepresented college student, or a US citizen who grew up outside of mainland USA?
- Do you want to learn how to become empowered and prepared for the global community by attending our sponsored activities?
- Do you want assistance in finding local cultural resources?

Visit Us!

New Beginnings:

As the semester begins, we would like your feedback (multicultural@marist.edu) so as to improve our services. Visit us on Facebook or email us letting us know your thoughts to the following questions:

1. Were you aware we have been sponsoring events for Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month for the past several years?
2. Have you seen the flyers for our sponsored events around campus?
3. What event would attract you to attend?
4. Do you have any cultural speaker/presenter suggestions?

Thank you for your feedback, we look forward to another great academic year.
September 15 to October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States. This month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of 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 15th and ending on October 15th. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15th 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 16th and September 18th, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12th, falls within this 30 day period.

SOURCE: http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/

### National Coming Out Day:

October 11th is National Coming Out Day. On Oct. 11, 1987, half a million people participated in the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The demonstration resulted in the founding of a number of LGBT organizations, including the National Latino/a Gay & Lesbian Organization (LLEGÓ). The momentum continued four months after this extraordinary march as more than 100 lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender activists from around the country gathered in Manassas, Va. They came up with the idea of a national day to celebrate coming out and chose the anniversary of that march on Washington to mark it. From this idea the National Coming Out Day was born.

To this day National Coming Out Day continues to promote a safe world for LGBT individuals to live truthfully and openly.

SOURCE: http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/the-history-of-coming-out/

### Events:

**Oct. 3 - Wednesday**

**Nuovo Spazi – Furthering the Experience of Italy**
12:30-1:45pm Fontaine 102

**Oct. 9 - Tuesday**

**Inscribing Sexual Orientation in Medieval Literature**
7:00 – 8pm Lowell Thomas 006

**Oct. 10 - Wednesday**

**Cultural Competence in Organizations: What it means for the 21st Century?**
11am-12:00pm Lowell Thomas 133

**Oct. 25 - Thursday**

**Written and Verbal History Under Communism: A tale of a minority family**
7:00 – 9pm Hancock Board Room

**Nov. 7 - Wednesday**

**Portraits of Courage – Native Voices**
7:00 – 9:00pm Nelli Goletti Theatre

### Staff Spotlight:

**Name:** Terrance Harris

**Length of time at Marist:** 4 Full years

**Degrees:**
Bachelor degree in Communication with a concentration in Gender and Intercultural studies double minor in Mathematics and Economics- Saint Lawrence University 2007.

**Cultural Background:**
Deeply rooted southern African American culture.

I am happily going on my fifth year here at Marist College. I was first hired as a HEOP counselor, assisting just the HEOP students that attend Marist. After the creation of the Center for Multicultural Affairs (CMA) I became the HEOP/CMA Counselor. I am not only assisting the HEOP students but now the Academic Enrichment Program Students, the International students, as well as general admission students.

Being a part of the Center for Multicultural Affairs means that I have the opportunity to help more students, and it means students have the opportunity to get more assistance to ensure their success here at Marist College. I am very excited to see the impact that the CMA will have on the Marist campus and the community for many years to come.

**Fun Facts:**
I am the founder of a new Men’s Group named “Agents of Social Change” here at Marist

I have presented my “Consent” workshop named “Can I? Do you?” As college students it is easy to find yourselves in ambiguous social situations especially when sex is at stake. Let’s face it; sex can be a confusing and sensitive issue. When communicating about sex in a more efficient way it can be fun, creative, and less offensive.