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## Queens University of Charlotte Celebrates Women's History Month

*Theme: Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Feb. 28, 2022) – In celebration of Women's History Month, the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (DICE) at Queens University of Charlotte will host a series of programs and events to honor and celebrate the contributions of women to our nation's past, present, and future. This year's theme, "*Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope*," aims to acknowledge women who have or still provide hope and healing to improve the world for all women.

### Thursday, March 3

#### **SHERRY WATERS – The Pauline Tea Bar Apothecary – 12–1 p.m.**

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/6306148892>

Sherry Waters, a Stewardship Practitioner and Community Chaplain and owner of The Pauline Tea Bar Apothecary, will facilitate a virtual workshop explaining the benefits of holistic wellness through the practice of drinking tea. She will share the health advantages of including tea in your daily lifestyle, along with the symbolic nature of having tea with others. Waters will invite participants to engage in a tea meditation as a part of her mindfulness practice of presence. Free samples of her tea from [The Pauline Tea-bar Apothecary](#) will be available on a first-come basis in the DICE Lounge before the program.

#### **TEACHING HOLOCAUST HERSTORIES: Mothers, Daughters and Survivors – 6:30–8 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUldOitqT0iGdHRarYhNw1ouaO64y9112gE>

Women's experiences in the Holocaust are varied. Delve into diverse stories of Jewish life from Central and Eastern Europe via Centropa's vast collection of real-life stories. Hosted by the Stan Greenspon Holocaust & Social Justice Education Center, the 90-minute webinar will offer participants specific information about women in the Holocaust and provide user-friendly activities for sharing these stories with others.

- Two girls who fought with the partisans in Croatia
- A teenager who survived the Holocaust because she was sentenced to ten years hard labor in the Gulag for joining a youth group
- A girl who survived, unlike her parents, because they courageously sent her to England on the Kindertransport

## Tuesday, March 8

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM – 12–1 p.m.**

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/9544628654>

Join DICE and the Myrtle Pulliam Center for International Education in a panel discussion to commemorate International Women's Day. The 2022 theme for International Women's Day is #BreakTheBias, focusing on gender equality and a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. The panel will be moderated by Rabbi Judy Schindler as we ask Queens faculty and staff to share their experiences of bias and stereotypes and how they may have impacted their careers.

## Thursday, March 17

### **AN EVENING WITH KURMA MURRAIN POETRY – 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Queens' Levine Center for Health and Wellness: Claudia Belk Room**

DICE and the Center for Latino Studies present an evening with Kurma Murrain for poetry and dance. A published Colombian-American poet, Murrain graduated from Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Her works include *Esta Soy & In the Prism of Your Soul* as well as her most recent book *Coffee, Love & The American Dream*, which earned her Author of the Year by the Queen City Awards in 2021.

Murrain will share her journey from her native Colombia to the United States, to China, and back in the United States including her experience during the pandemic and a love story that is part of the archives of the Mint Museum, the Levine Museum of the New South, and UNCC.

Murrain will also share her poetry and typical dance from Colombia, cumbia, which is popular at festivals and carnivals around the country, especially at El Carnaval de Barranquilla.

## Tuesday, March 22

### **WOMEN WHO WORK: Self Care in the Workplace – 4–5:30 p.m.**

**Queens' Levine Center for Health and Wellness: Claudia Belk Room**

DICE and Vandiver Center for Career Development present "*Women Who Work: Self Care in the Workplace*," a program focused on helping women realize that self-care is not selfish; rather, finding the balance between work productivity and self-care is important for a healthy, fruitful life. The program includes a roundtable discussion with professional women who have faced challenges with prioritizing self-care and have found strategies that work for them.

## Thursday, March 24

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FREE CONCERT: Florencia & the Feeling – 7–8:30 p.m. Queens' Sarah Gambrell Center: Kathryn Greenhoot Recital Hall**

DICE and the Center for Latino Studies invite you to an evening concert with Queens alum, songwriter and performer Florencia Rusiñol '15 along with her band, Florencia & the Feeling.

A Latin American singer and songwriter, Rusiñol grew up in East Tennessee. Her musical style is influenced by her Argentinian roots. Her singing background combines her love of jazz, pop

and funk music. After studying Music Therapy at Queens, she moved to Ecuador where she worked as a music therapist, music teacher, and produced her first EP, available on all streaming platforms.

The Feeling is the name given to the group of incredibly talented musicians that have been touring the Southeast with Florencia for the last year. The name refers to the captivating and carefree energy that flows from the stage at every concert.

The concert is free and open to students as well as the Charlotte community.

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### **About Queens**

Queens University is a private, coeducational university located in Charlotte, N.C. The university serves nearly 2,500 students with 43 major and 63 minor undergraduate degree options and 12 graduate degrees. Students represent 44 states and 70 foreign countries. As part of the university's vision to promote educational experiences that nurture intellectual curiosity and promote global understanding, nearly two-thirds of traditional undergraduates participate in study abroad experiences and 100 percent take part in internships. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Queens 15th among regional universities in the south in its 2022 edition of Best Colleges.