



Dear UArizona COM – T Community,

After a week of commemorations, the body of Representative John Lewis was laid to rest on July 30, 2020 in Atlanta, GA. History buried a great icon on that day. He came from Troy, AL where Troy University denied him admission in 1957 due to racial segregation to become a 17 term U. S. Congress Representative. One who made the words “Get into good trouble, necessary trouble” his motto. Throughout his life, he fought, not only for racial justice, but also for civil rights and human dignity for his fellow men/women. At a 2012 speech in Charlotte, North Carolina, he was quoted to say: “My dear friends: Your vote is precious, almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have to create a more perfect union.” As we embark on this Civic Health Month and Voter Registration initiative, we encourage you to exercise your voice and take your seat at the table.

Acknowledgements:

Civic Health Month:

- August is Civic Health Month, and ODEI COMT has collaborated with VotER to increase awareness and accessibility of registration for voters. If you are interested in upcoming voter registration events, please reach out [HERE](#). We want to make sure you have a healthy, safe voting experience. [Click here](#) to register to vote and request a mail-in ballot to vote from home.

100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote:

- The Women's Suffrage movement began in the United States in 1848, and came to fruition after a decades long, often violent battle on August 18, 1920 when the 19th Amendment was ratified, giving women the right to vote in elections. This month is the centennial celebration of this historic victory. In every presidential election since 1980, the proportion of eligible female adults who voted has exceeded the proportion of eligible male adults who voted.

Traditional Blessing Ceremony:

- The University of Arizona sits on the original homelands of Indigenous Peoples who have stewarded this Land since time immemorial. COM – T recognizes and acknowledges the People, culture, and history that make up our academic community and participated in a Traditional Blessing Ceremony this past Saturday honoring our incoming American Indian students.



Events:

- Women in Medicine Panel:
August 24th 5:30PM Via ZOOM [Registration Link](#)

Journeys Into Medicine Panel

Meet the Panelists

Jennifer Erdrich, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor
Surgery

Jenny Mendelson, MD
Assistant Professor
Pediatrics

Indu Partha, MD
Internal Medicine
Assoc. Residency Program Director
Internal Medicine, South Campus

Jasmine Smith, MD
Resident
Pediatrics

Celia Valenzuela, MD
Assistant Professor
Interim Division Director
Associate Residency Program Director
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Women in Medicine

Join us as the panelists share their stories, experiences, and challenges navigating medicine.

Monday, August 24, 2020
5:30 pm - 7:00 PM (MST)
Offered via Zoom

Register: <https://bit.ly/3afsRde>

 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE TUCSON
Office of Diversity,
Equity & Inclusion

- FDAC Town Hall
August 25th 5:30pm Via ZOOM [Registration Link](#)

**Faculty Diversity
Advisory Committee
Townhall**

**College of Medicine - Tucson
Faculty & Residents**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Via Zoom
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Register:
<https://bit.ly/3kv0E7d>

Faculty and residents interested in forming and joining affinity groups at COM - T are invited to attend. We will start as a large group and then breakout into smaller groups based on affinity group interest.

A group of faculty are already leading efforts starting a COM - T Latinx Healthcare Organization. If you are interested in leading the formation of other affinity groups, please contact Dr. Josie Acuña at jacuna@aemrc.arizona.edu

 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
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- ODEI Book Club
September 21st 6:30pm Via ZOOM [Registration Link](#)

Are you interested in learning more about diversity, equity and inclusion in medicine and in society?

Are you a fan of books and/or movies?

Join the ODEI Book Club!

When: 6:30pm on the 3rd Monday of every month, beginning September 21st
Where: Zoom – [Register Here](#)
What: A 1.5 hour casual meeting to build fellowship (bring your dinner!) and to discuss current books and movies
Why: It's an opportunity to deepen our understanding and advocacy for diversity, equity, and inclusion-related topics.

This 4 month series will cover:

Dorothy Roberts' Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century.

We will read Part I for our September meeting.

The ebook is available through the [UAHS Library](#)

All UA COMT-COMP participants welcome, tell your friends!
 Contact [ODEI](#) for more information.

Best Wishes from the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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What I try to tell young people is that if you come together with a mission, and its grounded with love and a sense of community, you can make the impossible possible.

- John Lewis