

Dear Women in Mission,

We are enthusiastic to announce the launch of **Women of Color in Mission (WOCIM)** which is an affinity space within Women in Mission (WIM). This kickoff lunch will take place on **Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 12noon -1:30pm in Casey Commons (5th floor)**. Lunch will be provided at 12:00pm; Activities will begin at 12:15 pm and end at 12:50pm then we will mix and mingle till 1:30pm.

Come when you can and leave when you need to

Build a Sense of Belonging at Seattle U

In the spirit of building community through joyful fun, we invite all to come dressed in splashes of *any* shade of **MAGENTA** (can be from pastel pink to vibrant magenta in clothing and/or accessories). During our time together we will reveal the significance of meaning and **everyone will leave with a sweet gift that symbolizes our vibrant community**.

If you identify as a faculty or staff Woman of Color, please join us (rsvp link in the email), and invite someone to come along with you! If you do not, please forward this to Women of Color you know who might be interested. If you are unsure if this space is for you, please read our inclusion statement below.

Join our Diverse Community of Women of Color

This communal space has been designed to engage Women of Color who hold one or more minoritized racial identities (i.e., African American/African diaspora, Asian-Pacific Islander-Desi American (APIDA), Indigenous/Native American, Latino/a/x, Mixed Raced/Biracial/Multiracial). We are inclusive of all individuals who identify along the vast spectrum of womanhood regardless of gender presentation or sexual orientation. (i.e., cisgender & transgender women, gender non-conforming individuals, masculine of centered individuals). This communal space welcomes people of all religious and spiritual backgrounds. We are committed to curating a space where Women of Color can engage in spiritual reflection and conversation that strengthens the community we co-construct together.

What if I Can't Make It to the Kickoff Gathering?

If you can't make it to the event, no worries, send us a picture of yourself wearing magenta in solidarity with the WOCIM community ([upload picture here](#)) and we will shout you out in our upcoming newsletter that will provide highlights from the kickoff gathering and promote the next upcoming event for fall quarter. Either way, we appreciate your enthusiastic engagement. If you have any questions, need accommodations, and/or would like to be added to the WOCIM email list please complete the rsvp form which will give you the option to join the appropriate listservs and request accommodations.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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