

**2024 EXPLORATIONS IN
SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE**

**EMPOWERING
PRIDE &
CHALLENGING
NORMS**

SEPTEMBER 24–25

MARIST
DIVERSITY, EQUITY,
AND INCLUSION



KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



DR. EDWARD ANTONIO
VICE PRESIDENT, DIVERSITY, EQUITY,
AND INCLUSION, MARIST COLLEGE



CARVELL WALLACE
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR,
MEMOIRIST, AND AWARD-WINNING PODCASTER

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD RECIPIENTS



ANGEL L. ARRIAGA
COORDINATOR OF
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CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS



TIM LAWTON
MARIST TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ENGINEER
QUEER TRANS COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIR



COMMON READ

Felix Ever After, written by Kacen Callender, a Black, queer, and trans author, is a Young Adult novel about a Black transgender teen who struggles with issues of identity, belonging, and self-assurance as he moves into adulthood.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:30–7 PM

WELCOME/KEYNOTE

- PRESENTER:** DR. EDWARD ANTONIO, *Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*
- LOCATION:** Nelly Goletti Theatre
- WHAT:** Kickoff with light refreshments
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30–10:30 AM

POSTER SESSION & WELCOME BREAKFAST

- LOCATION:** Student Center River Rooms Hallway
- WHAT:** A selection of posters will be on display showcasing the work of Marist students, including original research and other projects guided by faculty mentors, that address LGBTQIA+ issues; light breakfast and coffee/tea/beverage service
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members
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11AM–12 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1

OPTION 1:

EMPOWERING PRIDE THROUGH ALLYSHIP

- PRESENTER:** Executive Board Members of FoxPride: VICTORIA CARDONE, ABIGAIL STORING, PLUTO RAJA, ABEL SCHOLL, and *Queer Trans Committee Chair*, AIS OISIN
- LOCATION:** Cabaret
- WHAT:** Interactive workshop to gain tools of allyship and identify resources for LGBTQIA+ inclusivity and belonging
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members

OPTION 2:

SELF-ACCEPTANCE & EXPRESSION: EXPLORING IDENTITY THROUGH ART

- PRESENTER:** DR. DARIA HANSSEN, *Associate Professor of Social Work/ Director of the BSW Program*
- LOCATION:** Student Center River Rooms
- WHAT:** A hands-on workshop using painting and discussion to explore the complexity of identity
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members
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12:30–1:45 PM KEYNOTE (TO INCLUDE Q&A)

PRESENTER: CARVELL WALLACE

LOCATION: McCann Arena

OPEN TO: Marist students, faculty, and staff; local community members

Carvell Wallace is a *New York Times* Bestselling author, memoirist, and award-winning podcaster who covers race, arts, culture, film, and music for a wide variety of news outlets. He is a regular long form contributor to the *New York Times Magazine* where his profile of Riz Ahmed was a cover story in August 2018. He has written cover profiles on Michael B. Jordan for *Rolling Stone*, Mahershala Ali for *GQ* and Samuel L. Jackson for *Esquire*. Other high-profile subjects have included Tarell Alvin McCraney for the *New York Times*, Viola Davis for *Glamour*, G-Eazy for MTV and Steph Curry for the *New Yorker*.



2:15–3:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

OPTION 1:

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION: QUEER & TRANS COMMITTEE ALLY TRAINING

PRESENTERS: Members of the Marist College Queer Trans Committee:
DR. EMMA FREDRICK, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
CLARE DINIO, *Enrollment Services Assistant*
DR. CARA MESSINA, *Assistant Professor of English*

LOCATION: Cabaret

WHAT: An interactive workshop that introduces terminology, current issues, and campus resources as they relate to the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as providing an opportunity to talk through various scenarios that may emerge here at Marist and how you can be an effective ally

OPEN TO: Students, faculty, and staff only

OPTION 2:

CLASSROOMS AND COMMUNITIES: LGBTQIA+ HISTORY AND ACTIVISM IN THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

PRESENTER: DR. KRISTIN BAYER, *Associate Professor of History/Director of Women's Gender, and Sexuality Program*
DR. MELISSA GAEKE, *Senior Professional Lecturer in Political Science/Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership*
KAREN MARDER, *Director of Dutchess Pride*

LOCATION: Student Center River Rooms

WHAT: Discussion of queer & trans history, plus ongoing work in the Hudson Valley

OPEN TO: Students, faculty, staff, and community members

3:45–4:45 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3

OPTION 1:

PANEL DISCUSSION: AT THE INTERSECTION OF LGBTQIA+ AND BIPOC IDENTITIES

- PRESENTER:** DR. EDWARD ANTONIO, *Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* (Moderator)
- PANELISTS:** ANGEL L. ARRIAGA, *Coordinator of Academic Interventions, Marist College Center for Multicultural Affairs*
DERECK GUZMAN '25
ROBIN SANTAROMANA '25
- LOCATION:** Student Center River Room 3101
- WHAT:** A conversation exploring the experiences of intersecting identities among queer and trans individuals of color
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members

OPTION 2:

NAVIGATING TRANSITION: TRANS AND NONBINARY HEALTHCARE

- PRESENTER:** DR. EMMA FREDRICK, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
- LOCATION:** Student Center River Rooms
- WHAT:** This session will examine the experiences of TNB people in healthcare, their desires and preferences for care, and the ongoing legal battles that stand in their way.
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members

OPTION 3:

HARASSMENT, DIGITAL ABUSE, & OTHER VICTIMIZATIONS THROUGH AN LGBTQIA+ LENS: BARRIERS TO UNDERSTAND & TOOLS COLLECTED TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS

- PRESENTER:** KELLY YOUGH, *Marist College Director of Equity and Title IX Coordinator*
TAM CACCHIONE, *Campus Advocate/Family Services*
ELIZA BENFER, *Marist College Title IX Outreach Coordinator*
- LOCATION:** Student Center River Rooms
- WHAT:** Join us for an interactive workshop where we as a community explore and further understand various victimizations such as the ones experienced in *Felix Ever After*.
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, and staff only

5–6 PM

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD & CLOSING REMARKS

- PRESENTER:** DR. EDWARD ANTONIO, *Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*
- RECIPIENTS:** ANGEL L. ARRIAGA and TIM LAWTON
- LOCATION:** Cabaret
- WHAT:** Presentation of the Social Justice Award; closing remarks; light refreshments
- OPEN TO:** Students, faculty, staff, and community members

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