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Diverse Voices Conference reminds us 'We Are All in This World Together'

The 16th annual [Diverse Voices Conference](#) takes place at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall from at 10 a.m. -1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. It is open to everyone and there is no charge to attend.

The aim of the conference is to provide a supportive forum for students, faculty, staff and community members to learn about and speak out in support of valuing all aspects of human diversity.

This Year's Conference Theme is "We Are All in this World Together."

"The Diverse Voices event is unique in that it moves diversity education outside of the classroom and into a forum-like setting on campus in order to expand discussion on a variety of diversity focused topics with OU students, administrators, faculty, staff and community members," said [Chaunda Scott](#), Ed.D., an associate professor with the [Organizational Leadership Department](#) in OU's [School of Education and Human Services](#).

The keynote speaker at this year's conference will be [Janet Graetz, Ph.D.](#) Dr. Graetz is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Autism Center in the Department of Human Development and Child Studies – housed in the School of Education and Human Services at OU.

Additional guest speakers scheduled for the event include Dr. Robert Martin, assistant visiting professor from the department of Organizational Leadership in the School of Education and Human Services at OU and student presenters from the School of Education and Human Services, Human Resource Development undergraduate program and the College of Arts and Sciences Social Work undergraduate program.

Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by the [Energetic Soul Dance Studio](#) from Clawson.

The 2018 Diverse Voices Conference is sponsored by the Department of Organizational Leadership, the Division of Student Affairs and Diversity and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. For more information, contact Dr. Chaunda L. Scott, founder and president of the Diverse Voices Conference at cscott@oakland.edu

