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**Nontraditional  
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*Newsletter*

# Events Calendar

## November

### Nontraditional Student Month

**2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Business & Entrepreneurship w/  
Dean Michael Bedell**  
November 2nd at 6 p.m. [Online.](#)

**6<sup>TH</sup>**

**Join TRIO w/ Jesse Rutschman**  
November 6th at 12 p.m. [Online.](#)

**Career Development w/  
Dr. Katy McGuinnis**  
November 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. [Online.](#)

**7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Career Development w/  
Dr. Katy McGuinnis**  
November 7th from 12-1 p.m. [Online.](#)

**Bridging The Gap w/ Dr. Kimya  
Barden & Dr. DeWitt Scott**  
November 7th at 4:30 p.m. in NEIU's  
Pedroso Center.

**8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Scholarships w/ Dr. Michelle Morrow**  
November 8th at 12 p.m. [Online.](#)

**Navigating Law School w/ David  
Nissim-Sabat**  
November 8th at 6 p.m. [Online.](#)

**9<sup>TH</sup>**

**NDP Faculty, Advisors & Student  
Appreciation Mixer w/ Pizza**  
November 9th from 12-2 p.m.  
in NDP (B-147).

**Pilates with ONeBody Studio and Yoga  
w/ Dianna Calvente**  
November 9th from 3-4 p.m. in NEIU's  
Pedroso Center.

**10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Health Equity Concentration  
Information Session**  
November 10th from 12-1 p.m. in NEIU's  
Pedroso Center and [Online.](#)

**16<sup>TH</sup>**

**NDP Student Club Dinner**  
November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Noon-O-  
Kabab with "A Raisin in The Sun" shared  
reading.

**29<sup>TH</sup>/  
30<sup>TH</sup>**

**NDP Student Club Virtual Meeting**  
November 29th and 30th at 6:30 p.m.



# Programming

## Bridging The Gap

Join Dr. Kimya Barden and Dr. DeWitt Scott to honor Nontraditional Student Month and have lively intergenerational discourse between faculty, staff, and students. Participants can look forward to engaging in fun activities while learning about the transformative stories of faculty and staff in hopes of supporting students in achieving their academic goals, and career aspirations while building everlasting community.

## A Raisin In The Sun: Book Discussion

NDP will be hosting a book discussion on *A Raisin In the Sun* during **Nontraditional Student Week** coming up in November. This play tells of a black family's experiences in south Chicago, as they attempt to improve their financial circumstances with an insurance payout following the death of the father and deal with matters of housing discrimination, racism, and assimilation. **Access an online version of this book with the link below !**

# Student Highlight

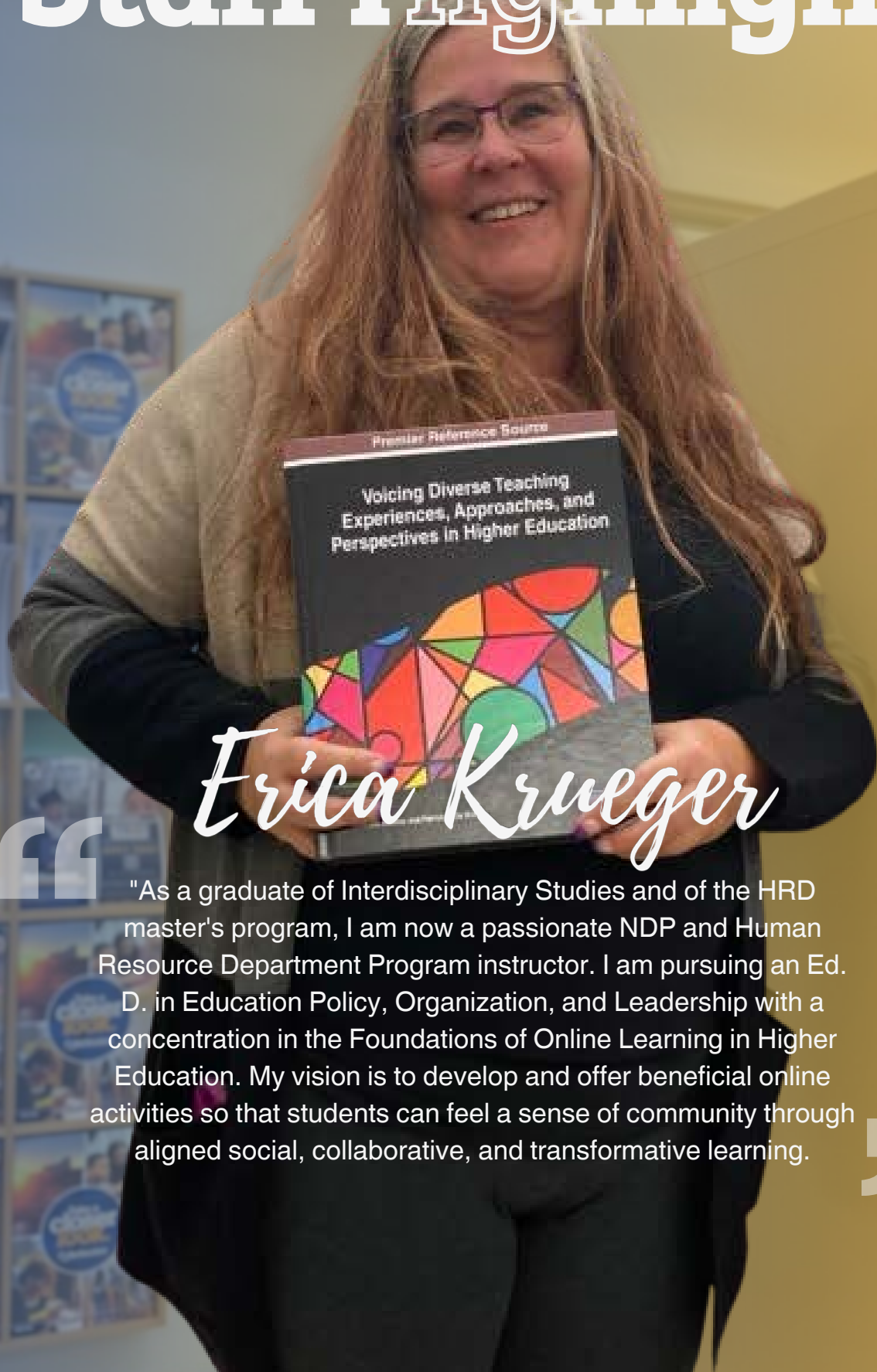
*Dianna Calvente*

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I am a dedicated mother, a passionate yoga instructor, a compassionate social worker, and a GED instructor. My passion for healing and education led me to pursue a degree, to further empower and promote wellness, resilience, and self-discovery. I believe community service, education, and healing create positive change and can be an inspiration for us all.

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# Staff Highlight



*Erica Krueger*

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"As a graduate of Interdisciplinary Studies and of the HRD master's program, I am now a passionate NDP and Human Resource Department Program instructor. I am pursuing an Ed. D. in Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership with a concentration in the Foundations of Online Learning in Higher Education. My vision is to develop and offer beneficial online activities so that students can feel a sense of community through aligned social, collaborative, and transformative learning.

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# Scholarships

## **NDP Spring 2024 Merit Scholarship**

**Application deadline is November 20, 2023.**

We are excited to announce applications are now open for the SPRING 2024 Merit Tuition Scholarships for the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies and the University Without Walls majors. **Please click the link below for eligibility requirements.**

## **McNair Scholars Program**

**Application deadline is November 30th.**

The Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) McNair Scholars Program invites applicants to apply for Cohort 22. The program seeks students who are current Sophomores, Juniors, or Seniors who are considering going to graduate school. **Click the link below for more information.**

## **2024 CHEC Fellows Program**

**Application deadline is February 5, 2024.**

The ChicagoCHEC Research Fellows program is a comprehensive learning experience about health disparities in cancer for undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students and is focused on the development of academic, technical, and professional skills in preparation for careers in social, behavioral, and biomedical research and in healthcare. **Please click the link below for more information.**

# Resources



## NDP Staff

**Dr. Kimya Barden**  
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**Sadaf Farooqui**  
Graduate Assistant  
Math Tutor

**Stephanie Erner**  
Work Study Graphic Artist

## NDP Math Tutoring

### Sadaf Naaz Farooqui

Do you need support in preparing for the Math Accuplacer Test? Schedule a tutoring session with NDP's math tutor Sadaf, Monday through Wednesday from 1-9 p.m. or online Thursday and Friday after 4 p.m.

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