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## SERVICE EVENTS ON CAMPUS

**October 4:** A film screening of *Just Gender*, by the SAGE office **7pm:** Just Gender tackles the all-too-often misunderstood world of transgender. The film explores the common myths and misunderstandings about transgendered people, as well as the confusion between sexual orientation and gender identity. Sponsored by the SAGE Center and the Multicultural Center.

**October 5: Non-Profit Career Fair, @11am-3pm:** New this year, the Academic and Career Advising Center will hold a Non-Profit Career Fair that will bring a selective group of organizations and employers to campus. The fair fosters student and employer interaction while offering students the opportunity to explore various careers, learn about organizations and industries, and apply for full-time, part-time, internship, and cooperative education opportunities within the non-profit sector.

**October 5: Social Justice for All: A Forum on Gender and Sexuality Diversity/Equality in Connecticut, 5pm:** A forum to be held on campus with panelists from the incumbent and running candidates for Connecticut Congressional seats. It seeks to discuss the climate of gender and sexuality diversity and equality in Connecticut. Students are encouraged to attend and direct questions to the political candidates on the panel.

**October 19: Racism and Intersections of Oppression and Sexual Health, @1:10pm:** In order to end sexual violence against ALL people we must address the complex circumstances and risk factors that leave some people more vulnerable than others and recognize the unique barriers that certain people face when coming forward.

This program will explore the complexities of sexual violence in communities of color, LGBTQ + folks, survivors with disabilities, and survivors who identify as men.



**November 14-18, 2016: Social Justice Week**

## OUR GRADS NOW: DIXIE WIAFE

Dixie Wiafe, spring 2016 graduate of the WMS MA program at SCSU, completed her thesis, "Sex Trafficking in Connecticut: The Underlying Truth of Services and Prevention for Victims of Sex Trafficking." She is now working in a field that provides services for the subjects of her thesis, victims of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. Wiafe works at Spectrum Health Systems as a clinician in the clinical stabilization services unit. She works individually and in groups with victims of substance abuse diagnosing mental health and substance abuse issues. Spectrum Health Systems is in partnership with Worcester Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (WAASE). The two organizations developed a program, A Ray of Light, as a way to build support systems for women who, at any point, have been involved in sex trafficking. A product of Spectrum Health Systems and WAASE, A Ray of Light's goal is to build a sustainable network of agencies capable of identifying and responding to sex trafficked victims and survivors in greater Worcester and to engage, motivate, and connect women to the growing network of programs and services available.

## IOTA IOTA IOTA

The Kappa Chapter of Iota Iota Iota (Triota), the National Women's Studies Honor Society, has kicked off the new semester with its first meeting, Sept. 8.

Being a club dedicated to service and social justice, they participated in their first service event of the semester, the Ronald Heron Day of Service on Sept. 17. Meetings are every other Thursday @4pm. If you are interested in joining Triota, contact the Women's Studies Office at 203.392.6133, or anyone on the e-board. <https://www.southernct.edu/academics/schools/arts/departments/womensstudies/iotaiotaiota/>.





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## FEMINIST & ACTIVIST OF THE MONTH: JUDAEN BROWN

Judaen Brown, a junior at Southern, is finishing the first campaign of her service project, "The Period Project: Donate to those who Menstruate." This project is aimed at collecting feminine products for homeless women and girls in New Haven. As a woman, Brown empathizes with the struggle to care for one's self during one's period and doesn't want a woman to choose between period products and her next meal. "It is troubling to know that young girls and women are out here without access to period products. I am on a mission to shine a light on this issue and be a source of hope," says Brown. Homelessness is a serious problem in New Haven, and her goal is to help alleviate part of that burden for women by providing these basic necessities. Brown has three collection boxes in Derby, Bridgeport, and New Haven where anyone can donate unopened boxes of pads or tampons. Partnered with Brown is New Reach Inc., the "largest provider of family shelter and family support" in Connecticut. Upon collection of the donated supplies, Brown distributes them to shelters in New Haven she is working with, including CareWays Shelter, Life Haven, and Martha's Place. If you would like to be involved, please contact Judaen Brown at [BrownJ61@southernct.edu](mailto:BrownJ61@southernct.edu). Dropbox locations are at Careways Shelter, 153 East St, New Haven, CT 06511; Movimiento Fitness, Shoprite Plaza 49 Pershing Dr. Derby, CT 06418; Mount Hope Temple 555 Dixwell Ave. New Haven, CT 06511; IMEL Productions and Sales, WNLK 1350 AM, 2nd Floor 277 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604.



### CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES:

Scholarships available: If you are looking for scholarship opportunities, visit this website to peruse the available scholarships for students. <https://www.southernct.edu/alumni/scholarship-program/available-scholarships.html>

Work opportunities on campus: If you are looking for work on campus, visit this website to view student work opportunities on campus. <https://www.southernct.edu/student-life/campus-life/residencelife/jobopportunities/Position%20Descriptions.html>

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### DID YOU KNOW...?

SCSU Title IX coordinator: Paula Rice, (203) 392-5568, [RiceP1@southernct.edu](mailto:RiceP1@southernct.edu). Ms. Rice is the Title IX coordinator at SCSU. She is responsible for handling any cases where an incident is reported and the person wishes to press charges with the university and the perpetrator.



Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center, a.k.a. VPAS seeks to help students "build and sustain healthy relationships with intimate partners, friends, fellow students and university community members; identify sexual misconduct and consent; identify sexual misconduct campus and community advocates, resources, reporting options and Title IX rights; identify perpetrator behavior and risk reduction tips; and identify tools to safely intervene as a bystander; identify the rights available for survivors of criminal acts." VPAS is located in Schwartz Hall, garden (basement) level, Phone: (203)392-6946.