Dickson McLLU Complex (DMC)

Welcome to DMC, Class of 2017!

On behalf of the entire Residential Programs Staff, I would like to welcome you to Cornell University and to your new home, the Dickson and McLLU (the Multi-Cultural Living Learning Unit) Complex.

Now, a bit about the actual building. Our complex is the biggest on Cornell’s campus, housing over 500 students. The building itself is centrally located on north campus near dining halls, two gyms, and two community centers!

The building is further divided between the “5 side” and the “6 side.”

The first and second floors on the “6 side” serve as the home to McLLU, a Program House that presents individual life stories about activism, expression, and culture.

We also have a large staff to help you get acclimated, including 16 Resident Advisors (RAs), 1 Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD), and 1 Residence Hall Director (RHD). Each RA will be working hard to sponsor some great programming to make DMC a lively place.

In addition to the many programs that are offered throughout the year, DMC also has two Residence Hall Leadership Organization (RHLO) that are known as the Dickson Hall Council and the McLLU House Council. Students are nominated to serve as representatives for their floor, and also have the opportunity to run for executive positions within the Council. Look for flyers posted on Move-in day.

All About McLLU: The Multi-Cultural Living Learning Unit

Welcome back McLLU and to those of you who will be living in McLLU for the first time! If you are unfamiliar with the mission and purpose of McLLU, we’ve provided you with some background information.

McLLU, housed in Clara Dickson Hall, was founded in 1991 by a group of students who wanted to live in a community where they could learn from a culturally eclectic group of peers – a home where everyone would be welcome to share ideas, values, and experiences. This theme of open-mindedness has endured: residents continue to create an inclusive and socially just community that meets the

DMC Quick Facts

- Each floor of DMC is 1/4 mile long.
- Run DMC was in the first rap video ever played on MTV.
- From the air, DMC & Balch Hall resemble a “C” and a “U” respectively, which form the initials of Cornell University.
- Clara Dickson Hall was founded in 1946.
- DMC is the largest residence hall in the Ivy League.
- Clara Dickson was the mother of Andrew White, Cornell’s first president.

Meet the DMC Staff

(look at the first two numbers of your room to find your RA.)

1643 Victoria David
2513 Jacob Ritter
2592 Gabriela Bosque
2625 Gilbert Agyeman
3515 Anna Zhu
3569 Joel Lawson
3613 Daniel Garay
3669 Linda Gao
4515 Miguel Castellanos
4569 Zoe Memel
4613 Lipi Gupta
4669 Anthony Will
5513 Juhui Purswani
5580 Brian Morris
5613 Michael Horsfield
5680 Chelsey Garman
diverse needs of a global student body.

A critical part of the McLLU community is academic and social programming. Residents participate in several established McLLU programs including “Worldview,” a program led by residents, Cornell faculty, and staff that presents individual life stories about activism, expression, and culture; and movie discussions where we show recent films in order to spark a discussion on a hot topic; and other events put on collaboratively with the other Program Houses. The McLLU community also organizes occasional trips; recent destinations have been New York City and Washington D.C.

For more information about McLLU, call (607) 255-5306 or email McLLU@cornell.edu.

McLLU Turns 20!
This year, we are celebrating McLLU’s 20th birthday. Join us for a year of great programs and special events!

Get Involved!

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT CONGRESS (RSC)
RSC is the student leadership body representing all residential students. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30pm to discuss pertinent issues regarding our residential communities, decide on funding, and host a variety of events including the Big Red Chill study break. The first meeting in the fall will be September 10, 2013 at 5:30pm. The RSC is a great way to have your voice heard, plan some fun events, or simply get some more leadership experience.

Each residence hall will elect representatives to the RSC. These representatives are the voice for all residents in the building. If you would like more information about RSC or our available positions, please contact the DMC RHD at Dickson@cornell.edu.

RESIDENCE HALL LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (RHLOs)
One way to get involved in making an impact in your community is to join Dickson’s Residence Hall Leadership Organization, also known as the Dickson Hall Council. The hall council is a group of students who represent the interests of all residents in the building to sponsor events, advocate for student concerns, and speak on behalf of the community. To get involved in your hall council, ask any of the DMC residential staff!
DMC Residential Staff

What’s a RHD?
The Residence Hall Director is a full time, live-in professional staff person, and is not a student. The RHD is responsible for the long range planning as well as day-to-day operations of the building, and is the DMC representative to its parent organizations, Residential Programs, Dean of Students, and Cornell University.

The RHD has a Master’s degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education and is available for counseling, advising, information on DMC, and other issues relating to college life.

How do I contact the DMC RHD?
Dickson@cornell.edu
(607) 255-5306

What is an RA?
The RAs are live-in student staff members who have been trained in various resources on campus, educational programming, different types of counseling, and crisis management. The Dickson/McLLU Complex has 16 RAs and you may go to either of them if you have questions or problems. There is an RA on call every night of the week and on the weekends to respond to any emergencies in the building. The RA’s will be some of the first people you meet upon moving into the Dickson/McLLU Complex. They are here because they care about you and want your experience to be as successful and positive as possible.

Meet Your Assistant Residence Hall Director

What’s an ARHD?
The Assistant Residence Hall Director is a live-in para-professional staff person who is a current graduate student. The ARHD works closely with the RHD and is mainly in charge of the Multicultural Living Learning Unit.

The ARHD serves as the advisor for many of the committees within McLLU and is available for counseling, advising, information on DMC, and other issues relating to college life.

Who is the ARHD?
Melissa Hoang will join the Clara Dickson Hall and McLLU residential staff as an ARHD for the ‘13-‘14 academic year. In this role, she will support student staff, professional staff, and residents.

Melissa previously held a RA position for four years at Michigan State University, where she assisted residents in enhancing their college experience through planning programs, serving as an initial resource for academic and personal concerns, as well as enforcing school policy. She earned a B.S. in Psychology from Michigan State University and moved on to work at a non-profit organization in Detroit, MI, a civic theatre in Warren, MI, and most recently, General Electric in Louisville, KY. Melissa is currently a first-year MILR concentrating at Cornell University. In her free time, she enjoys photography, road trips, and traveling abroad.
Meet your new Faculty in Residence, Kit Umbach!

Kit was born and raised in Illinois, spent summers in Idaho, and went to high school and college in the Northeast. He received his B.A. in Physics and Philosophy from Yale College in 1981. After a fellowship at the Max Planck Institute in Stuttgart, Germany, he conducted research on the atomic structure of silicon surfaces at Cornell, earning his Ph.D. in Applied and Engineering Physics in 1991. Kit joined the Cornell faculty in 2002 in the department of materials science and engineering and also holds a research appointment in the Cornell Center for Materials Research. He teaches an introductory course on nanotechnology to first-year engineers and has immense enthusiasm for manufacturing and visualizing very small structures. He is equally motivated to challenge students to prototype and commercialize their novel technological ideas and supervises the annual Advanced Materials Enabled Innovation Competition. Kit, his wife Julie, and their children Jeremy and Gwen, all enjoy the outdoors, especially hiking and fishing. Julie is a business consultant, advising on products ranging from specialty cards to jewelry. As a faculty fellow for the Clara Dickson/MeLLU community over the past year, Kit enjoyed the conviviality of the weekly house dinners—he is looking forward to being the faculty-in-residence host for the dinners in the coming year at their new Monday evening time. The family’s housecats, Cleo and Tiger Lily, are eagerly anticipating visits with all the first-years who need quality time.