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1. Call for Conference Proposals--"*Immigration: Many Faces; Many Facets*"--(Apr. 26-27, 2007)

Immigration, a salient public policy and humanitarian concern across the nation, will be the subject of the IRE's conference scheduled for Thursday-Friday, April 26-27, 2007, to be held at UW-Milwaukee's School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave., 7th Floor, in downtown Milwaukee.

Currently, the IRE is soliciting conference proposals from prospective submitters. We encourage presentations, either by individuals or groups/panels, from faculty, academic staff, community leaders and activists, government officials and policymakers, etc.

We encourage you to go to our website, www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE, and follow the link to the actual Call for Conference Proposals. Here you will find a list of possible topics and themes, and well as the submission format. The due date to submit a conference proposal is December 22, 2006. We will contact you with a response by January 19, 2007.

Any questions? Contact the IRE's associate director, Tom Tonnesen, at (414) 229-4700 or tonnesen@uwm.edu

2. Recipients of IRE's Campus Reading Seminars

UW Reads!! would be an apt description for the tremendous response that the IRE received from its offer to support Campus Reading Seminar groups on books dealing with race, ethnicity, diversity, pluralism, and multiculturalism.

We have just communicated our funding decisions to those who submitted proposals, and a new record of participation has been set! In toto, the IRE will be sponsoring 36 reading groups encompassing 16 different UW campuses, 65 separate books, and **454 participants!** As in previous years, the diversity of those participating is remarkable, including administrators, faculty, academic staff, classified staff, students, and community members. See the next page to view the campuses where these seminars will be taking place, and the moderators for each.

(see next page)

UW-Barron County: Renee Grawlewicz, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology

UW-Eau Claire:

- Jayne Bielecki, Dept. of Family Health Nursing
- Karen Bronshteyn, McIntyre Library
- Deb Pattee, Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction

UW-Extension Milwaukee County: Marlene Jaglinski, Receptionist/Classified Staff

UW-Fox Valley: Jeff Kuepper, Student Activities Coordinator

UW-La Crosse:

- Cecilia Manrique, Dept. of Political Science/Public Administration
- John Mason, Dean, and Charles Martin-Stanley, Assoc. Dean, College of Liberal Studies

UW-Madison:

- Brenda Gayle Plummer and Cindy I-Fen Cheng, Dept. of History
- Maribeth Gettinger, Waisman Center, Early Childhood Program
- May Lee Moua-Vue, International Student Services
- Julie McGivern, Dept. of Educational Psychology
- Lillian Tong, Biology Education, and Thomas Browne, Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Peggy Rosin and Julie Washington, Dept. of Communicative Disorders

UW-Marathon County: Joanne Baird Giordano, Dept. of English

UW-Marinette: Wendel Johnson, Biological Sciences, and Judith Johnson, Library Services

UW-Milwaukee:

- Cheryl Ajirotutu, Cultures and Communities Program (Anthropology)
- Gregory Jay, Cultures and Communities Program (English)
- Ewa Barczyk, Director, UWM Libraries

UW-Oshkosh:

- Norlisha Crawford, Dept. of English/African American Studies Program
- Marguerite Parks, College of Education and Human Services

UW-Parkside:

- Roseann Mason, Center for Community Partnerships
- Katherine Gregory, Communication Dept., and Simon Adetona Akindes, Teacher Education Dept.

UW-Platteville:

- Adam Stanley, Dept. of Social Sciences
- Laura Wendorff, Dept. of Humanities/Women's Studies
- Kevin Concannon and Kory Wein, Dept. of Humanities
- Gregory Imbur and Tom Lo Guidice, School of Education

UW-River Falls:

- Blake Fry, Dean, Student Development and Campus Diversity
- Michael Miller, Dept. of Teacher Education, and Joshua Lambert, Pre-service Teacher

UW-Stevens Point:

- Rhonda Ambuehl, Global Environmental Management Education Center
- Pat Rothfuss, Dept. of English (College Feminists of UWSP)

UW-Stout:

- Richard Braxton, University Housing
- Lopamudra Basu, Dept. of English and Philosophy
- Mitchell Sherman, Dept. of Psychology

UW-Superior: Mary Lee Vance, Center for Academic and Career Advising

UW-Whitewater: Nelia Olivencia, Latino Student Programs, and Jacob Foucalt, Latinos Unidos

3. "Works-in-Progress" Presentations by Graduate Scholars-in-Residence

The IRE's Graduate Scholars-in-Residence Program provides research and logistical support to a select group of doctoral students at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee whose dissertation focuses on a racial/ethnic theme. As part of the program, the Grad Scholars give a public presentation on their research.

On Thursday, December 7, two of the IRE's Grad Scholars gave their "Works-in-Progress" presentations on the UW-Milwaukee campus. Here is the relevant information, and we provide their e-mail addresses in case you have a particular interest in their research and would like to contact them:

- Donte McFadden, Department of English, UW-Milwaukee (mcfdl76@uwm.edu)
"Diasporic Art and Politics: Examining the Cinema of the Los Angeles School of Black Filmmakers"
- Andrea Voyer, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison (avoyer@ssc.wisc.edu)
"Doing Diversity in a New America: A Case Study of Somalis in Small-Town America"

4. Call for Proposals for FY 07-08: Support Grants for Racial and Ethnic Studies

For well over two decades, the IRE has been providing grants to support racial/ethnic studies to faculty, academic staff, and students/student organizations across all the campuses of the UW System. As you may know, these grants fall into four categories:

- Category A – (Research)
- Category B – (Curriculum Development)
- Category C – (Campus Activities)
- Faculty Diversity Research Awards

At this time, we are giving you a “head’s up” that our **Call for Proposals** for the 2007-2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008) will be “officially” publicized in mid-to-late January. Since we do not anticipate any substantial changes in the Call’s wording, requirements, and format, we encourage you to go to the following website (www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant) to read more about the variety of IRE Support Grants.

5. Other News

- The “Community Brainstorming Conference” is a long-standing event in Milwaukee’s African-American community that convenes individuals from all walks of life to discuss pressing social issues. On Saturday, January 27, from 8:00-11:00 a.m., UW-Milwaukee’s Department of Africology will conduct a breakfast forum entitled “*Saving Our Youth: Possibilities and Solutions.*”

The event, as always, will take place at Milwaukee’s St. Matthew’s CME Church, 2944 N. 9th Street. Presenters at the January 27th forum will include the following members from UW-Milwaukee’s Department of Africology:

- Dr. Joyce F. Kirk, Executive Director, UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity, and Chair, UWM Department of Africology
“*Rites of Passage and African American Transformation*”
- Dr. Osei Mensah Aborampah, Associate Professor
“*Community Empowerment for African-American Youth*”
- Dr. Sandra Jones, Assistant Professor
“*Youth Transitioning from Childhood to Adulthood*”
- Dr. Erin Winkler, Assistant Professor
“*Youth: Beyond the Limits of Race and Class*”
- Congratulations go out to Joan Fujimura of the Department of Sociology at UW-Madison. Professor Fujimura was the recipient of an IRE “seed grant” to assist in the pursuit of extramural funds, and she recently has been awarded a grant for 2006-2008 in the amount of \$350,000 for her work on “Exploring Concepts of Population in Human Genetic Variation Research.”
- Kudos also go out to Esther Ofulue of the Department of Biology at UW-Platteville who has received a scholarship to pursue stem cell training at the WiCell Research Institute in Madison. Her scholarship is being funded through the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) and the WySys Technology Foundation, with the training itself being supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). We at the IRE are especially proud of Professor Ofulue since she is a past recipient of one of our Minority Faculty Research Awards (now called Faculty Diversity Research Awards).
- One of the foremost leaders in the field of African American Studies is Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. of Harvard University. On Friday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. on the UW-Milwaukee campus, Professor Gates will be speaking on the topic of “Genetics, Genealogy, and the African American Experience.” The IRE is pleased to be able to co-sponsor the event. For more information, contact the UWM Union’s Office of Sociocultural Programming at (414) 229-6996.
- Finally, we bid a fond farewell to Cora Marrett, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, as she soon leaves UW System Administration to assume her position with the National Science Foundation. The IRE and its staff are indebted to her for her support. At the same time, we welcome Rebecca Martin, the current provost at UW-Parkside, as she begins her role as Interim Senior Vice President. We look forward to a productive partnership.