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1. **Call for Proposals: IRE Support Grants for FY 08-09—Deadline of Mon., April 7, 2008**

Perhaps the most valuable service that the IRE provides to faculty, staff, and student organizations throughout the UW System is its funding of IRE Support Grants on topics pertaining to race/ethnicity, diversity, pluralism, and multiculturalism. The “window” to apply for support in the 2008-09 fiscal year (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009) is “open” now, and the firm postmark deadline is Monday, April 7, 2008. We urge you to go to our website to learn more about eligibility criteria, funding maxima, current and former recipients, etc.:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant_programs/support_grants.html

As in previous years, support is available in four specific categories:

- Category “A”—(Research)
- Category “B”—(Curriculum Development)
- Category “C”—(Campus Activities)
- Faculty Diversity Research Awards

2. **Symposium on “Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum”—(April 17-18, 2008, at UW-Milwaukee)**

The IRE is pleased to be collaborating with the UW System Office of Professional and Instructional Development (OPID) to conduct this event. The symposium will look at the three-credit ethnic studies/cultural diversity graduation requirement as well as offer workshops/sessions on student learning goals and outcomes, pedagogical strategies, interdisciplinary collaborations, majors/minors/certificate programs, the intersection of race and gender, fostering campus diversity and building cross-cultural networks, infusion and mainstreaming, etc. The keynote speaker on

Thursday evening, April 17, will be Prof. Kevin Kumashiro of the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the director of the Center for Anti-Oppressive Education. His remarks will be entitled “*Four Lenses for Rethinking Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum.*”

Because of the discussion-oriented focus of the symposium, attendance has been solicited by requesting campus provosts to name a “campus team.” By campus, the team members are:

- UW Colleges: Salah Bassiouni; Nancy Chick; Brandon Fetterly; Renee Gralewicz; Lisa Seale; Julie Tharp and Colin Wang
- UW-Eau Claire: Margaret Cassidy; Larry Martin; Jill Pinkney Pastrana; Andrew Phillips; Eva Santos-Phillips; and David Shih
- UW-Extension: JoAnn Hinz; Shirwil Lukes; Vallerie Maurice; Melissa Mayo; Daniel Malacara; and Kay Taube
- UW-Green Bay: Angela Bauer-Dantoin; Regan A. R. Gurung; Peter Kellogg; Pao Lor; Cristina Ortiz; and Lisa Poupart
- UW-La Crosse: Vincent Her; Robert Hoar; Deb Hoskins; Sharon Jessee; Charles Martin-Stanley; Sarah Shillinger; Barbara Stewart; and Al Thompson
- UW-Madison: Omie Baldwin; Teri Balse; Elton J. Crim, Jr., Alberta Gloria; Marlys Macken; Sandra Magana; Catherine Middlecamp; Ruby Paredes; Sarah Pfatteicher; Michael Thornton; and Lynet Uttal
- UW-Milwaukee: Simone Conceicao; Gregory Jay; Joyce F. Kirk; Renee Meyers; Michael Powell; and Dev Venugopalan
- UW-Oshkosh: Irma Burgos; Judith Hankes; John Koker; Todd Kostman; Michelina Manzi; and Marguerite Parks
- UW-Parkside: Fay Yokomizo Akindes; Doug DeVinny; Damian Evans; Eugene Fujimoto; Patrick Goldsmith; Roseann Mason; Jim Robinson; and Gerhard Schutte
- UW-Platteville: Carl Allsup; Alison Bunte; Shane Drefcinski; Patrick Hagen; and Carlos Wiley
- UW-River Falls: Sandra Ellis; Blake Fry; Cynthia Kernahan; Neil Kraus; and Jose Vega
- UW-Stevens Point: Amy Boelk; Marty Loy; Patricia Ploetz; and Sarah Pogell
- UW-Stout: Howard Lee; Terri Karis; Meleina Segal; Jill Stanton; Richard Tafalla; and Hollace Teuber
- UW-Superior: Chip Beal; Eri Fujieda; Gary Johnson; Lisa Larson; Steve Rosenberg; and Joel Sipress
- UW-Whitewater: Helena Addae; M. Jodi Hare; Richard McGregory; Leslie Meyer; Barbara Monfils; Roger Pulliam; and Jim Winship

3. 428 and Counting! IRE’s Course Syllabi Bank

Looking for course ideas? What books are being assigned by UW System faculty? What innovative ideas are being implemented by your colleagues on other UW System campuses? For those of us who teach and do research in the area of racial/ethnic studies, the IRE’s Course Syllabi Bank is a valuable and powerful resource for learning and sharing ideas. As of this moment, the bank includes syllabi from **428 courses** across a wide variety of disciplines and all the campuses of the UW System. Also, there is a “search” feature that allows users to focus their queries. E-mail addresses are included for all the instructors, encouraging networking and communication across all the UW System’s campuses. We urge you to check it out at:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/syllabi_bank/index.html

We urge you to submit your relevant course syllabi for uploading onto the Syllabi Bank. Its growth depends upon the cooperation of faculty and instructors at UW System campuses who teach courses including significant racial/ethnic content. Through the provost’s office at each UW campus, an individual has been identified to coordinate the collection of syllabi. We encourage you to send them your syllabi as Word files. They then will forward the syllabi to the IRE, where we convert them to pdf. files and upload them. We are especially interested in courses that satisfy the three-credit, ethnic studies/diversity graduation requirement, but we will post any course that includes significant racial/ethnic studies content. Below is a listing of the campus contacts for the Syllabi Bank collection process:

UW Colleges: Sharon Brickl (sharon.brickl@uwc.edu)

UW-Eau Claire: Margaret Cassidy (cassidml@uwec.edu)

UW-Extension: Evelyn Fleming (fleminge@wpt.org) and Jason Messer (jason.messer@learn.uwsa.edu)

UW-Green Bay: Regan A. R. Gurung (gurungr@uwgb.edu)

UW-La Crosse: Vincent Her (her.vinc@uwlax.edu)

UW-Madison: At this time, send your syllabi to Tom Tonnesen, the IRE’s associate director, at: tonnesen@uwm.edu, or to: VPDCStudent@bascom.wisc.edu

UW-Milwaukee: Connie Jo (conniejo@uwm.edu)
UW-Oshkosh: Perry Rettig (rettig@uwosh.edu)
UW-Parkside: Fay Yokomizo Akindes (fay.akindes@uwp.edu)
UW-Platteville: Carlos Wiley (wileyc@uwplatt.edu)
UW-River Falls: Cyndi Kernahan (cynthia.kernahan@uwrf.edu)
UW-Stevens Point: Patricia Ploetz (pploetz@uwsp.edu)
UW-Stout: Janice Coker (cokerj@uwstout.edu)
UW-Superior: Eri Fujieda (efujieda@uwsuper.edu)
UW-Whitewater: Leslie Meyer (meyerl@uww.edu)

4. Call for Proposals: Graduate Scholars Associates Program—Deadline of Mon., June 23, 2008

This IRE program (formerly entitled the Graduate Scholars-in-Residence Program) is open to doctoral students at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee whose dissertation research is on racial/ethnic topics. Its purpose is to foster intellectual community among scholars and doctoral students, and to promote the entry of new faculty into the academy, hopefully at UW System institutions. Approximately 3-4 such awards are given each year, and each recipient is required to give a public “Works-in-Progress” presentation on her/his research. The firm postmark deadline is Monday, June 23, 2008. We urge you to go to our website to learn more about eligibility criteria, the offer of office space and support, funding maxima, current and former recipients, etc.:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant_programs/graduate_scholars.html

The current awardees are:

- Vonzell Agosto, (vagosto@wisc.edu), Department of Curriculum and Instruction, UW-Madison
“The Identities and Social Justice Values of Prospective Teachers of Color”
- Yung-Lung Chen, (ypchen@uwm.edu), Department of Educational Psychology, UW-Milwaukee
“Asian American Educational Achievement: A Test of Relative Functionalism”
- Matt Nichter, (mnichter@wisc.edu), Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
“Rethinking the Origins of the Civil Rights Movement”
- Jen Schoepke (schoepke@cae.wisc.edu), Dept. of Industrial and Systems Engineering, UW-Madison
“What Does It Mean to Be White? The Experiences of Male Engineers in a Research University”

5. Reception and Book Signing for Professor Kevin Kumashiro—April 17, 2008

Professor Kumashiro is an associate professor in the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is the director of the Center for Anti-Opressive Education. On Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 12:00-1:30 p.m in Enderis Hall 597, UW-Milwaukee, a brown bag lunch/reception/book signing is being held for him. The reception is free and open to all. The UWM Bookstore will be on hand to sell a number of his books, including his new release: *“The Seduction of Common Sense: How the Right Has Framed the Debate on America’s Schools.”* The IRE is grateful for the support of the UWM School of Education, the UWM Cultures and Communities Program, and the UWM LGBT Studies Certificate Program in conducting this event.

Later that evening, Professor Kumashiro will be providing the keynote address at the IRE/OPID “Symposium on Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum.” His talk will be entitled *“Four Lenses for Rethinking Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum”* to be held in the UWM Union, Wisconsin Room East, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

6. Request for Proposals: Closing the Achievement Gap—Deadline of Fri., April 18, 2008

Dr. Rebecca R. Martin, UW System Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, through the Office of Academic Diversity and Development (OADD), has announced a pilot grant program that seeks to advance equity and diversity throughout the UW System with a focus on closing the achievement gap. For the upcoming 2008-09 academic year, a total of \$300,000 is being made available to fund projects in three categories: (i) Start-Up Grants for Emerging Needs; (ii) Grants to Further Implement Existing Initiatives; and (iii) Evaluation Grants. The deadline for the submission of proposals is Friday, April 18, 2008. We urge you to go to our website to link to more information and details:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/news_resources/index.html

7. Equity Scorecard Project, UW System Office of Academic Diversity and Development (OADD)

The OADD and its director, Dr. Vicki Washington, Interim Assistant Vice President, is spearheading this effort and working with campus “evidence teams” on the Equity Scorecard’s implementation. As defined, the Equity Scorecard process is “a learning approach to institutional change [that] fosters data-based inquiry to inform institutions about their effectiveness in producing equitable educational outcomes for students of color.”

The pilot institutions that have been working with the project are UW Colleges, UW-La Crosse, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, and UW-Whitewater. A second cohort of institutions will soon join in the effort: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, and UW-Superior.

An Equity Scorecard (EqS) Trainer Institute and Team Training will take place from April 28-May 1, 2008, and Tom Tonnesen, the IRE’s associate director, will take part and become a member of the OADD Equity Scorecard Team.

For more information on EqS, go to: <http://www.uwsa.edu/oadd/equity/index.htm>

8. IRE Event Form and IRE Mailing List

The IRE is most interested in using its website to help campuses publicize events dealing with racial/ethnic topics. We urge you to submit information on your event using the following form:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/conferences_events/event_form.html

Also, if you want to make sure to receive IRE information, grant announcements, publicity, etc., we urge you to submit your contact information to us at:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/mailing_list/index.html

9. Other News:

- Carter G. Woodson Week: The IRE is cooperating with a number of offices at UWM to help organize and sponsor the Carter G. Woodson Week activities slated for April 7-11, 2008. A series of lectures, poetic readings, film screenings, and a live theatrical performance will take place throughout the week on this year’s theme, “*Race and Violence in the United States*.” Professor Ned Blackhawk of UW-Madison’s Department of History and American Indian Studies Program will deliver the keynote lecture on April 7 on his recent book, “*Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West*.” Also, on April 11, Patrick Sims of UW-Madison’s Department of Theatre and Drama, will perform his “10 Perfect” based upon the lynching of Dr. James Cameron, the founder of America’s Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee. For more information on all the Carter G. Woodson activities, which are free and open to the public, go to the following and click on the third bulleted item:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/conferences_events/other_events.html

- IRE Visit to UW-La Crosse: On Thursday, April 10, the IRE’s associate director, Tom Tonnesen, will be on the UW-La Crosse campus to meet with faculty and staff who have an interest in IRE grant programs, conferences/symposia, the Syllabi Bank, and other activities. For details (probably a “brown bag lunch) on the time, building, and room, contact the IRE’s Advisory Committee representative at UW-La Crosse, Dr. Sarah Shillinger, at: shilling.sara@uwlax.edu

Tom will then be attending “Widening the Circle: 5th Annual Act 31 Symposium,” taking place at UW-La Crosse on Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, 2008. For information on attending, see:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/conferences_events/Campus_Events/WidenTheCircle.pdf

- National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE): Perhaps the largest national conference of its type, NCORE will take place in Orlando, Florida, from May 27-31, 2008. Its primary sponsor is The Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies at the University of Oklahoma. Check out their website at: <http://www.ncore.ou.edu>