Dr. Cornel West returns to UWM
“It Matters: Affirmative Action, Race, and World Peace”
September 19, 2003

Since his last visit with us in the fall of 2002, Dr. Cornel West has traveled to Liberia as a member of a delegation to urge Charles Taylor (now former president) and opposition forces to cooperate in a peaceful democratic election. We continue to fight in Iraq and elsewhere abroad and Affirmative Action is still being challenged. Dr. West’s message will bring hope and the need for self-examination on the road to achieving world peace.

During Dr. West’s last visit to UWM, over 900 people were enthralled by one of the great intellectuals of our era. West left the audience with a multitude of responses to his interpretations of life, struggle, communication, and love. “If you haven’t loved, you have not truly lived...If you have not cried, you have not truly loved,” West stated boldly to a rapt audience. You will not want to miss his upcoming lecture on:

It Matters: Affirmative Action, Race, and World Peace
Friday, September 19, 2003
5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
UWM Union Wisconsin Room

The Department of Multicultural Affairs is honored to bring Dr. West back to UWM. This event would not have been possible without strong support from the following partners: Harley-Davidson, Milwaukee Urban League, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, UWM Union Sociocultural Programming, UWM Union Programming, UWM Roberto Hernandez Center, UWM Muslim Student Association, The Milwaukee Idea, UWM Cultures and Communities Program, UWM Center for Urban Initiatives and Research, Midwest Airlines, and Project Equality. Tickets for the event are $25 for the general public and $15 for students with ID. Advance admission tickets are available from the UWM Bookstore. A book signing and sale will follow the evening event.

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UWM students to attend the AMSLC leadership conference

Thanks to financial support from the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, LINKS Peer Mentoring and Outreach Program, Student Support Services Program, and the Department of Multicultural Affairs, UW-Milwaukee will once again send 32 students and four staff chaperones to this year’s American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (AMSLC). This annual student leadership conference will be held at UW-La Crosse on October 24 through 26.

Students will present their research papers, creative writings, and art works at the conference and compete for awards in a number of categories. Four students received a total of six awards totaling $10,750 in cash prizes at last year’s AMSLC conference at UW-Eau Claire. It is anticipated that UWM will compete successfully and garner even more awards and prizes at this year’s conference.

The Department of Multicultural Affairs would like to thank the following staff members who will accompany students to the weekend conference: Celeste Clark from the American Indian Student Services, Doris Beasley from the Student Support Services Program, Donte McFadden from the McNair Program, and Linda Huang from the Department of Multicultural Affairs.

IMR publication on “The State of Children in Milwaukee”

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Beverly Cross, work is underway to produce a book on The State of Children in Milwaukee. The anticipated publication date is fall 2004. This collaborative project was initiated and is currently being developed by the Institute on Multicultural Relations (IMR) Scholars.

The following IMR faculty scholars will contribute toward chapters on education, health, welfare/poverty, crime, and housing/segregation: Hanh Trinh, John Ndon, Diane Pollard, Beverly Cross, Joyce Kirk, Gwat-Yong Lie, Swarnjit Arora, William Velez, and Josef Stagg. Professor Emerita Joan Moore and Professor Emeritus Harold Rose will also be lending their expertise to this publication.

More from the Institute on Multicultural Relations...

The IMR scholars and staff are currently working on a research project titled “The Major Role Families Play in Influencing Outcomes for Their Children,” which is aimed at assessing and improving the quality of life of children in urban families. The project team members are: Diane Pollard and Gary Williams (co-principal investigators), Susie Lamborn, Joyce Kirk, Victoria Pryor and Kimberly Stephenson.

With seed monies from the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity, this research project is focused on family influences that affect children’s academic success. Its anticipated outcomes will include:

- recommendations on how to support families in their efforts to help their children succeed in school;
- recommendations on what factors support strengthening parent-child relationships and subsequent student academic success;
- recommendations on how to improve the ways that various institutions; e.g. schools, neighborhoods, agencies, etc. interact effectively with families; and
- the development of a parent advocacy partnership model that includes urban families, IMR Scholars, and other relevant individuals and groups.

Congratulations to Pauli Taylorboyd who recently accepted a position in the Department of Human Resources as the director of Employee Development. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well!

Upcoming Conference

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care: Closing The Gap
UWM Union, 2nd Floor
November 1, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Call 414-229-5566 for more information

Be on the lookout for the next issue of Myriad. It will highlight UWM faculty research.