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1. **Conference—“Immigration: Many Faces; Many Facets”** -- (Thurs.-Fri., April 26-27, 2007)  
Site: UWM School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Milwaukee

There is still time to register! Go to the links mentioned above or call the IRE office at (414) 229-4700

Sponsored by the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity, with the collaboration of the UWM School of Continuing Education and support from eight other UWM offices, this conference is shaping up as the most significant one ever conducted by our office.

Focusing on one of the most salient political and sociological topics of the current era, the conference features **33 presentations** by UW System faculty and staff, as well as by representatives of community organizations. In addition, there are four superb keynote speakers:

- Hiroshi Motomura, Professor, University of North Carolina School of Law  
--Author of *Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States*
- Baldemar Velasquez, President, Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), AFL-CIO  
--Recipient of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship and the Aguila Azteca Award from the Government of Mexico
- Michele Wucker, Fellow, World Policy Institute and the Immigration Policy Center  
--Author of *Lockout: Why America Keeps Getting Immigration Wrong When Our Prosperity Depends on Getting It Right*
- Amalia Pallares, Associate Professor, Departments of Political Science and Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago  
--Co-principal investigator of the Immigrant Rights Mobilization Project and an expert on questions of sanctuary

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## 2. New Website for the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity

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We could not be prouder! In a project that was over a year in the planning and making, this past month the IRE unveiled its completely remodeled website. We urge you to go to <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE> and bookmark it immediately.

Here you will find complete and current information about the IRE and its many programs and grant opportunities. You will find links on our staff and history ("About Us"), Grant Programs, Conferences and Events, Publications, Syllabi Bank, and more. The site is equipped with a complete Search engine, and readers are able to learn more about past grant recipients in order to provide ideas for future grant submissions.

Two additional, interactive features: (i) Do you want to be added to our Mailing List? Go to: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/mailling\\_list/index.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/mailling_list/index.html) Do you want some free publicity on an upcoming campus event? Go to: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/conferences\\_events/event\\_form.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/conferences_events/event_form.html)

We believe you will find the entire site to be easily navigable, and we look to your comments and suggestions in that all websites are a "work-in-progress."

## 3. Course Syllabi Bank

This facet of our new website deserves a separate section of this "E-Bulletin." Go to the following link and see why we are so excited: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/syllabi\\_bank/index.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/syllabi_bank/index.html)

In what will prove to be an invaluable resource in the sharing of curricular and pedagogical innovations across all the campuses of the UW System, the IRE has begun to collect and post syllabi from courses with significant racial/ethnic studies content. Already, we have collected and posted nearly **100 course syllabi** from various campuses and disciplines. You will see that the Syllabi Bank is organized by campus. Each entry includes the instructor's name, e-mail address, department, course title, and semester of offering. You can scroll through dozens of syllabi and learn about unique class projects and assignments, books and readings, bibliographical resources and Internet sites, etc.

Of all the sections of the IRE's new website, the Syllabi Bank best fits the "works-in-progress" description. **We need your help!** Through the Provost's Office at each UW campus, a call is going out across each UW campus to have faculty and instructional academic staff send us their syllabi electronically as Word attachments. We then convert them to pdf files and up they go. 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.

Send your course syllabi to Tom Tonnesen, the IRE's associate director, at: [tonnesen@uwm.edu](mailto:tonnesen@uwm.edu) Any questions? Give Tom a call at (414) 229-4700.

## 4. Support Grant Proposals for FY 2007-08

The deadline for the IRE's receipt of Support Grant Proposals for funding consideration for the upcoming 2007-08 fiscal year has just passed (Mon., Apr. 9), and we are pleased to report that for the **third consecutive year** the number of proposals we received has increased. This is a testimony to the strong interest in racial/ethnic studies, diversity, pluralism, and multiculturalism across the UW System.

As many of you know, the IRE's Support Grants are available in four separate categories:

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

To learn more details about the IRE's Support Grants and the criteria, funding, and eligibility for each of the four categories listed above, go to: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant\\_programs/support\\_grants.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant_programs/support_grants.html) We invite you to scroll to the next page to see the campuses from which the IRE received proposals.

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A total of **84** Support Grant proposals were received by the IRE for funding consideration in the 2007-08 fiscal year in the four categories. Proposals are currently being catalogued and prepared to be sent to readers across the UW System. Funding decisions will be communicated to submitters in late June. Proposals were received from:

- UW Colleges – 10
- UW-Extension – 1
- UW-Green Bay – 5
- UW-La Crosse – 5
- UW-Madison – 15
- UW-Milwaukee – 23
- UW-Oshkosh – 6
- UW-Parkside -- 2
- UW-Platteville -- 2
- UW-River Falls -- 1
- UW-Stout -- 5
- UW-Superior -- 1
- UW-Whitewater -- 9

## 5. Call for Proposals: IRE's "Graduate Scholars-in-Residence" Program

In order to foster intellectual community among scholars and doctoral students interested in research on racial/ethnic topics, the IRE has established its "Graduate Scholars-in-Residence" Program. It provides awardees with office space, a workstation, use of a computer and office support at the IRE's offices on the UW-Milwaukee campus, as well as \$1000 in supplies-and expense funds. Applicants must be a doctoral student in good academic standing at a UW System campus who are engaged in dissertation research that focuses upon race and ethnicity.

Publicity on this program for the upcoming 2007-08 fiscal year was sent in mid-March to department chairpersons at the UW System's two doctoral campuses, UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee. Proposals must be sent to the IRE and postmarked **no later than Monday, June 25, 2007**. To learn more, go to:

[http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant\\_programs/graduate\\_scholars.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant_programs/graduate_scholars.html)

## 6. IRE Advisory Committee

In order to increase communication and cooperation between the IRE and the various campuses of the UW System, the IRE is reinstating its Advisory Committee. Through the office of Rebecca Martin, the UW System Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, each of the campus Provost's Offices has been contacted for the name of its nominee.

Membership will be comprised of one faculty or instructional academic staff member from each of the UW System's baccalaureate-granting institutions, plus one at-large member representing the UW Colleges and another representing UW-Extension.

Campuses have begun to submit their nominees. Once the Advisory Committee is intact, we will post the names and contact information on our website. To learn more about the Advisory Committee's duties and responsibilities, go to: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/advisory\\_committee/index.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/advisory_committee/index.html)

## 7. Other News

- ***Kaleidoscope II***: The annual issue of the IRE's comprehensive newsletter, *Kaleidoscope II*, will be in your mailboxes very soon. We think you will find interesting this issue's Adventures in Ideas, Profile, IRE grant summaries from FY 06-07, and an introductory article re. the issue of immigration, the subject of our upcoming conference. To view previous issues of *Kaleidoscope II* online, go to: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/publications/kaleidoscope.html>
- **11<sup>th</sup> Annual American Indian Studies Summer Institute**: June 25-29, 2007, at the Oneida Nation Elementary School in Oneida, WI. Sponsored by the DPI's American Indian Studies Program, the Oneida Nation Elementary School, and UW-Green Bay. This highly-participatory, week-long workshop is designed to increase understanding of issues related to the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally-recognized tribes and bands in Wisconsin. The early registration deadline is May 11, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/amind/doc/ai-summer.pdf>

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- **“African Americans in Wisconsin: A Statistical Overview” (Second Edition):**  
This book, edited by Professor E. Howard Grigsby of the Department of Sociology at UW-Whitewater, with Professors Karl Taeuber and Doris Slesinger of UW-Madison, is a comprehensive statistical portrait, including 69 charts and 50 tables, of Wisconsin’s African American population based upon federal, state, and local sources, including the 2000 Census. The IRE is especially proud in that one of its Category “A” Research grants helped give birth to the original publication. To order a copy, call Pearson Education Publishers at 1-800-922-0579 or visit their website: <http://www.pearsoncustom.com>
- **Alicia Helion**, Doctoral Student, Department of Psychology, UW-Milwaukee:  
Alicia currently is one of the IRE’s Graduate Scholars-in-Residence, and we are happy to report that she will receive her Ph. D. in May and has accepted a faculty position at Lakeland College in Sheboygan. On March 6, Alicia gave her “Works-in-Progress” presentation on her dissertation Topic, “HIV/STD Prevention Messages: Does the Speaker’s Race Influence Efficacy for African American Women?”