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1. **Institute Conference**—“***Enriching Racial/Ethnic Studies: Health, Education, and Cultural Knowledge***”
Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 2006—UW-Milwaukee

Mark your calendar! An interdisciplinary conference featuring presentations on research initiatives, curricular developments, pedagogical practices, reading seminars, and innovative campus activities concerning racial/ethnic studies on UW campuses. Also offered will be scholarly interest sessions on specific groups: African Americans, Latinas/os, American Indians, and Asian Americans.

Co-sponsors include the UWM Center for Urban Initiatives and Research, UWM Department of Africology, UWM School of Education, and UWM Vice Chancellor’s Office for Partnerships and Innovation.

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- c) Featured Speakers:
 - *Bevan Baker*, Commissioner, Health Department, City of Milwaukee
 - *Nilda Flores-Gonzalez*, Associate Professor of Sociology and Latina/o Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago
 - *David Williams*, Harold Cruse Professor of Sociology and Professor of Epidemiology, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

2. Campus Reading Seminars

UW Reads! The Institute just funded 30 Campus Reading Seminars involving 15 UW campuses, 53 books, and 353 campus and community participants. We commend your interest and initiative. If you'd like more information on these reading groups, call Tom Tonnesen at (414) 229-4700.

3. Institute Call for Support Grant Proposals for FY 2006-07

After the first of the year, be looking for the Institute's "CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Support Grants for Racial and Ethnic Studies" for the next (2006-07) fiscal year. Proposals will be due in the Institute office in mid-to-late March 2006. Four grant categories are available:

- Category A (Research): In the current year, the Institute is funding 8 grants at four campuses.
- Category B (Curriculum Development): In the current year, the Institute is funding 4 grants at four campuses.
- Category C (Events and Lectures): In the current year, the Institute is funding 15 grants at ten campuses.
- Minority Faculty Research Awards: In the current year, the Institute is funding 4 grants at three campuses.

4. News on the Institute's Graduate Scholars-in Residence

Each year, the Institute provides support to doctoral students at either UW-Madison or UW-Milwaukee who are conducting their dissertation research on racial/ethnic topics. In return, these individuals conduct "Works-in-Progress" lectures, participate in Campus Reading Seminars, and engage in other scholarly exchanges. Below are listed our current Graduate Scholars-in-Residence, their research topics, and their e-mail/contact information.

- 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"
* (congratulations to Donte who recently was awarded the Fuller/Kent/Turner/Gayle Award for Literary Criticism at the Gwendolyn Brooks Writers' Conference at Chicago State University)
- Rhea Lathan, Department of English, UW-Madison (relathan@students.wisc.edu)
"Writing a Wrong: The Case of African-American Adult Literacy in South Carolina, 1955-1962"
- Solsiree del Moral, Department of History, UW-Madison (delmoral@wisc.edu)
"Race, Science, and Nation: The Cultural Politics of Schools in Colonial Puerto Rico, 1917-1938"
- Andrea Voyer, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison (avoyer@ssc.wisc.edu)
"Doing Diversity in a New America: Interactions, Interpretations, and Institutions"

5. Conference—"Fighting for Common Ground: Building Coalitions Against Racism and Privilege in America"

Date: Friday, January 27, 2006

Place: UW-Milwaukee Union

Sponsors: UWM Geography Department, with support from the UWM Cultures and Communities Program and the Racial Justice Institute of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

Sessions: "Understanding Racism and Privilege"; the "Costs of Racism and Privilege"; and "Combating Racism and Privilege"

Contact: Prof. Meredith Reitman, Geography Department, UW-Milwaukee (mreitman@uwm.edu)

6. Conference—UW System's 30th Annual Women's Studies Conference—"Warrior, Mythic, and Everyday Women: Women's Ways of Leading"

Date: Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2006

Place: Best Western Arrowhead Lodge and Suites, Black River Falls, WI

Contact: Women's Studies Consortium Office, (608) 262-3056, or : WSCOoffice@uwsa.edu