

TALKING POINTS

MULTICULTURAL CITIZENSHIP, ANTI-RACISM & ACCOUNTABILITY, RECONCILIATION & RESTORATION

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Multicultural Events & *FEN* Themes

The Office of the Dean for Multicultural Affairs is excited about this Fall semester. There are many wonderful events on the horizon! Multicultural events work together to aid in the development of the themes that drive our office from Calvin's *From Every Nation* document. These themes are the following:

Multicultural Citizenship

- Expand cross-cultural experiences
- Cultivate intercultural sensitivities

Anti-Racism & Accountability

- Continuing effort to identify the sin of racism and its effects
- Make structural changes that will promote greater accountability and enable us to escape and avoid traps of institutional racism

Reconciliation & Restoration

- Develop positive vision of shalom
- Model shalom in our community

Cultural Calendar of Events

- October 3, DVD Viewing of "Race: The Power of an Illusion (Part I: The Difference Between Us)" hosted by Jacquie Rhodes, 7pm, 2nd Floor Lobby of KH with snacks
- October 4, French Without Borders Film Festival "Le Planford de Verre (The Glass Ceiling)" Film in French with English subtitles, admission is free, 7:30pm, Bytwerk Theater
- October 5, French Without Borders Film Festival "Indigenes (Days of Glory)" Film in French, English subtitles, admission is free, 7:30pm, Bytwerk Theater
- October 7-12, Unlearn Week (Detailed Listing of Events on Page 3)
- October 9, R&R Reading Group, 12-1:30pm, Spoelhof Center 204A
- October 23, R&R Reading Group, 12-1:30pm, Student Senate Meeting Room
- October 25, Black Knight Forum, 7:30pm, Meeter Center Lecture Hall

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THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Invites you to join us during UnlearnWeek as we welcome,

Dr. Joseph Graves

October 10, 2007

12:30-1:20PM

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT SEMINAR

SCIENCE BUILDING ROOM 010

All are invited to attend this seminar focused to the Biology Department about the biology of race & Graves' work as an evolutionary biologist.

3:30-5:00PM

MULTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

"HOW BIOLOGY REFUTES OUR RACIAL MYTHS"

MEETER CENTER LECTURE
HALL

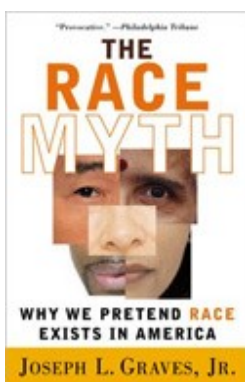
All are invited to this workshop in which Dr. Graves will discuss his book, *The Race Myth*, highlighting the biology of race and how biology refutes our racial myths as faculty and staff on a college campus.

7:00-9:00PM

MAIN LECTURE HOSTED BY MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

PRINCE CONFERENCE CENTER
GREAT HALL

All are invited to the main event of the day, a lecture by Dr. Joseph Graves about *The Race Myth* and how we can "unlearn" the myths we have been taught about race.



Dr. Graves will be available after his evening lecture for a book signing.

Profile

Dr. Joseph Graves received a Bachelors in Biology from Oberlin College, a Masters from the University of Lowell, worked on his Ph.D at the University of Michigan Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and completed the Ph.D. at Wayne State University from the Department of Environmental, Evolutionary and Systematic Biology. In 1994, he was elected a Fellow of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for his pioneering work in establishing the genetic and physiological controls of aging. In April 2002, he received the ASU-West award for Scholarly Research and Creative Activity. He has also been Secretary for the Division on Integrating and Comparative Issues in the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biologists, as well as a member of the external advisory board for the National Human Genome Center at Howard University. He is a member of "The New Genetics and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade" discussion group, sponsored by the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University.

In May 2006, he keynoted the "Faith Forum on Genetics" sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Oregon Ecumenical Council, and Pacific Institute of Bioethics. In the fall of 2006, he lectured on racial medicine at the European Social Research Council Genomics Policy and Research Forum, at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. His research concerns the evolutionary genetics of postponed aging and biological concepts of race in humans, with over fifty papers and book chapters published, and appearances in six documentary films on these general topics. He has been a Principal Investigator on grants from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and the Arizona Disease Research Commission. His books on the biology of race are entitled: *The Emperor's New Clothes: Biological Theories of Race at the Millennium*, Rutgers University Press, 2001, 2005 and *The Race Myth: Why We Pretend Race Exists in America*, Dutton Press, 2004, 2005. He has been a leader in addressing the under representation of minorities in science, directing successful programs in California and Arizona. Finally, he has been an active participant in the struggle to protect and improve the teaching of science in the public schools.

Facts & Myths About Immigration October 11, 2007

Please join the Office for Multicultural Affairs during Unlearn Week as we discuss "Facts and Myths About Immigration". Our special guest will be Attorney Susan E. Reed. Susan Reed is the Michigan regional attorney with Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON), a program of the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). JFON/UMCOR provides legal

services to low-income immigrants, including refugees, asylum seekers, survivors of domestic violence, and unaccompanied children through a national network of eighteen clinics. JFON/UMCOR also works in faith communities and the community at large to provide education and advocacy about the struggles faced by immigrant families. Susan is a graduate of

Marquette University and The University of Minnesota Law School. Prior to joining JFON/UMCOR she worked with legal services programs serving migrant farm workers in Minnesota and Michigan. For more information email or call Razel at roj2@calvin.edu or 526.8703.

Unlearn Week Schedule October 7-12, 2007

Remember to support the Unlearn Week Events!

- Sunday, October 7-LOFT, Chapel, 8pm
- Monday, October 8-"Does Racism Still Exist?" Led by Jermale Eddie, Student Development Office, 8pm
- Tuesday, October 9-"The Case for Reparations" Prof. Jim Bratt, Commons Lecture Hall, 7pm
- Tuesday, October 9-"MTV's Black/White Viewing Part One" Residence Hall (TBA), 9pm
- Wednesday, October 10-"Good Hair" (Workshop on understanding Black hair), Commons Lecture Hall, 3:30pm
- Wednesday, October 10-"The Race Myth" with Dr. Joseph Graves, Prince Conference Center Great Room, 7pm
- Wednesday, October 10-"MTV's Black/White Viewing Part Two" Residence Hall (TBA) 9pm
- Thursday, October 11-"Facts & Myths About Immigration" with Susan Reed, Commons Lecture Hall, 3:30pm
- Thursday, October 11-"Faces of Diversity" (Stories of Students), Cave Café, 8pm
- Thursday, October 11-"MTV's Black/White Viewing Part Three" Resident Hall (TBA) 9pm
- Friday, October 12-"Environmental Racism" Paul Haan, Meeter Center, 3:30pm
- Friday, October 12-"Movie: Hairspray", Fine Arts Center, 8pm

The History of Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15

In September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was observed during the week including Sept. 15 and Sept. 16. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration (Sept. 15 – Oct. 15). America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who

trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition,

Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

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