

Spring 2008 Events

Race, Privilege and Prejudice

Getting Real About Race –

This five part series, from the Intergroup Dialogue Program, will be offered beginning in February as an opportunity to discuss race and its intersections in different parts of life. **The Smith Community is invited to attend one, several or all of these facilitator-led programs, as a drop-in opportunity.** This semester's topics include: Race and Pop Culture, Racism on Campus, White Privilege, Interracial Dating, and Affirmative Action. Please see the following website for more information: <http://www.smith.edu/sao/intergroupdialogue/> (website active beginning January 28, 2008)

"Philosophy and Race: an Exchange of Views"

Friday, Feb. 8, 3:00 to 4:30, Seelye 201 -- open to all.

The Department of Philosophy has planned this public lecture/discussion session. One or more department members will lay out some ideas about race and ethnicity, and then guide a discussion of them.

Ira Katznelson, "When Affirmative Action Was White: Further Reflections"

Thursday, February 14 at 4:30 pm, Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall. Katznelson is Professor of Government at Columbia, and author of numerous books on US (and Western European) politics, including the recent and oft-cited **When Affirmative Action Was White**. He will be giving the Department of Government's annual Leanna Brown Lecture.

"AFRICAN BEADED ART: POWER AND ADORNMENT"

Smith College Museum of Art, February 1-June 15, 2008. In association with this exhibit, on Friday, Feb. 8, the Museum will host a free Second Friday Party from 4-9 p.m., featuring a Family African Dance Demo and Workshop from 4-5 p.m. (with Smith College students, led by the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers of Western MA). The highlight of the evening will be a free live performance by the funky, young Afro beat band, NOMO, an 8-member group from Ann Arbor, MI. The band will play two sets from 7-8:45 p.m.

Anyone with additional questions for community engagement on issues of race, privilege and prejudice is encouraged to send those questions to Naomi Miller, Director of Institutional Diversity: njmiller@email.smith.edu. We recognize that we are engaged, as a campus community, in a continuing conversation on these matters, and we look forward to offering the opportunity to continue this conversation through such venues as the Campus Climate Open Forums (organized by Naomi Miller and Jennifer Walters, Dean of Religious Life) and the work of the Diversity Planning Group (organized by Naomi Miller and Tom Riddell, Acting Dean of the College).