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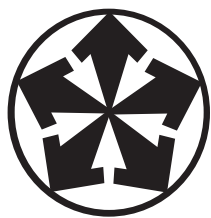
CONVERSATIONS

on Diversity

In the Epilogue to his 1952 novel, *Invisible Man*, Ralph Ellison writes:

“Whence all this passion toward conformity anyway?— diversity is the word. Let man keep his many parts and you’ll have no tyrant states. Why, if they follow this conformity business they’ll end up by forcing me, an invisible man, to become white, which is not a color, but the lack of one. Must I strive toward colorlessness? But seriously, and without snobbery, think of what the world would lose if that should happen. America is woven of many strands; I would recognize them and let it so remain.”

Over fifty years later, Ellison’s question still resonates in this country. Sessions in this year’s Conversations on Diversity extend Ellison’s call to embrace rather than erase our many differences.



Join Us

Every other Wednesday from noon to 1:00pm
(snacks will be provided)



September 26, BMU 210
*“Chicana/o, Latina/o,
Hispanic or Mexican American:
Who Cares (and Why)?”*
Facilitated by Dr. Paul Lopez,
Professor of Sociology and MCGS

October 10, BMU 210
*“Coming Out . . . And
Out . . . And Out”*
Facilitated by Steve Sherlock,
Professor of Political Science



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October 24, BMU304
“Hidden in Plain Sight”
Facilitated by Sandy Parsons,
Director of Disability Support Services

November 7, BMU 210
*“Native Sustainability:
Our Lands, Our Plans”*
Facilitated by Dr. Don Hankins,
Professor of Geography and Planning

December 5, BMU 210
*“There are None So Blind
As Those Who Refuse to See”*
Facilitated by Dr. Sherrow Pinder,
Professor of Political Science and MCGS

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