

SPRING 2008

CONVERSATIONS

on Diversity

In *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903), sociologist W.E.B. DuBois puts forth his concept of double consciousness, describing how a Black man is "... always looking at [him]self through the eyes of others. [He] ever feels his two-ness,—an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body...The history of the American Negro is the history of this strife—this longing to attain self-conscious manhood, to merge his double self into a better and truer self.... He simply wishes to make it possible for a man to be both a Negro and an American, without being cursed and spit upon by his fellows, without having the doors of Opportunity closed roughly in his face."

Although DuBois talks specifically about African American men, as Americans we all experience forms of this double (sometimes triple and quadruple) consciousness. As part of this year's larger discussion about embracing rather than erasing our many differences, this spring Conversations on Diversity will focus on the "strife" and the "gifts" inherent in our multiple identities.



Join Us

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



February 20, BMU 210

In Search of the "African" in African-American

Facilitated by Katherine Punteney, International Student Advisor

March 12, BMU 210

Perceptions of Powerful Women: Bitches, Breezies, Divas, Domestic Goddess's

Facilitated by Dr. Lori Beth Way, Professor of Political Science

March 26, BMU 303

Who Floats Your Boat? Naming Sexual Identities

Facilitated by Professor Liahna Gordon, Professor of Sociology

April 9, BMU 210

Erotic, Exotic & Erased: Bi-racial Identities

Facilitated by Dr. Renee Lopez, Psychological Counseling and Wellness Services Counselor

April 30, BMU 210

Sikh Experience in the U.S.: More Than What You Think

Facilitated by Campus and Community Panel

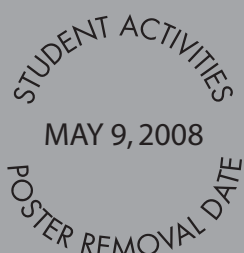
May 7, BMU 210

3rd Annual Conversation on Diversity Awards

Facilitated by Tray Robinson, CSU, Chico Diversity Coordinator

Conversations on Diversity is a series of discussions sponsored by the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, the Women's Center, Building Bridges and the Office of Diversity

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