

# SPRING 2009 CONVERSATIONS *on Diversity*

Especially during an election year, we hear the word “politics” all the time in reference to what candidates are doing, the party with which one affiliates, etc. But in a broader sense, “politics” refers to social mechanisms that unevenly distribute opportunities and advantages to members of society based on certain facets of identity, such as race/ethnicity, age, socio-economic class, sexuality, gender, [dis]ability, language, and education.

This year’s Conversations on Diversity will look at these social mechanisms’ effects on a range of human identities. The impacts are complex and variable, so we look forward to interesting and thought-provoking presentations and discussions. Please join us to explore the diversity of human experience through the lens of The Politics of Identity.



**Join Us**  
Wednesdays from noon to 1:00pm  
(snacks are provided)



## **February 18, BMU 210**

Transgender 101:  
What does Transgender Mean?  
Facilitated by Renata J. Razza,  
Professional Coach and Transgender  
Inclusion Coach

## **March 4, BMU 210**

No Secrets, No Silence:  
Stopping Violence Against Women  
Facilitated by Dr. Lori Beth Way,  
Coordinator, Criminal Justice

## **March 25, BMU 210**

Troops to College  
Facilitated by Chris Prator,  
Disability Support Services Advisor

## **April 15, BMU 210**

White Privilege and the Politics  
of Identity  
Facilitated by Jill Swiencicki and Chris Fosen,  
Professors of English

## **April 29, BMU 210**

Conversations on Diversity Awards  
Facilitated by Tray Robinson,  
Director of University Diversity Programs



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