

College of Education Diversity Newsletter

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Hello from the Diversity Committee

We will be sending faculty and staff in the College of Education a monthly newsletter to inform and remind our college of events and issues related to diversity. We hope that you enjoy.

Reminders

Ryan Taylor, Diversity Committee Graduate Assistant, will be contacting faculty members to continue interview visits. The point of the interviews will be to see where we are at and where we need to go in approaching a diverse College of Education.

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15

Monthly Theme: Bilingual Conference

October 4-5

More than 200 educators from throughout Idaho are expected to attend the ninth annual conference of the Idaho Association of Bilingual Educators on the theme "Today's Gift-Tomorrow's Treasure." The conference will run October 4-5 at the Holiday Inn in Pocatello. Keynote speakers will include: Simon Silva, Chicano artist; Paquita Holland, principal of the J.F. Oyster Bilingual Elementary school, Washington D.C.; and Sigmund Boloz, principal of the Ganado Primary School, Ganado, Arizona.

The conference is designed for primary educators and education para-professionals who work with bilingual children whose first language isn't English.

"What's unique about this year's conference is that we're trying to bring in the Native American perspective," said Dr. Angela Luckey, conference chair. Presentation topics range from "Critical Philosophy and Methods Behind Second Language Acquisition" and "Coping with Differences" to "Teaching Indian Language and Culture" and "Children's Literature for Teachers of Indian and Hispanic Students."

The conference is sponsored by the Idaho Association for Bilingual Education (IABE), the IABE Snake River chapter, Boise State University Bilingual Educational/ESL Programs, ISU College of Education, and the State Department of Education offices of bilingual and migrant education.

The cost of the conference is \$95, which includes two lunches and dinner as well as the field trip to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Registration will be 7-8:30 a.m. on October 4. The conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on October 4, and 7:55 a.m. to

3 p.m. on October 5. For more information, contact Dr. Luckey, x-2798 or luckange@isu.edu.

Great Diversity Articles

<http://www.diversityinc.com/index.cfm?watchname=realmedia> (Extremists Beliefs vs. Islam's True Teachings)

http://www.hispaniconline.com/edu&/pages/bil_ed_attack.htm (Bilingual Education is Under Attack)