DIVERSITY DIALOGUE
Co-sponsored by the President’s Diversity Commission & the President’s Commission on the Status of Women

Share ideas and engage in dialogue about diversity on campus. Contribute to a conversation that focuses on what we can do to continue working together to build an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity and multiculturalism.

Monday, February 4, 2008
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. CSU 201

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This interactive session will explore what it means to be “culturally sensitive and intentionally inclusive” in a university environment. Participants will learn strategies to engage and include multicultural staff and students without pressuring them to “speak for their race, ethnicity, or culture.” Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their pre-existing biases and discuss the fundamental concept of respect for differences.

Monday, February 25, 2008
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. CSU 285

CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND INTENTIONALLY INCLUSIVE
Presented by Michelle Carter, Interim Director Research & Sponsored Programs

HUMANS AS CULTURAL ANIMALS:
IMPLICATIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN COGNITION, EMOTION, MOTIVATION, AND CONSTITUTION OF SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING
presented by Dr. Vinai Norasakkunkit, Professor of Cultural Psychology

While ethnic diversity, religious diversity, and diversity of values have traditionally been the focus of appreciation and celebration of diversity in multicultural societies, one domain of global diversity that has intrigued psychologists in the last ten years or so has been the study of diverse concepts on how to be a person (i.e., the structure of the self), with implications for diversity in habits of thinking and perceiving, habits of feelings, habits of motivation, and the concept of mental health and happiness. Dr. Norasakkunkit will contrast how European and East Asian ancient philosophical ideas and everyday meanings and practices have, respectively, contributed to psychological diversity between West and East.

Monday, April 28, 2008
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. CSU 201

COMMUNITEAM BUILDING - CREATING A MATTERING AND VALUING WORKPLACE
Presented by Doug Cureton

Creating a mattering and valuing community on campus will be interactively explored in this engaging session. Participants will be challenged to examine the ways that cultural identity impacts priority setting and decision-making on campus. Strategies and best practices for effective cross-cultural communication will also be explored and discussed. If you are looking for some innovative ideas and techniques to incorporate inclusive cultural education into your classroom experiences, plan on attending CommuniTEAM!

Doug is currently the Director for Leadership and Career Development with the US Fund For UNICEF in New York City. He has served as the National Director of Training for the Anti-Defamation League A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute in New York City and presently serves as a Senior Training Consultant for the Institute. Doug is a contributing author in the books “Let Your Leadership Speak – How To Lead and Be Heard” and “Lessons From the Road”. For more information, go to: www.creativteam.com

Monday, April 17, 2008
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. CSU 201 • 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. CSU Ballroom

COMMUNITEAM BUILDING - CREATING A MATTERING AND VALUING WORKPLACE
Co-sponsored by the Professional Development Committee and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Monday, April 28, 2008
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. CSU 201

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