Social Justice Center Newsletter

Advisory Group, Affiliates and Associates:
Check out the first edition of the Social Justice Research Center newsletter for academic year 2009-2010! Through this correspondence the SJRC hopes to keep you informed about its newest developments, as well as opportunities that may assist you in your commitment to social justice research. In every issue, we will be highlighting upcoming events, along with a multitude of other announcements that have a social justice focus. In future issues, look for highlights of scholarly journals that deal with issues of social justice, as well as grant and financial aid opportunities. We look forward to a year of shared expertise and ideas for increased social justice research and development.

Sincerely,
The Social Justice Research Center

Upcoming Events

Oct 2, Friday: Discussion on the Minor in Social Justice at UW, 11a-1p. For more information, please contact Mark Sheridan-Rabideau, msherida@uwyo.edu.

Oct. 6 Tuesday: “The Rise of the New Left in Latin America” with Dr. Jamil Mahuad, 4p Classroom Bldg Room 129.


Oct. 30 Friday: Student Diversity Leadership Day, 8a-4p, Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel. For more information contact Debbie Cole at 303.830.7177 ext. 212 or dcole@adl.org, $15 for students.


Nov. 19 Thursday: Sandy Grande, Author of “Red Pedagogy: Native American Social and Political Thought” Public Lecture, 2p-3:30p, location TBD.

Announcements
The SJRC will have one Graduate Assistant, Tanaya Moon Morris working to support the Center’s goals throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. Tanaya is currently a doctoral student in the Counselor Education Department. Office hours for the Center are as follows: Mon. 12:30-5p. Tues. 12:15-3:45p, Wed. 11a-5p, Thurs. 12:30p-4p.

Membership
As always, the Social Justice Research Center would like to facilitate continued growth of our presence on campus. One way this is made possible is by promoting further expansion of membership to the Center. You can help us in our endeavors by encouraging others to join as affiliates and associates at our homepage: http://www.uwyo.edu/sjrc/.

EVENT INFORMATION

The Rise of the New Left Dr. Jamil Mahuad, Former President of Ecuador, Oct 6, 4:00 PM, Classroom Building 129. Latin America is a region of political and economic contrasts. Dr. Mahuad brings his considerable political and academic expertise to discuss the implications of populist movements for the region and the future for U.S.-Latin American relations.
Book Discussion with Margaret Zamudio; “Generations of Exclusion” Sponsored by African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Chicano Studies, International Studies, Religious Studies, and Women’s Studies. Must be registered to participate. For more information please call, 766-4127.

Sandy Grande
Associate Professor

Save the Date!!
November 19th & 20th, 2009
2p-3:30p Public Lecture

Public Lecture with Dr. Sandy Grande, author of “Red Pedagogy: Native American Social and Political Thought” Sponsored by the Social Justice Research Center, and American Indian Studies.

Sandy Grande is a professor in the education department at Connecticut College. She was named “Higher Education Multicultural Faculty of the Year” 2004 by the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME).

Professor Grande received a prestigious post-doctoral fellowship from the Ford Foundation in 2000-01. Her current research examines the intersections between critical theory and American Indian Intellectualism. Her approach is profoundly inter- and cross-disciplinary, and has included the integration of critical, feminist and Marxist theories of education with the concerns of American Indian and environmental

As a teacher and scholar, Professor Grande centers her work in the belief that education is the heart of education, but must include issues of power, history, self-identity and the possibility of collective agency and revolutionary struggle. Moreover, in her work with American Indian schools and communities, Professor Grande draws connections between the political project of forming a new critical democracy and the Indigenous struggle for self-determination and tribal sovereignty.


This event is co-sponsored by the Social Justice Research Center, the College of Education, and the American Indian Studies Department.

Oct 28th-Nov 1st, 2009 - **NAME’S 19th International Conference**

Click here to register online:  

The Founders of NAME envisioned an organization that would bring together individuals and groups with an interest in multicultural education from all levels of education, different academic disciplines and from diverse educational institutions and occupations.

At the 1990 meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators’ (ATE) Multicultural Education Special Interest Group, Rose Duhon-Sells challenged members to create such an organization. The new association, NAME, was launched through a national conference held in conjunction with the 1991 ATE meeting in New Orleans.
NAME today is an active, growing organization, with members from throughout the United States and several other countries. Educators from preschool through higher education and representatives from business and communities comprise NAME's membership. Members in a number of states have formed NAME chapters and more chapters are in the process of forming.

The achievement of NAME's goals and objectives is supported by funds from membership, conference registration fees, and the volunteer work of members. As the organization's membership increased, NAME incorporated as a nonprofit organization, developed a publication on multicultural education, and established a national office. NAME continues to host national and international conferences and to provide leadership in national and state dialogues on equity, diversity and multicultural education.

NAME's membership encompasses the spectrum of professional educators and specialists, including early childhood, classroom and higher education faculty, administrators, psychologists, social workers, counselors, curriculum specialists, librarians, scholars, and researchers. Persons affiliated with teacher education, ethnic studies, ESL and bilingual education, social science, anthropology, liberal and fine arts programs, and other departments, colleges, and schools with an emphasis on multiculturalism are also encouraged to become members.

Oct. 30 Friday: Annual Student Diversity Day for High School Students

Click here for flier and Registration Form

While in Denver, join us for a Special NAME Event for Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead
Friday evening, October 30th, 2009
The Good Mule Project

What is The Good Mule Project?

The Good Mule Project (TGMP) is a student-led initiative to increase awareness of social and environmental justice issues, to encourage civic literacy and action, and to advance cross-cultural understanding at the University of Wyoming. The objective is to energize UW students to find solutions to global problems by tackling them at the local level. The Good Mule Project empowers students with the training, support, and inspiration needed to take an active role in shaping the world around them.

The means to accomplish this is to host an annual Good Mule Conference that brings together a diverse group of UW students who are united in their passion to improve their local and global communities. Participants spend two days exploring the idea of personal social responsibility and learning effective activism strategies. Students gain valuable leadership training to become skilled and knowledgeable agents of change.

The second venture is a website. The Good Mule website serves to centralize all social justice, environmental sustainability, and diversity efforts at the university. The hope is that through greater visibility of these causes, we can build stronger support for these endeavors. The website's general purpose is to inform and incite action via use of creative media. The website provides a broad range of services like a forum for discussion about complex social and environmental issues, a guide to free and reduced-charge social services that are available around the community, a newsfeed that highlights upcoming events and the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff in the project’s focus areas. Each feature of the website is followed up with suggestions on how to get involved in the issues discussed.

Lastly, a Good Mule Project recognized student organization (RSO) exists for students interested in helping oversee the project’s operations. RSO members benefit from participation in the organization from the networking opportunities they have in being a part of this coalition, receiving greater publicity for their efforts via the website’s outreach, and partaking in various service projects.
Minor in Social Action at UW – A Public Conversation

The Social Justice Research Center invites you to join faculty from across campus to begin a minor in Social Action, preparing students at the University of Wyoming to leverage the knowledge, skills and experience they have gained within their academic majors to interface with a world as ripe with opportunity as it is rife with challenges.

The minor in Social Action responds to President Buchanan’s call by preparing UW students as change-agents capable of identifying needs, gaps and opportunities and creating innovative solutions for sustainable social good.

Envisioned is a minor that is guided by a pedagogical philosophy that embraces the civic-mindedness that is at the heart of service-learning; high intellectual and performance standards that define the academic community; creative energy needed to invent solutions for sustainable social change; and, preparation for a future leadership to play in the messy, fertile space of the entrepreneur, inventor and artist, while moving meaningful projects from ideas to action.

A workshop will be held on Friday, October 2\textsuperscript{nd}, as part of “ReVisioning the (W)Hole III from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For those interested in joining the conversation on Social Action. If you are interested in participating please contact:

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