

Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, Nov 5-6, 2010- Call for Proposals

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL 2010!

FIRST CONFERENCE SCHEDULED for NOVEMBER 5-6, 2010 DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO , IL

CALL for SEMINAR, PANEL, and ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS for the FIRST ANNUAL

CONFERENCE:

“Emerging Paradigms in Critical Mixed Race Studies”

Conference Description: Emerging Paradigms in Critical Mixed Race Studies, the 1st annual Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, will take place at DePaul University in Chicago , November 4-7, 2010. The CMRS conference brings together scholars from a variety of disciplines nationwide. The 1st annual Critical Mixed Race Studies conference, hosted by De Paul University, is devoted to the general theme “Emerging Paradigms of Critical Mixed Race Studies.” We invite panels, seminars, and proposals that address this theme, although participants are welcome to propose papers and panels that speak to their own research, pedagogical, and community-based interests as well.

Mission

It is our mission to advance Critical Mixed Race Studies [CMRS] as an academic discipline and a professional field committed to excellence in teaching, research and service to the community.

Goal

It is our goal to develop curriculum at all grade levels; to develop resources with community organizations; to increase and disperse knowledge through conferences, summer institutes, workshops, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications; and to support an anti-racist mixed heritage movement.

Vision

We envision a world in which students at all grade levels receive accurate and significant information about the history, cultural productions, psychology, health, religious studies, politics, and sociology of people, families and communities of mixed heritage. Rather than being largely ignored in academic circles or discussed as a side bar in existing theoretical frameworks and academic disciplines, we envision a world in which mixed heritage individuals and communities are centered and in which CMRS generates intersections between Ethnic studies, Queer theory, Feminist theory, Critical Race theory and other academic disciplines such as: Literary, Cultural, Sociology, Psychology, History, Anthropology, Health, American, “Area” and other related studies in local, national, international and transnational contexts.

Values

We value what can be learned through the critical study of mixed race people, their experiences, their cultural productions, and the social, political, historical, legal, and economic forces that shape the world in which their experiences and identities are constructed. We value the transformation of ideologies around race and identity through this study. We value the difference that teachers can make at all grade levels by incorporating CMRS into their curriculum and that community organizations can provide by serving with an awareness of CMRS.

What is Critical Mixed Race Studies?

CMRS is the transracial, transdisciplinary, and transnational critical analysis of the institutionalization of social, cultural, and political orders based on dominant conceptions of race. CMRS emphasizes the mutability of race and the porosity of racial boundaries in order to critique processes of racialization and social stratification based on race. CMRS addresses local and global systemic injustices rooted in systems of racialization.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PROPOSALS: May 1, 2010
SELECTIONS WILL BE FINALIZED BY July 1, 2010

All queries and submissions should be directed to the conference co-chair Laura Kina: lkinaaro@depaul.edu 773-325-4048

Proposals:

Proposals might consider the ways different disciplines approach or provide methodologies for critical analyses of mixed race issues. Proposals might also consider the following issues/areas as related to Critical Mixed Race Studies