

2009 Campus Dialogue on Race

November 1st–7th



Race in the Age of Obama

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SCHEDULE AND EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Sunday, November 1st

- 5:00–9:00 Gross Cultural Queer Film Festival (Q-Fest)
@ Arcata Theatre Lounge
5:00—Doors open
5:30—Film Screening & Discussion: *Celluloid Closet*
8:00—Film Screening & Discussion: *Junjou Romantica*
(For more information visit: www.humboldt.edu/~mcc)

Monday, November 2nd

- Noon Campus Dialogue on Race & Q-Fest Kickoff @ Quad
- Noon–2:00 “The Veil: Oppression or Liberation” @ Goodwin Forum (NHE 102)
Presenter: B. Rabia O’Loren
As there is often much controversy about the head covering, this presentation will discuss how the veil came into being both culturally and historically. Participants will have the opportunity to see different kinds of veils and try them on in order to quasi “see through the eyes of another.”
- 5:00–7:00 Q-Fest Screening & Discussion: *Round Trip* @ Gist Hall 218
- 5:00–7:00 **Keynote Presentation: "Grave Matters: Race and Archaeology in Humboldt County" @ KBR**
Presenter: Tony Platt
Writer, researcher, educator Tony Platt is professor emeritus at California State University, Sacramento, where he taught from 1977–2008. He was educated at Oxford University, where he received his BA ('63), and at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his doctorate in criminology ('66). Prof. Platt is currently working on a history of anthropology and archaeology in northwestern California with the Coalition to Protect Yurok Cultural Legacies at O-pyúweg (Big Lagoon). (<http://GoodToGo.typepad.com>)
- 6:00–9:00 Film Screening & Discussion: *Crash* @ Science B 135
Presenters: Brian McElwain & Vincent Feliz
The Oscar-winning film, *Crash*, uses an ensemble cast to depict some of the kinds of racially charged, emotionally intense collisions that happen on a daily basis in our multi-racial society. This workshop intends to create a safe space in which participants can join a critical discussion of a range of issues depicted in the film.
- 6:00–8:00 Special Event: Mavis McCovey Book Signing
@ Northtown Books
Mavis McCovey will be signing copies of her book “Medicine Trails: A Life in Many Worlds.”

Tuesday, November 3rd

- 12:30-2:00 Panel Discussion: "Grave Matters: Preservation of Sacred Sites" @ Goodwin Forum
A panel of leaders and experts from our local tribes will discuss Tony Platt's research and their efforts to preserve sacred sites and prevent desecration and robbing of burial sites.
- 4:00-5:00 Film Screening: *Tulia, Texas—Race & the Drug War in Small Town America* @ NHE 106
Presenters: Jessica Whatcott & Sam Page from Bar None
This film explores how America's War on Drugs is entangled in racial divisions and how this plays out in the criminal "justice" system in small town, USA.
- 6:00 Q-Fest Screening & Discussion: *Wild Side* @ Kate Buchanan
- 6:00-8:00 "Identity Matters: Diverse Perspectives from HSU Freshman Writers" @ Green & Gold Room
Students from HSU's English 40 courses will read selections about diversity and identity from their class anthologies.
- 8:00 Film Screening & Discussion: *Bamboozled* @ Gist Hall 218
Presenter: Dion Howard
The critically acclaimed film *Bamboozled* by award-winning writer/director Spike Lee is an in-depth exploration of the exploitation of the African American struggle. Through dark humor, Spike Lee shows us how media has a role in the creation and perpetuation of stereotypes.

Wednesday, November 4th

- Noon Quad event
- 1:00-3:00 "Cycles of Hatred: Resurgence of Anti-Semitism and Racism" @ Nelson Hall East 106
Presenters: Samuel P. Oliner & Naomi Steinberg
There is a resurgence of racism, anti-Semitism, and Holocaust denial. This phenomenon is not only a product of radical hate groups but also of political leaders and heads of governments who have reawakened the old canards of anti-Semitism worldwide. The rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and much of the Islamic world is due to the ongoing conflict between Palestinians and Israelis. This workshop will explore myths and realities of this conflict and how it relates to anti-Semitism.
- 4:00-7:00 Q-Fest Chocolate Reception & Keynote Filmmaker Amber Field @ Goodwin Forum
Film Screening & Discussion: *Jagadamba, Mother of the Universe*
- 7:00-9:00 Tunnel of Oppression "People Like Us" @ Bottom of the J
Presenters: Housing and Residence Life Staff
The annual Tunnel of Oppression is an opportunity to witness, process, and discuss different forms of oppression we experience in today's society. Debriefing to follow the experience.

Thursday, November 5th

- 10:00–Noon “The Class Continuum” @ Klamath River Room (2nd floor of the J)
Presenters: Suzy Carmona & Erica Baze
This is an interactive workshop designed to increase awareness of and explore the intersection of class and race in the United States. Participants should be open to explore their own backgrounds and “blind spots.”
- Noon Quad event
- 1:00–3:00 “Writing Poetry about Race” @ Goodwin Forum
Presenter: Lorena Boswell
This workshop will begin with a dialogue on race. The presenter, a member of Humboldt County’s 2008 National Poetry Slam Team, will share examples of how race can be addressed in poetry. Participant’s will then write about their own racial identity and experience. Bring an open mind, eagerness to learn from each other, a creative spirit, and a notebook.
- 3:00–5:00 “Planning to Stand Against Hate: Anti-Bias/Anti-Hate Response Team Plan for HSU” @ Goodwin Forum
Presenters: Jennifer Eichstedt & Patty Yancey
HSU is working to develop a set of policies and strategies that will let us be proactive in creating a campus where ALL members of our community can experience safety in our identities. An Anti-Bias/Anti-Hate Act Response Team is being created to deal with hate and bias incidents. Come and give us feedback on our progress.
- 5:00–6:00 “What’s in the Bag” @ Library Fishbowl (Rm 209)
Presenters: Megan Mansfield & Ana Parra
An interactive workshop that explores the relationship between access to resources and privilege. There will be a hands-on activity to help participants understand the circumstances of others.
- 6:00–8:00 “Creating an Inclusive Business Community” @ Hotel Arcata
Presenters: Arcata Main Street in partnership with the Office of Diversity & Inclusion
This open-forum discussion will bring together a panel of HSU faculty and staff and interested members of the community. The discussion subjects will be: 1) What does it mean to build capacity for diversity and inclusion in your place of business?; 2) Challenges to building capacity for diversity and inclusion in northern Humboldt County; 3) Opportunities for change and partnership between HSU and the local business community.
- 7:00–9:00 A Dialogue at ROCC’s World Café @ Klamath River Room
Presenters: Residents of Culture Council (ROCC)
Let’s have a dialogue! Participants will have opportunities to have a dialogue in an open and safe space. World Café Conversations are an intentional way to create a living network of conversation around questions that matter. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, November 6th

- 10:00–Noon “Arab Americans in the Age of Obama” @ Goodwin Forum
Presenter: Brandy Asher
A panel discussion designed to address racism against people from the Middle East. Topics included in the discussion are stereotypes, terrorism, images in the media, Islam, local community, and HSU dynamics.
- Noon–2:00 “The Crying Tree: Conversation about Transformative Forgiveness” @ Library Fishbowl (Rm 209)
Presenter: Naseem Rakha
Naseem Rakha is an award-winning journalist whose stories are heard on National Public Radio. She will read excerpts from her book, “The Crying Tree,” followed by a conversation about the transformative power of forgiveness, and Naseem’s interview with Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, which is about the death penalty.
- 2:00–3:30 “How to Conduct Difficult Conversations @ Goodwin Forum
Presenters: Alina Moreno, Michele Creekmore, Nicole Stathis, Amanda Bertana, Katherine Glover & Betsy Watson
Participants will learn how to approach difficult subjects with people who have differing perspectives. As a group we will develop strategies for saying what we think and feel in a way that others are able to hear and respond respectfully. We will explore situations that are conducive to people behaving poorly, and we also discuss the different styles and effectiveness of delivering messages.
- 3:00–4:00 Special Event: Naseem Rakha Book Signing @ Library Café
Naseem Rakha will be signing copies of her book “The Crying Tree.”
- 6:00–7:30pm **Keynote Presentation: “Shaman Between Worlds—Appropriating American Indians and Transsexuals” @ Native Forum (BSS 162)**
Presenter: Max Wolf Valerio
Max Wolf Valerio explores the appropriation of American Indian ritual and identities and investigates the conundrums of transsexual identity as it becomes politicized. He explores privacy and authenticity, and the movement of ideas across and through cultures.

Weekend Workshops, Nov. 6th & 7th

Prof. Loren Cannon: “Transgender Lives”

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Prof. Josh Meisel: “The Prison Industry”

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The organizers of 2009 Campus Dialogue on Race are committed to building capacity for diversity and inclusion at Humboldt State University. We want all students to feel welcome, to feel at home, and to be successful at HSU.

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