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Ethnic studies' role is expanding

In today's world, one might be a black person of Caribbean descent who is born in London and then emigrates to the United States. The proliferation of "multiple identities" in a rapidly changing world demands that universities, and particularly ethnic studies programs, develop the tools to analyze changing societies and to teach students to function in a truly multicultural environment, according to Michael Martin, chair of ethnic studies.

Martin discussed the development of ethnic studies and its implications for the University community as a whole during a recent President's Lecture Series presentation.

"Ethnic studies is an interdisciplinary field that addresses the socio-economic and historical forces that have shaped the development of diverse population groups in the United States over the past 500 years," he explained.

Martin said President Sidney Ribeau has posed an important question for BGSU: "Is the University engaged with society to change it?" During the past six years, Bowling Green has set as institutional priorities the promotion of diversity and global awareness and increased attention to civic and social affairs.

However, Martin said, tolerance for others, competency for world citizenry, and social justice can be difficult to sustain in hard economic times, when self-interest competes with the common good for finite resources. In societies such as the United States, which have particular racial and ethnic hierarchies, resources have traditionally been allocated according to power. The trend toward growing conservatism also can result in

rollbacks of policies committed to diversity.

But, he said, despite the difficulties involved, universities must hold to those priorities because, as the country's demographics change, the balance of power is shifting as well. No longer can we think about population groups in simplistic terms such as black/white, Martin said. Hispanics and southeast Asians have become the new predominant minority groups. As more immigrants arrive, the ethnic composition of the country changes. The various diasporas constitute another area of study; as does what happens when different cultures overlap and intersect.

Political alignments will change, as well as assumptions about race and ethnicity.

It thus becomes increasingly important to understand the changes happening around us and adjust the ways in which we think and teach about race and identity. Already, curricula in history, social psychology, and sociology, to name a few, have changed in light of world events, Martin said, and new pedagogies must arise.

Martin cautioned that, even though these changes are happening across programs, he is not sure they are thought of as a "movement." More awareness of the relevance of ethnic studies to numerous academic areas would give it a "presence," he said, and it could become more consciously structured and integrated into other departments.

He also sees ethnic studies' role moving in the direction of relevance to and advocacy of social policy and as a resource for the rest of the University as it works toward its goal of creating a principled society.

Trio awards honor students and faculty

Thirteen BGSU faculty members and a number of students were honored recently at the 13th Annual Trio Awards Luncheon. Trio comprises the Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services programs, as well as Educational Opportunity Centers and the Ronald E. McNair Program.

Established under the Higher Education Act of 1965, these programs are designed to help low-income students overcome class, social and economic barriers to achieve academic success.

Students receive specific services in academic instruction, advising and counseling, tutoring and exposure to cultural events.

Sidney Childs, BGSU director of Student Support Services, gave the opening address. The luncheon celebrated the achievements of all those participating in Trio programs and the faculty and staff who have helped students fulfill their potential.

Students received awards for academic achievement, includ-

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Music is a plus



Anna Belle Bognar, associate professor emeritus of music education, receives a bouquet of flowers from Richard Kennell, interim dean of the College of Musical Arts, in appreciation of her co-founding and directing the Music Plus Program for 13 years. Bognar was honored at a program featuring performances by Music Plus and BGSU students. Music Plus brings students from Toledo inner-city schools to BGSU weekly for music classes and exposure to the college environment.

Commencement set May 11-12 Honorary degree to be given

Nearly 2,000 people will be able to claim the title "college graduate" after this year's commencement exercises on May 11 and 12. Of those, 290 will receive graduate degrees, including 35 Ph.D.'s and one specialist degree, and 420 will receive their degrees "with honor."

At BGSU Firelands, commencement will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 11 in the gymnasium. The speaker will be Alan Green, a 1974 alumnus of Firelands and a 1975 and 1978 alumnus of BGSU. Green is the corporate controller of Integrated Design, Inc., in Ann Arbor, Mich.

All main campus ceremonies will be held in Anderson Arena.

• The Graduate College begins the occasion at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 11. Winifred O. Stone, associate professor emeritus of ethnic studies, will speak on "Critical Challenges to Quality of Life Achievements in the 21st Century."

• The College of Arts & Sciences will hold its commencement at 9:30 a.m. on May 12. Speaker Thomas Gouttierre, dean of international studies and programs and director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will receive an honorary Doctor of International Relations degree. Gouttierre is a 1962 graduate of BGSU with a bachelor of arts in history.

• The colleges of musical arts

and education and human development will hold their ceremonies at 1 p.m. May 12. Robert Glidden, president of Ohio University, will give the commencement speech. Glidden served as dean of the College of Musical Arts at BGSU from 1974-79, and was largely responsible for raising the \$1.5 million to furnish the then-new Moore Musical Arts Center.

• Ceremonies for the colleges of business administration, health and human services and technology will be held at 4:30 p.m. May 12. The speaker for the College of Business Administration is Kevin A. Buss, of Kalida, who is receiving a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a specialization in management information systems. For the College of Health and Human Services, Elaine Gregg, of Springfield, will speak. She is a distinguished HHS degree candidate and will receive a B.S. in gerontology. For the College of Technology, the speaker is Kathy Elsass, of Fostoria, a distinguished degree candidate who is receiving a B.S. in technology with a major in manufacturing technology.

There's still time to give

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campus calendar.....

Tuesday, May 1

Administrative Staff Meeting, discussion of aspects of compensation with human resources representatives, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology Workshop, "Converting MS Office Documents for the World Wide Web," 9-11 a.m. To register, contact Jane Thompson at 2-6898 or jcthomp@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Assembly Room.

Wednesday, May 2

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Healing through Reading and the Fictional Worlds of Ruth Rendell," with Nancy Down, popular culture, noon, 107 Hanna Hall.

Thursday, May 3

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Friday, May 4

University Dance Alliance Showcase, featuring dance works by BGSU students and faculty, 8 p.m., 222 Eppler North. Admission is free, donations accepted.

Continuing Events

April 29-30

Open Auditions for child and adult roles in the BGSU Summer Musical Theater production of "The King and I," 6-8 p.m. (children) and 8-10 p.m. (adults), Kobacker Hall. The

show is scheduled for July 13-14, July 20-21 and Sept. 7-8. For more details, contact Eugene Dybdahl at 2-8623.

May 1-3

Auditions for BGSU theatre department's production of "La Ronde," by Arthur Schnitzler, 6 p.m. Tuesday (May 1) and Wednesday (May 2) in 405 University Hall. Call-backs will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday (May 3) in 405 University Hall. Those auditioning should come with two contrasting monologues of one to two minutes in length. Show dates are Sept. 20-23. Call 2-2222 for information.

Through May 5

MFA Thesis Exhibitions/BFA Senior Thesis Exhibitions, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Through May 11

Planetarium Show, "Hubble's Universe," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$1 donation suggested. BGSU Planetarium.

May 5-6 and May 12-13

Little Red Schoolhouse, open 1-5 p.m. Tours and classroom meetings are available; to schedule the building for a class or to arrange a tour at a time other than the scheduled weekend hours, call 2-7364.

job postings.....

FACULTY

Computer Science. Assistant professor. Call Ron Lancaster, 2-8697. Deadline: May 7.

Physics and Astronomy. Instructor. Call John Laird, 2-7244. Deadline: June 1.

Early and Middle Childhood Math Education. Lecturer. Call Dan Brahier, 2-7314. Deadline: June 15.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

(Employees wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)

Deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m., Friday, May 4.

Police Lieutenant (C-42-Vb)—Public Safety. Pay grade 12.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director (S-034)—Career Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Chief Information Officer (M-021)—Information Technology Services (search extended with modifications). Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Director (M-128)—Alumni Affairs and Associate Vice President for University Advancement (re-advertised). Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Residence Hall Director (S-009)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

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PICT technology showcase today

Classroom technology will be showcased at a special event from 5-7 p.m. today (April 30) in 101 Olscamp Hall. The "Classroom Technology Showcase" is sponsored by BGSU's Project PICT (Pre-service Infusion of Computer Technology), a three-year, \$1.5 million grant funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. The goal of Project PICT is to help pre-service teachers at BGSU fully utilize modern technology for improved learning and achievement in their classrooms.

The event will feature the current work of Project PICT participants, including area classroom teachers, BGSU student teachers and faculty members.

Test scanning hours extended

ITS will extend the test scanning hours for finals exams to include Saturday, May 12, from

8 a.m. to noon. Participants should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

The window at 301 Hayes is open during the noon hour every weekday. During finals week, the window will be open until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Campus Mother's Day buffet offered

University Dining Services will host a Mother's Day buffet on Sunday, May 13 at McDonald Dining Center. The buffet will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Prices are \$12.95 plus tax for adults; \$5.95 plus tax for children 3-10 years old; free for children under 3; \$11.95 plus tax for persons with Golden Buckeye cards and \$11.95 plus tax for students with BGSU student ID. Meal plans will be accepted.

Call 2-6951 by noon, May 11 for reservations.

Williams, Bulmahn named interim deans

Provost John Folkins on April 26 made announcements regarding two deanships.

- Ellen Williams will continue on as interim dean of the College of Education and Human Development. Williams has been serving in that role since the departure last year of Les Sternberg.

- Heinz Bulmahn will serve as interim dean of the Graduate College and vice provost for

research. Bulmahn, formerly the associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will fill the position previously held by Steve Ballard, who has been named provost and vice chancellor at the University of Missouri—Kansas City.

Folkins asks the University community to give their support and encouragement to Williams and Bulmahn.

Trio awards (Continued)

ing 35 Dean's List members, for achievements in writing and mathematics, for persistence and for service to others, such as tutoring.

Faculty and staff honored on National Trio Day were Cindy Bechstein, Ed Fiscus and Ruthann Vonseggern, all Division of Teaching and Learning; John Buckenmyer, director of the University Bookstore; Pat

Carpenter, sociology; Jianin Chen and Louise Golden, English; Donna Nelson-Beene, general studies writing, English; Debra Cunningham, academic enhancement; John Hayden, Tom Hudson and Barbara Moses, all mathematics and statistics, and Bettina Shufford, director of the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.