

UNM Civil Rights Symposium Program

Fall 2008 Civil Rights Public Forum: "Civic Literacy Across Communities: A Public Forum"
Featuring Keith Gilyard (Professor of Rhetoric, Pennsylvania State University)

Thursday, Sept. 25-26, 2008

Panels and Roundtables "Civic Literacy: Turning Ideas into Action"

SUB Lobo A & B: Schedule:

- 12:30-1:30 Welcome & Program Agenda: Daniel Cryer, WAC Events Coordinator
Opening Remarks: Scott Carreathers, Director, African American Student Services
- "Voting & Civil Rights" Discussion Panels: Introductions & Facilitators:
Bernadine Hernandez & Dianne Bechtel
Gabriel Sanchez (Political Science)
Laura Gomez (UNM Law School)
- 1:30-1:45 Refreshments Break
- 1:45-2:45 Race, Culture, & the Youth Vote
Mike Rocca (Political Science)
Gabriel Sanchez
Obama Camp
Eric Griego (D) Ben Ray Lujan (D) and Dan East (R), and Martin Heinrich (D) and Darren White (R).
- 2:45-3:00 Q&A
- 3:00-4:00 Roundtable discussions with Professors Keith Gilyard (Penn State), Carlos Salinas and John Scenters-Zapico (UTEP).
Facilitator: Lindsey Ives
Introductions: Dianne Bechtel

Framing question: Putting Ideas into Action: What civic and social issues affect your community? Roundtable themes include:

1. Community involvement and community knowledge
2. Compare civil rights issues in 2008 to 1968
3. Citizenship in the age of globalization
4. Civil rights in the classroom
5. Overt vs. covert racism
6. Disengagement and disempowerment
7. The ethics of nonviolence
8. Financial literacy
9. Institutional racism, classism, etc.
10. Linguistic racism

4:00-5:30 “Creative Voices in Action” (Creative Arts Performance in the SUB)
(Facilitator: Heather Campbell)
Featured Poets: Margaret Randall, Lisa Gill, Hakim Bellamy, Jack Trujillo

Friday, September 26 Ballroom C: “Civic Literacy Across Communities: A Public Forum”

Framing the Conversation: Literacy is not only the principal practice of what we do in the every day work of the university; it is a deeply held core value of American citizenship and belonging, so integral to who we are—our national identity—civic literacy is the concept around which we fashion our system of self-governance. The opportunity to deliberate together from diverse communities represents an occasion to invigorate the university climate and to articulate our differences as well as our common visions.

1:00 Welcome, Agenda & Acknowledgements: Daniel Cryer, WAC Events
Coordinator
Greetings from the Office of Equity & Inclusion: Felisha Herrera

Opening Remarks: Sherri Burr, Africana Studies
Sonia Gipson Rankin, Africana Studies

Introduction: Dianne Bechtel

Key Note Address: Professor Keith Gilyard “*Hate Acts, Public Rhetoric,
& Civil Rights Activism: 40 Years Since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*”

2:00-2:30 Q&A (Facilitator: Daniel Cryer)

2:30-2:45 Refreshments Break

2:45-3:00 Film: “Martin Luther King, Jr.” and Commentator, Jewell Hall
(Facilitator: Bernadine Hernandez)

3:00-4:15 Roundtable Discussion (Facilitator: Daniel Cryer):

1. Why are you here?
2. How is civic literacy important to you and your community?
3. What are the current challenges to exercising full and equal civic participation?
4. What are the possibilities for future networking to promote civic literacy across communities in Albuquerque and New Mexico?

4:15-4:30 Closing Remarks: Harold Bailey, Director, NM Office of African American Affairs

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