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Professional Development Information for Fisk Faculty

From the Office of the Provost

Dear Fisk Family,

Welcome back to another great semester at Fisk University! Professors Mitchell and Davidson joined me in attending the Salzburg Global Seminar on "Colleges and Universities as Sites of Global Citizenship," 6-13 January in Salzburg, Austria. There were 15 institutions in attendance, each with three representatives; funded in large part by Mellon Foundation. Each institution developed a preliminary project proposal before attending the seminar. During the seminar we were guided in the embellishment of those proposals through lectures and workshops.

Generally, our project is designed to help us to better prepare students for a changing global community through curriculum globalization; with the guidance of the faculty, the proposed implementation will include:

- CORE curriculum enhancement
- Assessment and enhancement of our library holdings
- Focused lectures
- Increased use of international newspapers and
- International dining, travel and language acquisition

In essence, we have--like many other campuses that were represented at the seminar-- what we referred to as several "random acts of globalization;" but what we want to do is frame those "random acts" in an organized effort to globalize our campus.

This project will provide a start-up grant of $4,000 to Fisk University. We are hopeful that--through the successful implementation of this project--we will increase student understanding and appreciation of differences, assess and enhance our international collaborations and coalitions, increase faculty involvement in global activities and help students to globally contextualize the knowledge that they gain.

Best wishes for 2008,

Kofi Lomotey

A History Seminar and History Fellowships

Yale University is the host for **Slave Narratives: A Seminar for Faculty Members** on June 15-18, 2008. The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History will sponsor and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) will cosponsor this seminar, intended to strengthen teaching and to recharge intellectual batteries. This multidisciplinary seminar is open to full-time history, English, and related field faculty members.

To attend this seminar you must be nominated by a chief academic officer. All expenses will be paid except transportation to and from New Haven.

Please come to the Office of the Provost with a CV copy, and a 1-page statement explaining why you wish to participate in the seminar before *March 3, 2008*.

History Fellowships

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is accepting applications for short-term fellowships in one of the five archives in New York City. Each fellowship will be one week to two months with stipends of $1500 to $4000.

The Scholarly Fellowships Program includes:

1. The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (NYPL) *http://www.nypl.org/research/sc*
2. The Gilder Lehrman Collection *http://www.gilderlehrman/collection*
3. The Library of the New-York Historical Society *http://www.nyhistory.org/web*
4. The Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library *http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb indiv/rbml*
4. The New York Public Library *http://www..nypl.org/research/chss*

All research must be completed within a year of receiving the award. Please see the websites listed for more information.

Nexus Recognition

- **Tarik Smith** has assumed the position (unpaid) of **Director of Differently—Abled Services**. His office is in the Race Relations Institute.
- **Robert Wingfield** has assumed the position of **Project Director** for the **Tennessee HBCU Health Program**.
- Jeff Menzise is the **Campus Coordinator** for the project effective January 1, 2008. Faculty mentors for the students involved in this project include Adenike Davidson, Rhonda Cunningham, Bryan Kent Wallace and Patricia McCarroll.

Race, Gender and Public Policy

The Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota announces a new program in the form of a post-doctoral fellowship in **Race, Gender and Public Policy**. The new program hopes to advance the field of Intersectionality Studies, promote Interdisciplinary Research, and facilitate critical dialogue on these subjects.

Fellows will stay one year in the program and have the opportunity to develop a graduate course focused on their specific area of research. They will receive a $50,000 stipend and benefits. To apply online go to *http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/index.html* before *March 3, 2008*.

The **National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE)** is May 27-May 31, 2008 in Orlando, FL.

This conference is sponsored by the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, Public and Community Services Division, The College of Continuing Education and University Outreach of the University of Oklahoma.

Some featured institutes include:

1. Crisis of Young Black Males
2. Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice
3. Leadership and Empowering the Activist in Students
4. Class in Communities of Color: Can We Talk?
5. Research on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare

To register go to *http://www.ncore.ou.edu/.* The deadline for early registration is *March 31, 2008*.

The Graduate Center of City University of New York will sponsor the **Healthcare in the Black Americas Conference** on February 23, 2008 10AM-6PM.

For more information go to *http://www.afropresencia.com.*

OUR VALUES

Diversity
Excellence
Teamwork
Accountability
Integrity
Leadership
Service

Summer Opportunities for Professional Development

"Service Learning as the Strategy, Sustainability as the Goal" will be the theme for The Institutes 2008 Summer Program. These events are offered in partnership by Community Works, Shelburne Farms, and the Sustainable Schools Project. Each institute represents an opportunity to connect curriculum to the community. The four institutes include:

1. **Principles and Best Practices of Place-Based Education**
   June 22-24, 2008
   www.shelburnefarms.org/educationprograms/professional.shtm

2. **Education for Sustainability Institute**
   July 2008
   www.sustainableschoolsproject.org

3. **Discovering Community: Students, Digital Media, and Place-Based Learning**
   July 14-18, 2008
   www.discoveringcommunity.org

4. **Community Works Institute on Service-Learning**
   July 21-25, 2008
   www.communityworksonline.org

The **2nd International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management (KGCM)** will be held jointly with the 3rd International Symposium on Knowledge Communication and Conferences (KCC) in Orlando, FL on June 29-July 2, 2008.

KGCM and KCC are accepting paper submissions and inviting scholars to organize a session related to a topic of research interest including research papers in science, review papers, case studies, position papers, technical reports, reports on a methodological application, etc.

Please submit papers by February 7 to *http://www.sciiis.org/kgcm2008/*.

Awards will be granted to the best paper in each session and a percentage of the papers will be published in the *Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics.*

One of the keynote speakers will be Professor H. John Caulfield, chief scientist of Alabama A & M University Research Institute and Distinguished Research Professor at Fisk University.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to collaborate with Fisk

Fisk has been involved in discussions with officials at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Several collaborative programs are being considered including, but not limited to:

1. 3-2 dual degree program in physics, leading to a Fisk Masters' degree
2. 4-4 double degree program leading to a Bloomsburg PhD in audiology
3. Joint traveling dramatic productions with drama departments
4. Student exchanges in teacher education/special education

Founded in 1839 as the "Bloomsburg Literary Institute with an enrollment of 7,900 undergraduate students and 800 graduate students.

Representatives from Bloomsburg will visit Fisk on October 6-7, 2008 for further discussions and to attend Jubilee Day events.

Bloomsburg visit
October 6-7, 2008

Reach for the S.T.A.R.S.

S.T.A.R.S.

S = Strategic Realignment of Fisk University
T = Transformation of Academic & Administrative Programs & Services
A = Accountability for Acquisition & Use of Resources
R = Renewal
S = Sustainability

Phase	Timeline	Facilitators	Strategies	Expected Outcomes
PHASE II	28 January	Provost	A STARS Advisory Team (SAT) will be convened, made up of 15 members: 2 board of trustees members, 6 faculty, 5 staff and 2 students	Committee formed
	30 January	STARS Advisory Team (SAT)	Be familiar with the 2 sets of preliminary self-study questions adapted from the Dickeson book	Working knowledge of program surveys
	31 January	(SAT)	2 sets of questions shared with budget heads	Working knowledge of program surveys
	29 February	All employees	Address the questions and prepare written reports, indicating their responses to the questions and recommendations for their area in terms of increased funding, reorganization, steady funding, reduced funding or phasing out	Program prioritization
	29 February	(SAT)	Reports submitted to an outside consultant who will work with the (SAT) and guide the next stage of that group's work	

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Fisk News

- The Race Relations Institute presents Black History Month guest speaker **Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin,** Vanderbilt University professor, national Lecturer, and author Friday, February 1, 2008 at 6:00PM in the Appleton Room of Jubilee Hall. This year's theme is **"Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism."**
- **Dr. Earl Wright II**, a former Fisk sociology faculty will examine the theoretical merit of **"Black Sociology"** on Friday, February 8, 2008 from 9:20- 10:30 a.m. in the Appleton room. Dr. Wright is Chairperson and Associate Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology at Texas Southern University.
- Our **SACS liaison, Joseph Silver** will be on campus Thursday, February 14, 2008. He will meet with faculty in the Appleton Room from 12 noon-12:50PM. Box lunches will be served. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

- The Center for Diopian Inquiry and Research on Education as Culture Transmission (DIRECT Center) at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York is holding the 9th annual ***Uncovering Connections: Cultural Endurance between Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean*** conference to be held March 13-15, 2008 at Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY. For more information please contact Dr. Patricia Canson at Canson-Grif@optonline.net.
- The **Inter-University Undergraduate Research Symposium** will be held at Fisk in the Appleton Room of Jubilee Hall on March 14, 2008. Students from Belmont, Fisk, Tennessee State and Vanderbilt will present Sociology papers. The Alpha Kappa Delta keynote speaker will be **Fisk alumnus Dr. Charles U. Smith, '46.** For more information, please contact Dr. Dani Smith at dasmith@fisk.edu.
- The University will again sponsor a trip to **Ghana, West Africa** this summer. The dates will be July 24-August 7, 2008. The cost will be $3,299. The group will travel to Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast and the Agona region.

- The **Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)** has provided copies of their books. They are available for review in the Office of the Provost, Room 206.
  - **Developing & Sustaining a Research-Supportive Curriculum:** ***A Compendium of Successful Practices*** edited by Kerry Karukstis and Timothy Elgren.
  - **How to Develop and Administer Institutional Undergraduate Research Programs** by Toufic Hakim
  - **How to Mentor Undergraduate Researchers** by Carolyn Merkel and Shenda Baker.

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