



**The Center for American Intercultural Studies**  
**208 Carver, Iowa State University**  
**~A News Memo for Our Faculty and Staff~**  
***Week of October 2, 2006***

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS** for each week's news memo by the Friday of the week before.

**REGULAR CAIS OFFICE HOURS ARE** MTWRF 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## **Wells Fargo World Food Festival**



Dates and times of the Festival:

Friday, Oct. 13 11am-10pm

Saturday, Oct. 14 11am-10pm

Sunday, Oct. 15 11am-5pm

**International Sister States** is calling for volunteers for starting at 4:30 on Friday, Oct. 13. They are asking for 2 hour shifts. According to the Downtown Events Group, volunteers won't be needed past 8pm. Volunteers are needed also 11am-8pm on Saturday, and from 11am-5pm on Sunday. More information at [www.downtowneventsgroup.org](http://www.downtowneventsgroup.org).

**Also from International Sister States:** ISS will be hosting another group of Russians through Open World next month. We have 5 groups coming at the same time. (6 people in each group) The delegation will be in Central Iowa to focus on Medical issues. The group will arrive on Oct. 21, and depart on Oct. 29. We need hosts in the following communities: Des Moines, Nevada, Ames, Marshalltown

➤ Tuesday October 28, 2006 @ 7:30pm, at Forker 196

**Indian Classical Dance,  
*Tap, and Modern Dance***



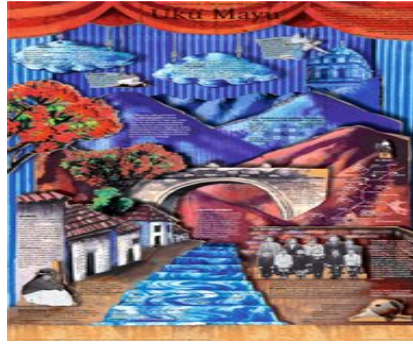
Admission \$3.00 at the door. Reception following. Sponsored by Iowa State Dance and the Alvin Edgar Fund for the Performing Arts

**Latin American Studies Program Undergraduate Essay Prize  
\$300**

The Latin American Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences invites undergraduate students at Iowa State University to submit essays dealing with Latin America. The essay topic is open and could involve any aspect of contemporary or historical Latin America from any disciplinary or interdisciplinary approach within the humanities and social sciences. Essays should be a minimum of five and a maximum of twenty double-spaced typed pages. A prize for the best essay will be awarded in the amount of \$300. The winner will be recognized publicly towards the end of the spring, 2007 semester. Please send essay submissions by March 9, 2007 to:

Latin American Studies Program Essay Prize  
C/O Dr. Thomas Waldemer  
3102 Pearson Hall

For electronic submissions or questions with regard to the essay prize, please contact Dr. Thomas Waldemer at [waldemer@iastate.edu](mailto:waldemer@iastate.edu)



The Latin American Studies Program Essay Prize is co-sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program, the Department of World Languages and Cultures, the Department of Political Science, the Center for American Intercultural Studies, and the Study Abroad Center.

### **CAIS Faculty News**

**CAIS Interim Director Eugenio Matibag** gave a presentation titled “Another Iowa: A Survey of the State’s Native, African, Asian and Hispanic Peoples” at the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Coralville, IA, 29 September 2006.

**U. S. Latino/a Studies Director Hector Avalos** gave a guest lecture on U.S. Latino/as and Religion in LAS 160x, Introduction to Race and Ethnicity in America, the course taught in conjunction with the Multicultural Learning Community.

### **CELT Events**

WebCT GOLD workshop, 1230 Communications Flash Interactive Learning Activities for WebCT GOLD, Oct. 6 (1:10-3 p.m.)

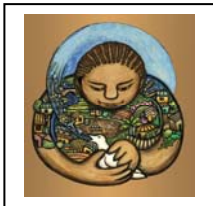
- A Beginner's Guide to Creating Web Pages for Instruction, Oct. 3 (9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1230 Communications)
- Teaching and Learning Circle, Teaching with Technology: Millennial Students, begins Oct. 3 (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.), register for readings and location
- Graduate student session: Preparing for Academic Interviews, Oct. 6 (1:10- 3 p.m., 1230 Communications).

### **CEAH Lecture**

October 5<sup>th</sup>, William Cronon, "Places, Peoples, and Spatial Practices," 8:00 p.m., Sun Room/MU. William Cronon, one of the best-known environmental historians in the nation, is the Frederick Jackson Turner and Vilas Research Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Cronon is currently working on a history of Portage, Wisconsin, from the end of the last ice age to the present day, showing how people’s sense of place is influenced by stories of their homes, lives, and landscapes.

### **TEACH Grants**

TEACH grants of up to \$1,500 are available for one-time faculty development related to enhancing teaching at the departmental level. **Deadline is October 6.** Guidelines and criteria are online at: [http://www.celt.iastate.edu/grants\\_awards/grants.html](http://www.celt.iastate.edu/grants_awards/grants.html).



## REGISTRATION FORM

Eighth Annual  
Strengthening and Valuing Latino/a Communities in Iowa! **Conference -  
October 27-28, 2006**

Mail the completed registration form and check made payable to:  
**The University of Iowa School of Social Work**, 308 North Hall, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

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ORGANIZATION\* (if applicable):  
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**TYPE of Organization:** \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Social Service \_\_\_ Government  
\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_ Legal \_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## MAILING ADDRESS:

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*(Please circle applicable fee)*

	Student or Senior Rate	Registration Before Oct 21	Late Registration After Oct 21
<b>Only – Latino Conference, Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.</b> Includes Conference registration and Lunch	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Only – Latino Institute on Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.</b> Includes Institute registration; Lunch on your own	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Both – Latino Institute, Friday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> AND Latino Conference, Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>Total</b>			

**For more information or to become a sponsor please contact:**

Diane Finnerty, [diane-finnerty@uiowa.edu](mailto:diane-finnerty@uiowa.edu) or Kate Kemp, [kate-kemp@uiowa.edu](mailto:kate-kemp@uiowa.edu) or 319.335.1254

Whenever possible registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail or fax. If you would like to receive your confirmation via U.S. mail, please, check here:

With your conference registration your will automatically be enrolled to receive information on opportunities and events via e-mails. If you would like to opt out of this service, please check here:

We are grateful to our sponsors for helping us keep the cost of the conference low. Scholarships (conference fee waivers) are available for Friday Institute and Saturday Conference. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about scholarships, contact Kate Kemp at 319.335.1254 or [kate-kemp@uiowa.edu](mailto:kate-kemp@uiowa.edu).

**Director for Women’s Studies Program Search**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is seeking a new director for the Women's Studies Program. This half time position is open to all tenured faculty in the LAS college who have been active in a women's studies programs. The details of the position and the instructions for application are provided on the attachment and at the human resources website

(<https://www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset.jsp?time=1158870306217>).

The Women's Studies Program at ISU (<http://www.iastate.edu/~wsprogram/>) has a 30 year history of success in education, scholarship, and outreach. The college is looking for a dynamic individual to continue the successes of the past and provide the leadership for the future of this important program.

### **LAS First-Year Experience Initiative: Call for Proposals**

**From Associate Dean Zora Zimmerman:** In Spring 2007, under the auspices of the First-Year Experience initiative, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will offer our first-year students an opportunity to enroll in a "Frontiers of the Discipline" seminar. These seminars focus entirely on the research activities of the faculty leaders. Small groups of students will meet with selected faculty members once a week throughout the spring semester to discuss current scholarship and research activities.

If you would like to share your research with curious and eager first-year students, exploring with them the issues, challenges, and potential impact of your work, please submit a proposal (no more than one page) to me per e-mail by **October 6**. You need only describe your research goals and the areas you wish to emphasize in the seminar. We are adopting the long-standing and effective format followed by Honors Seminars. We want to generate student intellectual interest and excitement through a free-flowing and critical discussion of current research being conducted by our faculty.

Each one-credit seminar is limited to the first nineteen students who register. Students will be evaluated on a satisfactory-fail basis. Faculty leaders will be provided with a professional development grant of \$1000. Since resources are scarce, the College can offer only a limited number of these seminars in Spring '07; however, so long as this year's offerings are deemed successful by their participants -- faculty and students -- and funding is available, the College will continue to offer "Frontiers of the Discipline" seminars in the 07 – 08 academic year.

Please contact me by e-mail ([zdzimme@iastate.edu](mailto:zdzimme@iastate.edu)) if you have questions, and remember the deadline: **October 6**.

With sincere regards,  
Zora Zimmerman  
Associate Dean  
515-294-7740; [zdzimme@iastate.edu](mailto:zdzimme@iastate.edu)

### **An Evening of Dance Fusion**

**From Swarupa B, International Friendship Fairs Coordinator:** Welcome back to yet another year of school! I hope all of you are fine and enjoying the learning experience at Iowa State University. To begin with, I would like to introduce myself as the new YWCA

Ames-ISU coordinator for the International Friendship Fairs program. As most of you know, YWCA Ames-ISU is a campus organization located in Alumni Hall with a mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Not only have we been serving the women and girls of Story County for more than 115 years, but we also have a lot of opportunities for boys and men in our various programs that run throughout the year.

**International Friendship Fairs** offer a unique opportunity for ISU international students to visit local schools in Iowa and talk to the children about their country and/or culture by sharing a story, music, song, games, festivals, and clothes. Students share anything and everything they want the children to know about their home country and/or culture. Each country represented in the fair is given a classroom to use, and the children visit each room to travel around the world in a day! It is a two way process as the children get to learn about your country and culture, and in turn, student volunteers get to interact with the children and get acquainted with the U.S. and local culture. The enthusiasm, interest and love that children express result in lasting friendships!

**International Friendship Fairs** will be held again this year during **Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break**. I invite all of you to join us again as volunteers to visit the schools and help make this year's fairs a big success. The schools provide transportation and food for all, and the YWCA Ames-ISU provides you with the training needed to prepare for the fairs. If you or your friends are interested in sharing your country and/or culture during Thanksgiving Break or Spring Break, please let me know! Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have participated and who continue to participate in various events YWCA Ames-ISU. We really appreciate your support in all our programs. I look forward to an affirmative response from you soon! I can answer questions you may have as well at swarupab@iastate.edu or 515-294-1663.

Swarupa B  
IFF Coordinator  
YWCA Ames-ISU



**From the Iowa Asian Alliance and the AdmirAsian Awards Committee:** Tickets are now available to attend the 2006 AdmirAsian Achievement Awards 5th Anniversary Gala. Your ticket includes a heavy hor d'oeuvres and networking reception, sit down dinner, and awards ceremony. **\$100/person; \$1000/corporate table for eight.**

You can purchase your AdmirAsian ticket at the Iowa Asian Alliance office (Regency 1 Building, 1501 50th St., Suite 200, West Des Moines, IA 50266). Our office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday).

To order your ticket by mail, send your check (payable to: Iowa Asian Alliance with AdmirAsian in the memo) to the above-listed address. If your order is received by October

6th, your ticket(s) will be mailed to you. Orders received after October 6th will be held for you at the Registration Table on the event night. No orders will be processed after October 13th.

AdmirAsian Achievement Awards 5th Anniversary Gala, to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sheraton West Des Moines. The AdmirAsian Achievement Awards is co-hosted by Citigroup and Toyota of Des Moines.

For more information, please contact the Iowa Asian Alliance at (515) 309-6047.

For more information on community events and events, please visit [www.iowaasianalliance.com](http://www.iowaasianalliance.com).