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 ~A News Memo for Our Faculty, Staff and Friends~
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REGULAR CAIS OFFICE HOURS ARE Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Diversity @ Iowa State

Please visit this site often for important diversity-related information. The Diversity @ Iowa State Calendar is a terrific resource for current news and upcoming events!

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~November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month~

American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month Facts: November 2007

-From the U.S. Census Bureau Newsroom at www.census.gov-

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state getting endorsements from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994. This Facts for Features presents data for American Indians and Alaska Natives, as this is one of the six major race categories.

4.5 million: As of July 1, 2006, the estimated population of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including those of more than one race. They made up 1.5 percent of the total population.

45,000: Increase in the nation's American Indian and Alaska Native population from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2006. The population of this group increased by one percentage point during the period.

31: Median age of the American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2006, younger than the median of 36.4 for the population as a whole. About 1.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives were younger than 18, and 352,000 were 65 and older.

688,500: The American Indian and Alaska Native population in California as of July 1, 2006, the highest total of any state in the nation. California was followed by Oklahoma (397,000) and Arizona (331,200).

9: Number of states where American Indians and Alaska Natives were the largest race or ethnic minority group in 2006. These states are Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming.

11: Number of states with more than 100,000 American Indian and Alaska Native residents on July 1, 2006. These states were California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, New York, Washington, Florida, North Carolina, Michigan and Alaska. Combined, these states were home to 62 percent of the nation's American Indian and Alaska Native residents.

301,800: The nation's Cherokee alone population. Cherokee is one of the nation's largest tribal groups, along with Navajo (alone), which has a population of 296,100.

28%: Percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives 5 years and older who speak a language other than English at home.

76%: The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives 25 and older who have at least a high school diploma. Also, 13 percent have at least a bachelor's degree.

142,800: Number of American Indians and Alaska Natives 25 and older who have a graduate or professional degree.

\$26.9 billion: Receipts for American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses in 2002. These businesses numbered 201,387.

168,300: The number of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Indigenous Peoples of Iowa: Converging Histories & Peoples Exhibit November 2007, University of Iowa

An exhibit dedicated to Native Americans in Iowa will be housed at the University of Iowa Main Library in Iowa City, IA to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month in November. The exhibit will focus on 5 major tribes that lived in Iowa from the 1600s to the present. These tribes include: the Ioway, Potawatomi, Winnebago, Sioux (Lakota, Dakota, Nakota) and the Meskwaki. For more information on this event, please contact Stephanie Joseph at stephanie-joseph@uiowa.edu.

Greater Des Moines Partnership's Multicultural Reception

DATE: Wednesday, November 14, 2007

TIME: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

PLACE: Mercy Campus - Reception at EAST TOWER, 1111 Sixth Ave., Des Moines

ATTIRE: Business casual

PARKING: To access parking and the East Tower, please use the 3rd Street entrance

Attendees will enjoy networking opportunities and a short presentation, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

This event is FREE, but please register online via the following link: [Online Registration Form](#).

For further information, please contact Alba Perez at 286-4937 or aperez@desmoinesmetro.com.

Primary sponsor: Mercy Medical Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS from the Diversity@IowaState Calendar



Sunday, November 11, 2007

5:30 p.m., **Celebration**, Diwali, food and entertainment, through 9:30 p.m., \$12 , Great Hall, Memorial Union, 515-451-1144. [MU2265]

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

6:30 p.m., **YWCA Ames-ISU Women of Achievement Awards**, Annual award ceremony for a student, professional and volunteer in Story County who have made extraordinary achievement toward eliminating racism and/or empowering women. Hors d'oeuvre event., Octagon Center for the Arts, 427 Douglas Ave, 515-294-1663. [MU1302]

Did you know...?

Diversity@ISU offers a link to a list of local retailers that carry multicultural supplies and products. Please visit the following link for more information: [Multicultural Supplies](#).

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

IMMIGRATION: HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

PANEL DISCUSSION: IMMIGRATION FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE

A look at the issue of immigration in the United States in a local context. Panelists will represent a diverse array of interests, expertise and experiences and will share their perspective on the human rights impacts of immigration policies

Panelists include:

- Dr. Loreto Prieto, ISU Director of U.S. Latino/Latina Studies Program
- Dr. Katherine Richardson-Bruna, ISU Professor of Multicultural and International Curriculum Studies
- Ferzana Hashmi, Immigration Attorney
- Blake Marshall, Ames Police Department

November 6, 2007 | 7 PM
Hoover Hall, Room 1227
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa



All are welcome.

 THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Thanks to ISU Amnesty International Student Group for all their contributions and co-sponsorship of this event. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Weismann at the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights at (319)335-0483, or uichr@uiowa.edu. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa sponsored events. If you require special accommodations in order to participate, please call the UICHR at (319)335-0483.

Non-Violence Book Club: November

Thursday, November 08, 2007
7pm, Ames Public Library Community Room

Writings by proponents of non-violence will be the topic of discussion. This month, bring any non-violence book or writing to share.

Genocide in Darfur: Never Again Must Mean Never

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
7pm, Ames Public Library's Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

The first genocide of the 21st century is occurring in Africa's Darfur region of Sudan. Dr. Ellen Kennedy of the Genocide Intervention Network will discuss the causes and consequences of this crisis and steps that ordinary citizens can take to prevent and stop genocide.

Sponsored by Ames Jewish Congregation, ISU Hillel, and Ames Public Library



Reel Connections: Mr. and Mrs. Iyer

Friday, November 16, 2007
7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

There will be a free showing of *Mr. and Mrs. Iyer*, an award-winning Indian drama revolving around the relationship between Meenakshi Iyer, a Tamil Iyer traveling with her son Santhanam, and Raja, a Muslim wildlife photographer, during a bus journey amidst Hindu/Muslim riots.

Sponsored by the [India Cultural Association of Central Iowa](#), [Sankalp](#), and Ames Public Library



[Martin Luther King, Jr. Advancing One Community Award, 2008](#)

Recipients of the ISU Office of the Provost's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award will have demonstrated commitment to the principles and goals of Dr. King over a sustained period of time through nonviolent actions to create an inclusive multicultural community and/or to bring about systemic change aimed at reducing injustice and inequity at Iowa State University. Two individual (one faculty or staff and one student) and one group award, each with a \$500 stipend, will be given in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 24, 2008. Nominations are due in the Office of the Provost, 1550 Beardshear Hall, **by November 14, 2007**. Please visit <http://www.provost.iastate.edu/diversity/martin-luther-king-jr.html> for more information.



November 10, 2007

Making Philippine Christmas Lanterns (Parols)

On Saturday, November 10 at 1:00pm, the Filipino Community will be hosting a Christmas lantern making party for elementary through high school students. Admission is free and snacks will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The event will take place at the West Des Moines Public Library, 4000 Civic Mills Pkwy, West Des Moines, 50265.

November 17, 2007

Wat Lao Temple Annual Fundraising Event

The Lao American Community and Wat Lao annual fundraiser for the Wat Lao Temple will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 7pm-12am at the Iowa State Fair Grounds. Advance tickets are \$13 per person or \$25 per couple. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$15 per person. For more information, please contact Phensy Pane at (515)778-3084.

November 27, 2007

IAA Civic Engagement Series

IAA will host the 2nd part of their 3-part Civic Engagement Series on Tuesday, November 27th. Norm Sterzenbach, Political Director of the Iowa Democratic Party, and Todd Versteeg, Iowa State Director of Americans for Fair Taxation, will educate the attendees on the Presidential Caucus and perform a Mock Caucus afterward. The event will take place in the IMU Richie Ballroom in Iowa City from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Upcoming Events from Around LAS On-Line

November 6: Lecture: "Exporting America," Christine Romans, CNN Correspondent and Iowa State journalism alumna, Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium, Howe Hall, 6 p.m.

November 12: Women's Studies Program 30th Anniversary Keynote Address: "Fear and Fantasy in Post 9/11 America," Susan Faludi, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Sun Room, Memorial Union, 8 p.m.

November 14: ADVANCE Workshop: "Making a Career in STEM: Three Women's Stories," 240 Bessey Hall, noon to 1 p.m.

LAS DEADLINES:

November 5: LASCAC Call for Proposals

November 6: Interdisciplinary Collaborative Research Award, 171 Carver Hall

November 15: ISU Council on International Programs International Grants Program, pabryant@iastate.edu

December 21: Foreign Travel Grants for travel dates January 17, 2008 to August 15, 2008

Note: Unless noted all applications should be turned in to 202 Catt Hall.

www.las.iastate.edu/faculty_and_staff/deadlines.shtml

For more information, please visit <http://www.las.iastate.edu/newnews/facultynews/index.shtml>.



Latinos Unidos Regular Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Building 3, Urban/Des Moines Campus, Des Moines Area Community College, 1100 7th St., Des Moines. Upcoming dates include November 8 and December 13.

For further information and updates on this and other events, please log on to [http://latinosunidosofiowa.com/events & meetings.htm](http://latinosunidosofiowa.com/events&meetings.htm).

The 15th Annual Early Childhood Iowa Congress

November 13 & 14, 2007

Scheman Center, Ames, Iowa

Leadership for a New Iowa: Two Days of Conversation, Communication, and Collaboration

A collaborative effort between
early childhood programs and initiatives in Iowa

Details and registration information available at the Congress and at www.earlychildhoodiowa.org.



2nd Annual Summit



November 10, 2007

Ongoing Covenant with Black Iowa

West High School
423 East Ridgeway Avenue
Waterloo, Iowa 50702
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Only 1,800 seats available

Free Admission

(515) 281-7283 * (800) 351-4659 * ahr.icsaa@iowa.gov

Free flu shots in November



Faculty and staff can get free flu shots Nov. 6-20. Shots will be given from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays in 205 Technical Administrative Service Facility (TASF). You'll need your ISU ID number to obtain a shot. Limited parking is available in front of TASF. Occupational Medicine staff will administer the immunizations, which are provided by ISU at no cost to employees. For more information, call 4-0874.

Multicultural Resources from the ISU Admissions Web site:

Iowa State University is proud of the ethnic, cultural, and national diversity of its students, faculty, and staff, and strives to celebrate diversity in all facets of campus life. Among its 26,000 students, Iowa State enrolls approximately 2,100 U.S. ethnic students, comprising almost 8% of our total enrollment. In addition, approximately 2,300 international students are members of our campus community.

This Web site was created to inform students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors about the programs and services offered to enrich the overall education experience of students from diverse backgrounds at Iowa State. It also includes information on academic and leadership programs for students who are interested in cross-cultural learning. Through 550 recognized student organizations, the university encourages students from different cultures to work, study, provide community service, and participate in recreation together.

Please visit <http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/multicultural/index.php> for more information.