

Message from the Director

Dear Conference Guests,

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin La Crosse students, staff, and faculty, I welcome each of you to our April 2003 conference, Hmong Leadership: Enhancing Culturally Responsive Education for ALL Children.

As you are aware, the Research Center for Cultural Diversity and Community Renewal was established within the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse during Fall 1998. Our broad objective has been dedicated to developing and promoting a renewed vision for achieving a harmonious and socially just community through education. CDCR has been the proud sponsor of two federally funded programs, Project TEACH and Project FORWARD, which have been integral in assisting UW System students as they strive to become professionals within our schools. We are thrilled to report that several of our candidates have graduated from their respective programs and have secured employment as teachers, administrators, and support professionals in schools throughout Wisconsin.

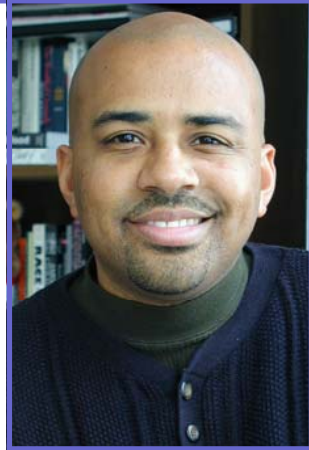
We hope that today's conference will provide you with relevant and helpful information as well as an opportunity to network with your colleagues across the state. Our intention is to continue assisting CDCR students in becoming responsive educators who strive to meet the educational and community needs of *all* children with whom they work. In addition, we are hopeful that each of you will maintain a sense of individual responsibility to continue a legacy of integrity, commitment, and passion to creating educational settings that are responsive, respectful, and culturally relevant to the children whom we are fortunate enough to serve.

Welcome to La Crosse and enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,



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Director, CDCR



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Hmong Leadership: Enhancing Culturally Responsive Education for *ALL* Children



April 3, 2003
Radisson Hotel
La Crosse, WI

Schedule of Events

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Radisson Foyer
8:30 am	Welcome Address Chancellor Doug Hastad	Ballroom A
	Morning Keynote Address Dr. Yoon Pak	
9:30 am	Break	
9:40 am	Workshops (Choose One)	
	<u>Transition from Student to Teacher</u> Faith Pawelski, UW-L Career Services Sandra Keller, UW-L Certification Officer	Minnesota Room
	<i>Discussion regarding the search for employment in the field of education with tips on successful interviewing, resume writing, and searching for job opportunities as well as an overview of the teacher licensure process.</i>	
	<u>Professional Development :</u> <u>A Work in Progress</u> Chris Bakkum, Interim Director, MEPD Kathie Tyser, La Crosse School District	Illinois Room
	<i>Discussion regarding professional development opportunities for students as well as new professionals, options for continuing education as part of a career path for teachers, and the process of securing district tenure.</i>	

11:00 am	Welcome Provost Elizabeth Hitch	Ballroom B
	Lunch	
	Afternoon Keynote Address Dr. Clifton Tanabe	
1:10 pm	Workshops (Choose One)	
	<u>Maintaining Your Purpose / Managing Discrimination</u> Derrick Young, Forever Young Inc., IL	Minnesota Room
	<i>Discussion regarding the challenges presented as we strive to achieve our purpose/goals, the negative forces that distract us, and the techniques that are available to help us maintain our focus.</i>	
	<u>Maintaining Work, Family, & Community</u> Ya Sayaovang, Emerson Elementary Pao Vang, Harry Spence Elementary	Illinois Room
	<i>Discussion regarding the challenges of balancing family, work, school, and community. Ya & Pao are married, successful teachers, students, parents, and community leaders in La Crosse.</i>	
2:20 pm	Fireside Chat Ms. Kaying Xiong-Vue	Ballroom A
3:30 pm	Closing Remarks Dr. Bee Lo	Ballroom A