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GRANT OPPORTUNITY: CAMPUS READING SEMINARS

(Deadline for Submission: Monday, November 9, 2009)

The intellectual joy of discussing a book or books with colleagues and community members in a seminar-like format is, for many, a rare experience. The Institute's Campus Reading Seminar grants support reading groups and scholarly exchanges on subjects dealing with race, ethnicity, diversity, equity, and inclusivity by making funds available for the purchase of books that focus on such themes. Participants in Campus Reading Seminars may include faculty members, academic and classified staff, students, and people from the community. A faculty or academic staff member must submit the proposal. The interdisciplinary composition and diversity of the participants foster intracampus and cross-disciplinary exchanges, stimulate curricular and pedagogical innovations, and encourage campus-community interaction. Go to the following website to learn more and read about previous seminars:

http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/IRE/grant_programs/reading_seminars.html

Funding: The maximum request is **\$400.00**, which only may be used for book purchases. Seminar participants may keep the books. Depending upon the number of proposals that the IRE receives, it may be that all proposals will not be funded. (*Applicants are responsible for checking on individual campus procedures before sending a proposal.*)

Books: Your seminar may revolve around one or two books maximum. Tell us something about the book(s): theme, focus, subject area, fiction/nonfiction, author's background, etc. Explain why the book(s) would serve as an excellent basis for a seminar discussion. Perhaps include a published review(s) of the book(s). Be sure to check a number of purchasing sources for the lowest price.

Participants: A minimum of six (6); a maximum of fifteen (15). Be inclusive! Attempt to include not only faculty, but also administrators, students, academic staff, classified staff, community members, etc. Strive for a representative group across academic disciplines, race/ethnicity/gender, political ideologies, etc. Simply list the name and position/affiliation of each prospective seminar participant. (*Be sure to receive **firm** commitments before listing names.*)

Discussions: Plan to meet as a seminar group for a minimum of twelve (12) hours over the remainder of the 2009-10 academic year. Identify a moderator who will organize and lead the meetings. Strive to identify a consistent seminar location that is conducive to discussion and thought.

Final Report: By July 1, 2010, have a sample of your participants send us a letter. How were the discussions valuable? What might be the applications? Curricular? Pedagogical? Scholarly? Collegial? Personal? Also, we encourage you to send us group photo for publication in *Kaleidoscope II*.

We welcome book reviews for publication in our newsletter, *Kaleidoscope II*. The IRE will choose one or more of these submissions. The length of the review should be approximately 750 words. For further information, please contact Judy Treskow at (414) 229-4804.

Proposal Format:

- **Basic Information:** Applicant's Name; Department; Campus; Campus Mailing Address; Campus Phone; and E-mail address
- **Book(s):** For each book, list the title, author(s), publisher, publication date, cost per book, and source of purchase. After each entry, tell us something about the book(s) as described in the "Books" section above
- **Participants:** For each participant, list her/his name, department/affiliation, and e-mail address.
- **Miscellaneous** (optional): Seminar Site; Meeting Schedule; Noteworthy Participants; Other Relevant Campus Activities; Past Seminar Experience, etc.

Deadline and Contact Info: Submit two copies of your application postmarked **no later than Monday, November 9, 2009. This deadline is firm!** Electronic submissions are acceptable. Funding notification will be sent by the week of November 30. Send to Tom Tonnesen at the address listed in the letterhead. Phone: (414) 229-4700 E-mail: tonnesen@uwm.edu