ONFERENCE LOCATION

The Thursday evening opening reception will take place at the Ulrich Museum of Art on the main campus of Wichita State University. The Ulrich is at the end of the intersection of 17th and Hillside. It is the building with the Joan Miró mosaic on the south exterior wall.

The Friday portion of the conference will take place at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex, located one mile north of the main campus at the Southeast corner of 29th and Oliver. It is the building with the copper roof. Please enter the building from the west side, door N.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Mr. Lewis Diuguid will present the keynote presentation entitled "Diversity: What's in It for Me?" His presentation will explore ways to help "sell" the importance of diversity and diversity training to people in these retro times. His presentation will lay out the business case for diversity, pulling from his new book titled Discovering the Real America.

Gorski has been an active consultant for ten years, conducting workshops and providing guidance to schools and community organizations committed to equity and diversity. He created and continues to maintain the Multicultural Pavilion and the Multicultural SuperSite, web sites focused on multicultural education. Paul is actively involved in the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), and serves on its board of directors. He is Associate Editor, Technology, for NAME's journal, Multicultural Perspectives, and Associate Editor, Multicultural Literature and Reviews, for Multicultural Education. He earned a doctorate in Educational Evaluation at the University of Virginia. He continues to publish and present in education-focused forums on topics ranging from whiteness and racism studies to multicultural curriculum transformation.

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EYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Paul Gorski is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education at Hamline University. He will present the keynote entitled: “Beyond the Shaded Box: Multicultural Teaching Across the Disciplines.” According to Gorski, multicultural considerations for teaching and learning often are reduced to content — to a weekly topic or a general sense of inclusion. But the principles of authentic multicultural education demand something more. They demand a philosophy of equity in the curriculum, but also in pedagogy, assessment, and other dimensions of teaching. They demand a determination on the part of every educator to ensure an equitable learning environment for all students. Participants in this workshop will engage in an interactive process of constructing an authentically multicultural teaching philosophy, regardless of discipline.

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Diuguid is Vice President for Community Resources at The Kansas City Star. He serves on the editorial board, is an opinion page columnist, and is responsible for The Star’s philanthropic efforts in the community. Since 1995 he has co-chaired the diversity initiative at The Star and since 1993 has facilitated diversity workshops for Star Co. staffs, colleges, and community organizations. He is a certified diversity facilitator with the Newspaper Association of America. He is also a founding member, treasurer, newsletter editor, and Media Awards Committee chairman of the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists, a member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, and a member of the Monroe Trotter Group of Black Voices in Commentary. He is the author of the award-winning 2004 book, A Teacher’s Cry: Expose the Truth About Education Today. The book offers ways to improve public schools, particularly in urban areas. A Teacher’s Cry is rooted in his studies with the Class of 1999 from the students’ freshman year until graduation at Washington High School in Kansas City, Kansas. He wrote about 100 columns for The Star chronicling what it’s like to be a teacher and newspaperman today. He has received more than 50 awards, including the 2000 Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism.
This year’s Michael Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism provides an opportunity for faculty, administrators, and staff at Kansas Regents institutions to 1) expand their expertise in offering diversity and multicultural content and sensitivity on our campuses and in our classrooms and 2) enter into a conversation with the chief academic officers from the Regents institutions regarding transforming our campuses and communities. Keynote presentations, roundtable case studies, and a panel discussion at this year’s conference will focus on best practices and transforming our campuses and communities.

This conference is named in memory of the late Dr. Michael Tilford, who passed away on November 6, 1996. Dr. Tilford was the WSU representative on the Regents Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee from its onset in 1994 until his death. In 1969, Dr. Tilford was one of 100 African-American educators from across the country who received Ford Foundation Grants for advanced graduate study. He received his doctorate from Oklahoma State University in 1970. Dr. Tilford also earned a bachelor’s degree from Langston University in Mathematics / Chemistry and a master’s from Johns Hopkins University in Science Education. He was appointed Dean of the Graduate School of WSU in 1988 and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1994. Dr. Tilford chaired many organizations, and his committee work showed his commitment to the education of students traditionally underrepresented at the university level. In the 1970s, he served on a committee that developed a successful proposal for the minority studies program. He also helped conduct a study of the institutional commitment to minorities at WSU. Dr. Michael Tilford was a beloved colleague and friend to all who knew him. He was a true presence on WSU’s campus and he is greatly missed.

This conference is sponsored by the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Council of Chief Academic Officers and hosted by Wichita State University.

General Information

Registration
Please register for the conference online at http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=conted&p=conference by Friday, September 22. There is no registration fee to attend the conference, but pre-registration is required. Space is limited, so register early.

Lodging
A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Courtyard by Marriott, 2975 N. Webb Rd., for the night of September 28 at a special rate of $79.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy. The special rate is available until September 14. Be sure to mention the conference name when making your reservation. Please make your reservations directly with the Courtyard by calling (316) 636-4600.

Parking
A parking permit for the Thursday reception will be mailed to all registrants who indicate their need for one on the online registration form prior to the conference. Parking permits are not needed at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex for the Friday session.

Notice of Nondiscrimination
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Special Accommodations
Wichita State University is committed to making programs accessible to people with disabilities. If you wish to volunteer information regarding any special assistance you may need, please contact the Office of University Conferences at (316) 978-6493.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, September 28, 2006
Wichita State University
Ulrich Museum of Art
5:30 – 7:30 PM Check-in & Opening Reception
8:30 – 8:45 AM Welcome / Announcements
8:45 – 10:00 AM Keynote Presentation:
Dr. Paul Gorski, Founder, EdChange & Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education, Hamline University
"Beyond the Shaded Box: Multicultural Teaching Across Disciplines"
10:00 – 10:15 AM Break
10:15 – Noon Roundtable Case Studies
Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch (will be provided)
1:00 – 2:15 PM Panel – Conversation with Chief Academic Officers from Regents Institutions
2:15 – 2:30 PM Panel – Conversation with Chief Academic Officers from Regents Institutions
3:30 – 3:45 PM Wrap-up, Evaluation, & Adjourn