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## **EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

# FRICANA EDUCATION PROGRAM

newsletter

Fall Quarter 2007

#### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Dr. Nancy Nelson

African American Studies Majors in Our Stories II: The Experiences of Black Professionals on Predominantly White Campuses

The Design and Implementation of an Education Program for African American Inmates in Journal of Correctional Education

Dr. Nancy Nelson was invited to participate in the Oxford Round Table in August. Her paper was titled African Americans' Continuing Mistrust of Government.



#### **Dr. Scott Finnie**

Revisiting the Dynamics of Affirmative Action: Its Definition, Theme and Content in The National Social Science Journal

Reaching Out to a Race: Marcus Garvey and Mass Communication from the Lenses of Servant Leadership in International Journal of Servant Leadership

Arriving at Affirmative Action: The American Imperative and Past Anti-discrimination Policies in the Oxford Round Table's special addition – Investigating Diversity: Race, Ethnicity and Beyond

Researching African American Studies on a Predominantly White Campus: Researching Tools that Work at Eastern Washington University in The Council on Undergraduate Research Quarterly

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dr. Nancy Nelson **Director, AEP** 

The Africana Education Program (AEP) begins its 36<sup>th</sup> year. EWU welcomed its largest enrollment of students of African descent. Due to the large increase in enrollment and activity in our program, we have been unable to produce our newsletter. This letter is to let you know a little of what we have accomplished and what we are planning.

AEP welcomes Dr. Robert Bartlett! Dr. Bartlett joins us as a visiting professor after 18 years at Gonzaga University. Be sure to read about him on the next page.

AEP offered 21 courses last year not including summer quarter. This is a big change from the two or three courses previously offered each quarter. The courses continue to have

large enrollments as African American students fulfill a desire and need to learn their history and others understand the importance of learning about cultures other than their own. You will be seeing more course offerings as we begin to embrace the African Diaspora. There will be courses on individual African countries, the Caribbean, and the African presence in Europe. We are also developing a Civil Rights course that will include a tour of the prominent Civil Rights landmarks, a course in Egypt and one in South Africa.

AEP faculty and staff are very active publishing, presenting and taking leadership positions on campus and in the community. Just a few of this year's accomplishments are included in this letter. We also serve on University and community committees, speak at several venues and guest lecture in classes.

Our mentoring program is continuing to develop and grow. This year we introduce the Black Orientation for Student Success (B.O.S.S.) under the leadership of students, Ashley Mangum and Edward King. It is not enough to bring students to the University; it is important for their and our futures for them to graduate. Students are away from home for the first time, adjusting to a college environment. B.O.S.S. is designed to assist with the unique challenges faced by students of African descent on a predominantly white campus.

Our students have scheduled several exciting, educational, and fun events for the year. Watch for announcements. I have always believed that Eastern has the most amazing, caring, intelligent, and energetic students you will find at a university. I am fortunate to know and work with them. I encourage you to do the same.

Please consider donating to the Africana Education Program's Foundation account using the enclosed envelope. Donations may be directed to scholarships, our general funds to help pay for student events during the year, or to our endowment account. Information is attached.

Thank you very much,

Nancy & Nelson

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### LaMar Jackson

Was named by the Center for Multicultural Health in Seattle to represent the Eastern Washington African American community on prostrate cancer and screening. Following his training, he will speak to community groups on the subject.

Was selected to be a member of the Student of Color Conference Planning committee.

#### Guest speaker:

The NAACP Youth Health Fair on tobacco dangers and on EWU.

Miss Black Juneteenth Pageant on EWU and attending college.

Student of Color Conference on EWU and attending college.

Washington Achievers Retreat HERO Program



Scott Finnie, Nancy Nelson, and LaMar Jackson presented Applying Critical Race Theory in the Context of a Predominantly White Campus at the 20th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity this May in San Francisco.



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## **NEW FACULTY**



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Dr. Robert L. Bartlett joins the EWU faculty as a visiting Assistant Professor in the Africana Studies Program after 18 years at Gonzaga University. Dr. Bartlett and his wife Shonna have four adult children and three grandchildren. He and his family first arrived in Spokane from Pullman, Wash. and WSU in 1989 when he began as an Assistant Dean of Students at Gonzaga University. Since then he created and served as Director of Students with Disabilities and Special Populations, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Director of Intercultural Education, and established and directed the Unity House Cultural Education Center on campus. He was a founding member and past Chair of the Board of Advisors for Gonzaga's Institute for Action Against Hate and Gonzaga's Intercultural and Multicultural Professionals Affecting Change Together (IMPACT) group consisting of faculty and staff of color and their allies at Gonzaga University.

Dr. Bartlett holds an Associate of Arts Degree and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Mesa State College, in Grand Junction, Colo.; a Master's Degree in Sociology from Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.; and a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from Gonzaga. While at Gonzaga he also developed and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses as an adjunct faculty member in the departments of Sociology, the School of Education and the Masters in Organizational Leadership program. In 2003 he taught as a visiting lecturer at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He made a second trip in the spring of 2005 in an effort to establish a student exchange/study abroad opportunity for Gonzaga.

Dr. Bartlett is African American and Roman Catholic. One of his areas of scholarly concentration is African American Catholics. His areas of teaching expertise are in the areas of race, ethnicity and culture in the U.S.; social transformation and change in South Africa and leadership studies. Dr. Bartlett considers himself a student of critical race theory. His most recent publication entitled, *Committed to the faith while sticking out like a sore thumb: Stories of black Catholics on the social frontier*, was published in The Journal of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Vol. 1: 2007 He has also been invited to present a second scholarly paper this fall entitled: *The implication of Critical Race Theory on two significant findings of a study of black Catholics on the social frontier* at the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Saint Meinrad, Ind.

His professional affiliations and community service include: The John Day O'Brian Think Tank for Black Professionals at Predominantly White Institutions (JDOTT); the Black Catholic Theological Symposium (BCTS); the Gonzaga University Legal Assistance Board of Advisors, the annual planning committee for the Get Connected Career Day for High School Students of Color in Spokane Schools and the African American Graduation Celebration Planning Committee.

Dr. Bartlett continues to teach as an adjunct faculty member at Gonzaga's Masters in Organizational Leadership online program. There he teaches courses in Organizational Leadership and Leadership and Diversity. He and his family love fly fishing and camping.