The work of Race and Pedagogy is an ongoing commitment here at the University of Puget Sound (UPS). This intellectual and institutional work has already transformed classrooms at Puget Sound and beyond to better prepare students to be critically engaged, aware, imaginative, accountable, and able to function, both as national and international citizens in a world of differences and disparities.

This Race and Pedagogy National Conference Anniversary Planning Summit marks a pivotal juncture in the development of the Race and Pedagogy Initiative here at UPS (http://www.ups.edu/rpc.xml). After five years of concentrated ongoing campus based pedagogic work and following the successes of the Achievement Gap Summit of April 29, 2006 and that of the Race and Pedagogy National Conference of September 14-16, 2006, marked as they were by the creative collaboration of UPS and the South Sound through our Community Partners Forum, our focus now turns to a new phase. This new phase features the framing of an initiative within the context of the University of Puget Sound’s long term plans that is strategic and sustainable as part of the mission of the University, generative of creative and innovative scholarly and community based initiatives, and responsive to the needs and challenges of the South Sound and beyond.

Beginning with the opening events featuring a keynote address by Dr. Leticia Nieto, Associate Professor, Saint Martin’s University, which celebrate our fruitful campus and community partnerships and recognize projects spawned by Race and Pedagogy, the following two days of sustained planning and deliberations launch the next phase of the Race and Pedagogy Initiative. The core of our work over these two days may be captured in the question: How can the educational, political and mobilizational work of the various elements, including the campus, the community partners forum, the South Sound community, and a national community, be structured for a collaborative, multiracial, multidimensional, initiative marked by synergy, coherence and sustainability?

We are excited and honored to have you as part of our critical conversation. We are also fortunate to have in dialogue with us, leaders of key initiatives concerned with race, civic engagement, and educational transformation at other institutions. These are Dr. Phillip Bowman, director of the National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID), University of Michigan; Dr Richard Hilbert, co-founder of the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in US Higher Education (NCORE); Dr. Deborah Wilds, president and chief operating officer of the College Success Foundation; and Dr. Mia Tuan, co-founder and director of the Center on Diversity and Community (CoDaC), University of Oregon.

Dr. Nieto, an Associate Professor of Psychology at St. Martin’s University in Lacey, Washington, is a scholar, teacher, clinician, and community activist. She is also the director and founder of True Story Theatre/Teatro de la Vida Real, a Latino improvisational company which works bilingually and biculturally using improvisational portrayals of audience members’ personal stories.
Schedule

7:00—9:00  Celebration/Recognition—Chair Dexter Gordon

7:00  R&P DVD Highlights
7:15  Welcome & Introduction—Dexter Gordon
7:20  Remarks—UPS VP and Dean, Kris Bartanen
7:25  Highlighting the Fruits of Race & Pedagogy
     (Initiatives that R&P has spawned)—Chris
     Kline/Bernadette Ray
7:25  Seattle/Tacoma Urban Debate League
     Jen Johnson & Derek Buescher
7:30  Race Readers
     Peter Ryan, Nicky Wright & Whitney
     Stewart
7:35  Recognition of Partners—Julie McGruder &
     Grace Livingston
7:40  New Orleans Monologues
     Geoff Proehl, C. Rosalind Bell & Grace
     Livingston
7:45  Rites of Passage: An African American
     Male Journey into Manhood
     Kimi Rabun
7:50  Curtis High School MAC Scholars
     Program
     Dionne Curren & David Hammond
7:55  Introduction of Speaker—Laurie Arnold
8:00  Keynote—“Interrogating Race, Pedagogy, and
     Community—Celebrating Community”—Dr.
     Leticia Nieto
8:45  Q&A
9:00  Reception

Community Partner Honorees

Addie Djali  Jodi Jasinski
Abdullah Ali  Antoine Johnson
Laurie Arnold  Shomari Jones
Lola Bailey  Tully Lavand
Debbra Baker  Joanne Lawson
C. Rosalind Bell  Sid Lee
The Boeing Company  Charles Leech
David Boyd  Pamela Lewis-Bridges
Linda Braddy  Alton McDonald
Connie Brown  Johnny Moore
Vazaskia Caldwell  Museum of Glass
Jahmad Canley  David Nicandri and the
Willie "Congo" Carter  Washington State
June Ellis  Historical Society
Sara Erickson  Bonnie Pinkney
Ethlyn Gibson  Julio Quan
Dalton Gittens  Kimi (Ginn) Rabun
Artis Grant  Randy C. Riley
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     Superintendent of
     Public Instruction
     (OSPI)
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Effenus Henderson  Ron Pierre Vignec
E.L. Henderson  Lauren Walker
Tom Hilyard  Wayne Williams
Thelma Jackson  Victoria Woodards

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