

SERD 04-14-2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gargi Roysircar, Corey Gifford, Amanda Blanchard, Josefina Irigoyen, Vincent Pignatiello

Disaster Shakti's Mexico Trip: An Update

- Josefina talked about her new contact at the university in Villahermosa for Shakti.
- Gargi attempted to answer the questions that the contact had.
- We discussed the different activities that we would be willing to do in Villahermosa.
 - We would like to help with the political need they have there, working with schools, community centers and trainings at the University.
- We discussed the hotel accommodations.
 - Josefina is going to book the rooms.
- We discussed cultural immersion activities.
- Shakti team members have application filled out by next Monday and get it to Gargi.
 - Vince and Amanda are going to help Gargi score the measures and essays.
- Purchase CD-R's about 20-30 of them.
- Corey will come an extra day to school and make these copies of the Spanish versions of Gargi's book, so we can hand them out in Mexico.
- Amanda and Vince are going to help design a CD cover for the book case.
- Amanda suggested materials for kids.
- Ask for donations from faculty and staff at ANE.

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SERD 02-11-08 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gargi Roysircar, Josefina Irigoyen, Corey Gifford, Brian Denietolis, Michael Brodeur, Ron Miatoka, Emily Pimpinella, Wendy Vincent

Introductions to new members

- Welcome Ron Miatoka!
- Emily stated her connections to SERD:
 - **Research assistant**
 - **others**
- Josefina discussed the roundtable
 - Has to do with issues of multiculturalism and diversity in psychology and education
 - Smaller conference, but it's so student friendly
 - Everyone there is open to talking to students
 - Josefina will present about women of color, and the common barriers they face
- Michael
 - Talked about his research with Gargi over the years
 - His dissertation is coming out of his work with Gargi in New Orleans
 - He also stated that he enjoys the interpersonal aspects of SERD
- Gargi discussed their proposal
 - **Ben: help seeking strategies of Muslim students**
 - **Fran: Assessment competencies of school psychologists**
 - **Barb: Transgendered**

Gargi's Mississippi project

- **Gargi met with the director of the American Red Cross of this unit**
- **They talked about Antioch providing workshops**
- **Maybe governer of Keene may be one of our key stakeholders, as well as the preseident of the school**
 - **The president actually want to take part of this**

- Gargi was invited to be the Key-note speaker in New Zealand, and give a workshop on self-care and her disaster work

Ron

- Ron has experience in Intelligence operations for the Navy
- He also has experience in community mental health, and private practice (UAP)
- Has been at UAP since last year
- He is a second-generation Japanese-American Clinical Psychologist
 - Gargi and Ron shared stories about discrimination
 - Talked about not being accepted by either culture, which raises the question, "Where do you belong?"

We talked about our experiences in the field

- Brian shared about...
- Gargi shared about her mothers comment
 - "I have four votes; one for Hillary, and three for my daughters"
- We lamented about 'what a waste of money'
 - Millions of dollars wasted in election
- Some of us have wondered about why we go through all of this hype with the primaries.... Why can't we have one general election?
 - If we could choose our candidates and have one election
- But democracy is expensive
 - You need money to survive;

Corey: Mexico Trip

- She talked about literature
 - She's found about 6-8 articles, and she's wondering if SERD members are willing to take an article and write a summary of them
- Corey will schedule with Brian about which dates we'll discuss which articles
- Corey will also send an email to SERD, asking them to pick an article

Josefina: Mexico connections

- **Looking into air-fare**
 - **Josefina's parents are willing to drive Shakti to Monterre; from there we would fly to Villahermosa**
- **Josefina has also attempted to contact the universities and government officers down there**
 - **She's also contacting the Mexican Red Cross**

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