

## SERD 02-25-2008 Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Gargi Roysircar, Josefina Irigoyen, Corey Gifford, Krista Duffy, Sheeba Thomas, Mary Quinn, Brian Denietolis, Matthew Stevens, Michael Brodeur, Mary Quinn, Vincent Pignatiello

### **SERD Celebrated with Josefina and Matthew, because they Matched for Pre-doctoral Internship**

- Josefina was matched at Boston University's CMTP
- **Boston University:** Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology (CMTP)
  - This was a site that *is* multiculturalism
    - They use multiculturalism as their vantage point, rather than superimposing a multicultural perspective onto another theoretical perspective.
  - Some places 'talk to' diversity, but don't embody it
    - CMTP embodies multiculturalism
  - Congratulations Josefina!
- Matthew was matched at Devereux
  - A residential placement for foster children
  - Congratulations Matt!

### **Corey Gifford-Mexico outreach plans**

- Corey passed out the 'Shakti Mexico Disaster Relief' itinerary
- The Mexico Disaster Relief trip is from May 8<sup>th</sup>-May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - The first 3 days will be focused on cultural immersion
    - As a group, we will go to museums, socialize with the people of Villahermosa, and become better acquainted with the culture
  - For the remaining 6 days, Disaster Shakti will engage in disaster work with local non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders
- Corey, Josefina, and Brian will work to post the application on the website by the next SERD meeting

### **Brian read a brief description of the upcoming Mexico trip, which will be placed on the website**

- SERD members provided feedback on how to improve the brief description

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**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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