

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 8th-May 18th
 - 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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