

## SERD Meeting Minutes

9/29/08

**Attendance:** Gargi Roysircar, Amanda Blanchard, Krista Reincke, Cindy McKusick, Jamie Carroll, Bryan Clarke, Nathaniel Thorn, Kamna Chhibber, Antoinette Booth, Vincent Pignatiello, Brian Denietolis

- 4<sup>th</sup> year students discussed their internship application status; it is a hectic time for them.
  - Krista discussed her interest in learning about African refugees; she is involved in a research project which involves gathering data through various assessments with this population from treatment onset and every three months thereafter at Behavior Therapy and Psychotherapy Center (UVM); she is comparing clinical and non-clinical populations.
  - Brian discussed the challenges involved with writing essays for the applications.
- 1<sup>st</sup> year students discussed their new experiences in administering IQ tests; When a student commented on limited access to children for testing, Gargi informed them that past students have conducted assessment with ESL students connected with Antioch, however permission is needed.
- We discussed the adjustment of the SERD membership listserve. Those who attend SERD meetings regularly will be in the SERD listserve, and those who attend less but still attempt to stay involved with activities will be added to the Friends of SERD listserve.
- Looked back at SERD/Shakti projects for 2007-2008: Two solidarity statements developed in response to noose hanging incidents, Racial and Social Injustice Blog was developed (but is being removed due to no longer being needed), Jonathan Daniels Fund Raising (two bake sales), and development of SERD T-shirt.
- There was a discussion about potential SERD/Shakti projects for 2008-2009:
  - Holiday lunch with ethnic foods
  - Brian noted that the last half of the past year lost focus on discussing climate concerns; Gargi agreed that this was meant to be the primary focus of SERD; it was suggested that the mission statement of SERD be posted in Psy.D Notes to let students know that SERD meetings will be a place where students can talk about their concerns about race, gender, sexual orientation, class status, and regional status relating to Antioch.
  - Developing subcommittees to address different areas of interest in SERD
  - SERD is not recognized as an organization within Antioch, so would like to work on this.

- Antoinette suggested developing a SERD bulletin board; this may be posted across from the research office.
- Gargi brought up the idea of using income from books sold through the Multicultural Center toward SERD.
- Gargi also suggested having a written publication this year; Kamna volunteered to help Gargi with developing this.
- Martin Luther King, Jr./Jonathan Daniels Day is on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>; Gargi reported plans to have the musical group Sweet Honey in the Rock (Wed 1/21 p.m.), a documentary on the group (Thurs. 1/22 a.m.), and this will be followed by a panel discussion on civil rights.
- 4<sup>th</sup> year SERD member Fran Berry-Worcester had a baby boy!
- Gargi will be delivering a keynote address for the National Multicultural Conference and Summit in New Orleans (Jan 15-Jan 16); Amanda announced the newly open research assistant position to help Gargi prepare for the conference.
- On Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Diwali (Indian holiday – Festival of Lights) celebration at 2PM at the Mariposa Museum, Peterborough, NH. Gargi will be attending, and anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to join her.
- Happy Rosh Hashanah!
- Muslims are fasting dawn to dusk for Ramadan.
- Shakti is presenting at the Boston College Diversity Challenge on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>; Meeting will be held this afternoon in preparation, and members Wendy Vincent, Brian Denietolis, Amanda Blanchard, Nathaniel Thorn, Josefina Irigoyen, Corey Gifford, and Sheeba Thomas will be presenting.