

The Department of African American Studies Speaker Series

“Re-Thinking Race/Researching Racism”

April-May 2006

4-6 PM

African American Studies Conference Room, Kresge 2-425

The aim of this year's speaker's series is to provide an intellectual forum for discussing *old and new critical thinking* regarding the contested meanings, formations and consequences of race and racism at the beginning of the 21st century. The speaker's series will also reflect on the critical intellectual challenge the study of race and racism continues to pose for theoretical and empirical research. In particular it will consider the following questions: *What is signified by race? How has this changed or been challenged? What is the role of race in analysis? Why does race continue to be significant? What is the relation between race and racism? How should we understand the histories of racism? Are there different racisms? What is the relationship between racism and other practices?*

Speakers:

Mia Bay –‘See your declaration Americans!! – Race and Nation in antebellum African American Political thought.’

Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University

Wednesday, 5th April, 2006: *co-sponsored with the Department of History*

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva -‘Racism without Racists: the sweet lullaby of racism in Post-civil rights America.’

Professor of Sociology, Duke University

Wednesday, 12th April, 2006: *co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology*

Ben Carrington -‘“I’m not Robert Miles”’: Rethinking the ontology of ‘race’ and the place of racism in the work of Paul Gilroy and Robert Miles.’

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin

Wednesday, 26th April, 2006: *co-sponsored with the Department of Sociology*

Laura Lewis -‘Race as Mixture: Afro-Indigenusness in Mexico and Latin America.’

Associate Professor of Anthropology, James Madison University

Wednesday, 10th May, 2006: *co-sponsored with the Department of Anthropology and the Program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies*

Kalpana Rahita Seshadri -‘Common Being: Beyond the Bio-politics of Race.’

Associate Professor of English, Director of Women's Studies, Boston College

Wednesday, 17th May, 2006: *co-sponsored with The Departments of English and Political Science*

Ann duCille -‘Periracism: A critique of tolerance and civility.’

Professor of English and African American Studies, Wesleyan University

Wednesday, 31st May, 2006: *co-sponsored with the Department of English and the Program in Gender Studies*

**For further information on the series, please call the
Department of African American Studies at 847-491-5122.**