

Ethnic Studies Undergraduate Student Colloquium

The proposed activity is the second annual undergraduate student colloquium featuring research in the field of Ethnic Studies. We received a Diversity and Equity Initiative grant for a very successful first colloquia series in the Spring semester of 2008. There will be one colloquium (running approx. two hours) occurring in March 2009. Four (4) students will be invited to present. The open call to University of Hawai'i at Mānoa undergraduate students will be for finished papers that examine topics relevant to the field of Ethnic Studies (e.g. ethnic communities, race theory, racism in society, minority communities, ethnic identity construction, cultural difference, diversity in education, diasporic identities and new global communities) and the related fields of African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Latino Studies, Hawaiian Studies and Pacific Island Studies. The papers will be solicited from students in the following University of Hawai'i at Mānoa departments: Anthropology, American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Political Science and Sociology. However, students in other departments who express interest may also have their papers considered. As an incentive - and in lieu of honoraria - the four students that have their papers selected will receive \$60 gift cards for book purchases at Barnes and Noble.

The colloquium, which is being organized by Ethnic Studies Professors Pensri Ho, Ty Tengan and Elisa Joy White, will provide students with the opportunity to present their work and engage in conversation with other students and faculty about their Ethnic Studies research. The event will foster a comfortable environment in which undergraduate students can experience the scholarly process of presenting research and engage in thoughtful and intelligent dialogue about issues related to race, ethnicity and cultural difference.

Funding is being requested in the amount of \$350.00 for publicity, event program production costs, colloquium packets and gift cards.