Welcome to the Indiana University Southeast
COMMON EXPERIENCE
As a member of the local communities of Indiana and Kentucky, you are encouraged to join us as we implement the second year of the community-wide Common Experience program during the 2007—2008 academic year.

We have scheduled numerous speakers and activities centering on the theme of “Identity in a Multicultural World: Who Am I?” The IU Southeast community of students, staff, and faculty invites you to meet with us for the following Common Experience readings: Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance by Barack Obama and Skull Wars: Kenniwick Man, Archeology, and the Battle for Native American Identity by David Hurst Thomas. The two books were selected because they illustrate the theme and will generate discussions about our many identities as individuals and members of groups, our competing identities, and the clash of identities. We hope you will join us during the 2007—2008 academic year for the IU Southeast Common Experience.

The following are members of the 2007—2008 IU Southeast Common Experience Program Committee: Gloria J. Murray (Chair) Michael Abernethy, Sheying Chen, Jim Hollenbeck, Ron Koontz, Andrea Lierow, Kimberly Pelle, Marty Rosen, Cliff Staten, and Mildred Vernia.

The IU Southeast Common Experience Reading List is as follows:

A Story of Race and Inheritance by Barack Obama
Skull Wars: Kenniwick Man, Archeology, and the Battle for Native American Identity by David Hurst Thomas

By joining us for the IU Southeast Common Experience, you will join us during the 2007—2008 academic year for the IU Southeast Common Experience. You will journey from personal identity to group identity and from identity crisis to identity across generations. Our presentations are open to groups, organizations, and are free. We invite you to join in a common reading of the books which are available at the IU Southeast Bookstore.

These specially selected community events expand the discussion about identity and add variety to the many perspectives on identity. Please take advantage of these common events that support the IU Southeast Common Experience. For more information, visit www.ius.edu/CommonExperience, where you will find additional information, or contact the School of Education (812) 941-2166.

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September 12  "Transitions to College: Exploring Identity or Identity Crisis?" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Dr. Ruth Garvey Nan, IU Southeast Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Mrs. Sharon Stetter, University of Louisville Director of Housing and Residence Life will discuss adjusting to college life, exploring multiple identities, and defining oneself as a student in a multicultural world. What impact does the college experience have on changing one’s identity and understanding will.

September 18 Movie: "Crazy" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm This movie is about different stories, mostly tragic, of diverse people in Los Angeles, CA, and their perceptions on life and lives, but also about how they identify themselves as a woman, as homos, and in society (a discussion will follow the movie).

September 26 "Political Identity: Democrats, Republicans, Conservatives, and Liberals" IU Southeast Library 7:30—9:00pm
What is a Democrat? What is a Republican? What is a conservative? What is a liberal? A discussion on political identities and their origins.

October 24 Faculty led Discussion of Dream of My Father by Barack Obama IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Professors Chad Styers (Political Science) and Mark Mindo (Anthropology) will lead a discussion of the Common Experience book.

November 7 "Multiple Identities: Living with a Hyphen" Ogle Hall, 7:30—9:00pm
Dr. Richard Pinn (English), past fiction writer and scholar. He has been called a "master of linguistic play" as well as the "surrenderer of cultural antinomies." His study of Cuban American culture, Life on the Hyphen, was awarded the Eugenio M. Kayeber University Press National Book Award for 1996. In 1993, Pinn Finnet was named Duke University Scholar/Teacher of the year. He will discuss issues related to the Common Experience theme. Novelted by the Addison-Lakeside Memorial Lectures Fund.

November 16 "My Identity as a Muslim" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Aliel Pasha and other guests from the Islamic Cultural Association of Louisville will discuss issues concerning Muslim values (dispelling myths), the difficulties of being a Muslim in America, the role of vandalism, and how Muslims maintain their identity in America today.

November 28 Student Led Discussion of Dreams of My Father by Barack Obama IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Honors Program students will lead a discussion on the Common Experience book.

January 23 "Beliefs, Traditions, and Religion in Identity" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Dr. Thomas Hindman, Professor of Religion, will discuss his book, the research, and issues surround the discovery of Kennewick Man in 1996. He will discuss the research and the Common Experience theme. Novelted by the Addison-Lakeside Memorial Lectures Fund.

January 24 "A Random Theater Production: Who Am I Versus Across the Spectrum" IU Southeast Library 7:30—9:00pm
IU Southeast Random Theatre Group will perform a production on how identity helps people define themselves in the eyes of others and themselves.

January 29 "Korean Identity: Personal Identity and Korean Identity, Which is More Important?" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Dr. Hans Han, Pentecostal Church (USA), will discuss Korean cultural identity, personal identity, and Korean identity in American society. How did the Korean community's response to the Vietnam War influence their gender roles? Discuss on how they have been assigned over time.

February 4 "Living Among the Navajo: Understanding their Identity and Culture" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Dr. Luis Huntington-Muñoz, MS, RN, CPNP, is a Latinx nurse with ten years experience and a strong interest in working with underrepresented populations. Last spent three years working in healthcare with the Navajo from 2005-2008. She will share the story of her living and working with the Navajo people, as well as the birth story of her first child and the Navajo Reservation in Ganado, Arizona.

February 12 "Gender Representation in Advertisements—Do You Really See Me?" IU Southeast Library 2:45—4:00pm
Dr. Sara Hare, IU Southeast Sociology Professor, will provide a slide show and discussion of gender representation in advertisements—how women are portrayed and their influence on how women are viewed.

February 19 Movie: "Smoke Signals" IU Southeast Library 7:30—9:00pm
Directed and co-produced by Native Americans. It is about the friendship of two young men on their way to maturity as they make their way from the Wind River Indian Reservation to the University of Oklahoma. It is the story of two Native American figures. Pan me Women Panther in the Sky) and co-author Dark Rain (Warrior Woman), will discuss their work in bringing to life unforgettable Native American figures.

March 4 David Hart Thomas—Author of Short Wars: Stone Concert Hall, Ogle Hall 7:30—9:00pm
David Hart Thomas, author of Short Wars (Kennecott and Kennecott Men, Anthology, and the Battle for Native American Identity, will discuss his book, the research, and issues surround the discovery of Kennewick Man in 1996. He will discuss the research and the Common Experience theme. Novelted by the Addison-Lakeside Memorial Lectures Fund.

March 11 James Alexander Thom and Don Rain Thom IU Southeast Library 7:30—9:00pm
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