

**Race and Difference Initiative:** Emory University's Race and Difference Initiative (RDI) is a university-wide initiative intended to promote understanding of and to generate new knowledge about race and human difference in a rapidly diversifying world. We operate with the understanding that race and intersecting dimensions of human difference remain central to how we understand and relate to ourselves and others and also fundamentally shape access to resources in our society. RDI builds upon Emory's strengths in pioneering new knowledge, methods, and technologies and upon our location in a major metropolitan area of the U.S. south. These strengths uniquely equip Emory with the capacity to link local and global issues toward an enhanced understanding of and ability to effectively address persisting inequities. Through a range of activities RDI seeks to foster a thriving intellectual community for research at the intersection of race and difference at Emory.

**Fall Symposium:** In keeping with the idea that RDI should provide special opportunities for scholarly exchange among Emory faculty, staff, and students, we are sponsoring this fall symposium, "Exploring Race and Difference at Emory: Mapping Current Research and Charting Future Directions". Emory has a number of faculty focused on issues of race and difference and the symposium is designed to bring these scholars together. Our agenda is both to begin important conversations among and between these scholars, to highlight the creative and innovative work currently being done on campus, and also to set an agenda for where we should be heading in the future. We hope the panels and presentations generate discussion and future collaborations.

**Race and Difference Initiative Leadership:**

- ◆ **Dorothy A. Brown**, Professor of Law. Research interests: federal tax law, critical race theory, corporate tax, and tax policy.
- ◆ **Martha A. Fineman**, Robert Woodruff Professor of Law. Research interests: family law, feminist legal theory, and sexuality and law.
- ◆ **Tyrone A. Forman**, Associate Professor of Sociology. Research interests: comparative race and ethnic relations, intergroup prejudice and discrimination, and adolescent health and well-being.
- ◆ **Leslie M. Harris**, Associate Professor of African American Studies and History. Research interests: class, gender, and sexuality in the lives of African Americans in the United States before the Civil War.
- ◆ **Amanda E. Lewis**, Associate Professor of Sociology. Research Interests: race and ethnic relations, urban schooling, gender, and social inequality.



**Exploring Race and Difference at Emory:  
Mapping Current Research and Charting  
Future Directions**

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Jones Room, Woodruff Library  
8:30-5:30**



## Special Guest Biographies:

**Troy Duster** is Professor of Sociology New York University. He is also the Chancellor's Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, where he founded and directed the Institute for the Study of Social Change. Professor Duster's research has ranged widely across the sociology of law, science, deviance and control, inequality, race, and education. He is the author of several books including *Backdoor to Eugenics* (2003, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition) as well as of the award winning *Whitewashing Race: The Myth of a Colorblind Society* (2003). He is Past President of the American Sociological Association and chaired the Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Committee of the Human Genome Project.

**Paula Moya** is Associate Professor of English at Stanford University. Professor Moya's research focuses on Chicana feminism, feminist theory, multicultural education, race and emotion, Latina/o literature and identity, and the epistemic significance of minority perspectives. She is the author of *Learning from Experience: Minority Identities, Multicultural Struggles* (2002) and the co-editor of *Reclaiming Identity: Realist Theory and the Predicament of Postmodernism* (2000) and *Identity Politics Reconsidered* (2007).

**Keith Wailoo** is the Martin Luther King Jr. Professor at Rutgers University. He holds appointments in the Department of History and in the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. He is also founding Director of the Center for Race and Ethnicity at Rutgers and a leading expert on the cultural politics of disease in America. His award-winning books include: *The Troubled Dream of Genetic Medicine: Ethnicity and Innovation in Tay-Sachs, Cystic Fibrosis, Sickle Cell Disease* (2006) and *Dying in the City of the Blues: Sickle Cell Anemia and the Politics of Race and Health* (2001). In 2007, he was elected as a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

## 8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 **Welcome** – Provost Earl Lewis and Tyrone Forman, RDI Faculty Co-leader

## 9:15 Talk by Keith Wailoo

## 10:15 Current Research on Race & Difference

- Carol Anderson, Associate Professor of African American Studies
- Joseph Crespino Associate Professor of History
- Michael L. Owens, Associate Professor of Political Science
- Tyrone Forman, Associate Professor of Sociology

## 12:00 Lunch Buffet & Talk by Paula Moya

## 1:15 Organizational work on Race & Difference

- Sam Marie Engle, Associate Director – Office of University & Community Partnerships
- Leslie Harris, Director - Transforming Community Project
- Ozzie Harris, Senior Vice Provost for Community & Diversity
- Calinda Lee, Associate Director - James Weldon Johnson Institute
- Dona Yarbrough, Director - Center for Women

## 3:00 Theoretical Work on Race & Difference

- Dorothy Brown, Professor of Law
- Martha Fineman, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law
- Rosemarie Garland-Thomson, Professor of Women's Studies
- Gyanendra Pandey, Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of History
- Kimberly Wallace-Sanders, Associate Professor of the Graduate Institute of Liberal Arts

## 4:30 Talk by Troy Duster