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LeMoyne-Owen College Hosts Multi-Cultural Dialogue

MEMPHIS, TN (November 19, 2008) -- LeMoyne-Owen College will be the site of another multi-cultural discussion hosted by its Division of Education. According to Dr. Bobbie Shaw-Hunter, the event is important for students, the community, and others. "Since I have been here at LeMoyne-Owen College, each semester my Multicultural Teaching and Learning Class has hosted a panel Discussion and Fair for the campus and community," states Dr. Bobbie Shaw-Hunter. "We certainly hope that the news media will be present to communicate this important interaction to the public."

Dr. Shaw-Hunter cited Dr. Paul C. Gorski's statements regarding the importance of multicultural dialogue:

According to Paul C. Gorski of the Multicultural Pavilion:

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- * It is grounded in ideals of social justice, education equity, and a dedication to facilitating educational experiences in which all students reach their full potential as learners and as socially aware and active beings, locally, nationally, and globally.
- * Multicultural education acknowledges that schools are essential to laying the foundation for the transformation of society and the elimination of oppression and injustice.
- * The underlying goal of multicultural education is to affect social change. The pathway toward this goal incorporates three strands of transformation:
 1. the transformation of self;
 2. the transformation of schools and schooling; and
 3. the transformation of society.

In summary, Dr. Shaw-Hunter states that, "Multicultural awareness and sensitivity benefits everyone."

For more information, please see the contacts listed above.

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