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### LeMoyne-Owen College to Host Panel Discussion on Single Sex Classrooms

*Parents, students, educators and concerned citizens are invited to explore the effectiveness of gender segregation in the classroom.*

MEMPHIS, TN (March 29, 2012) Should gender differences dictate how children are taught? LeMoyne-Owen College's multicultural teaching and learning class will host a panel discussion and cultural fair to discuss the topic "Are Single Sex Classrooms Effective?" **Tuesday, April 10 at 4 p.m.** on the campus of LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Ave., in Gibson-Orgill Hall, Room 111.

Each semester, the class assembles local education professionals and leaders to discuss trends and issues that challenge today's teachers and students. This year's line-up includes Lanier Middle School principal Dr. Nickalous Manning, nationally certified teacher Vicki Houlihan, Southwest Prep Academy principal Billy J. Walker, Metropolitan Baptist Church pastor Dr. Reginald Porter, and more.

According to LeMoyne-Owen College professor Dr. Barbara Shaw-Hunter, the students select the topics. "This semester's class chose a topic they feel is not only directly related to them as future educators, but also is a national issue that warrants significant dialogue."

Contact Dr. Bobbie Shaw-Hunter at (901) 435-1282 for more information.

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The American Missionary Association founded The LeMoyne-Owen College in 1862 to educate freedmen and runaway slaves at the Union Army's Camp Shiloh in Shiloh, Tennessee. The school relocated to Memphis a year later, but was destroyed during race riots in 1866. Lincoln Chapel, as the school was then known, was rebuilt and reopened in 1867 with 150 students and six teachers. Lincoln Chapel was renamed LeMoyne Normal and Commercial School in honor of benefactor, physician and abolitionist Dr. Francis Julian LeMoyne and relocated to its current site at 807 Walker Ave in 1914. After more than 50 years of steady growth, LeMoyne merged with Owen College in 1968. Today, The LeMoyne-Owen College has a student body of more than 1,000 students and offers 4-year degrees in five disciplines: Business and Economic Development; Education; Fine Arts and Humanities; Natural and Mathematical Sciences; and, Social and Behavioral and Sciences.