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present

Teaching Whiteness

in a Multicultural Context  
and Color-blind Era

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Thursday  
**September 27, 2007**  
**12:30 – 2:00 pm**  
**Ponderosa Cedar Room**  
2071 West Mall



**T**his presentation centers around the critical theme of whiteness. Since the innovation of whiteness studies within the multicultural literature in the late 1980s, the question of "What to do with whiteness?" has been posed. There are two principal strategies for dealing with the politics of whiteness: White reconstructionism and white abolitionism. White reconstructionism is, arguably, a strategy of reinventing whiteness in hopes of rescuing its anti-oppressive dimensions. In white abolitionism, there is no hope in whiteness and the strategy is to locate it, insist that whites disidentify with it, and thereby commit race treason. This presentation will appraise the conceptual and strategic understanding of whiteness through the prisms of white reconstructionism and abolitionism.

*Light lunch will be provided*

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