





World diversity symposiums set

By Rivers Janssen **Emerald Reporter**

The University will play host to two symposiums Thursday through Saturday dealing with world diversity and gay and lesbian rights.

"Celebrating Human Diversi-" and "Claiming the Past/Creating the Present," are intended to foster dialogue within the campus community on human rights issues.

"Claiming the Past/Creating the Present" is co-sponsored by President Brand's Task Force on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns

The symposium is divided into two segments, the first of which will take place from April 9-11. This first symposium will include discussions of gay and lesbian issues within Latin America, a history of oppression within the gay/lesbian community, and the present and future of gay/lesbian rights. The second segment will be

from April 24-25 and will include more gay and lesbian history as well as defining the parameters for social change. The symposium's two segments will bracket Gay Pride Week, set for April 13-17.

Dominick Vetri, co-chair of the gay and lesbian task force, said the symposium will help people on campus understand the value of gay and lesbian studies.

"We want to give people the opportunity to learn about gay and lesbian scholarship in the United States," Vetri said. "We hope to open up the community to the reality of gay and lesbian life, that there is literature and history on gays and lesbians that deserves attention.

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The "Celebrating Human Diversity" symposium will kick off Thursday with a noon rally in the EMU courtyard. The symposium is co-sponsored by the law school.

The rally will feature Vetri, Dave Frohnmayer, dean of the law school, and Donna Albro, director of affirmative action at Lane Community College. The rally should encompass a mix of celebration and criticism said Jane Gordon, assistant dean of student affairs at the law school.

'People recognize that the University has come a long way with diversity issues," Gordon said. "But now there are second generation diversity issues to concern ourselves with, along with some remaining first generation ones. This rally will hopefully celebrate the gains we've made while also facing up to what we still have to do."

Following the rally, a film festival and panel discussion will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room 129 of the Law Center. The films will cover various human rights struggles in the twentieth century, including the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and the mistreatment of

he Navajos

Panelists include Guadelupe Ouinn, chair of the Chicano Affairs Board, and Diane Wong, assistant to President Brand for affirmative action.

For the symposium, David William Foster, Regents' Professor of Spanish at Arizona State University, will give a lecture on "Gay and Lesbian Sensibility in Latin America" at 3:30 p.m. in Room 180 PLC.

At 7:30 p.m., Yvonne Yarbro-Bejarano will speak on "The Lesbian Body in Latina Cultural Production: Expanding Race and Gender Categories in Gay and Lesbian Studies." Yarbro-Bejarano, an associate professor of romance languages and comparative literature at the University of Washington, will present the lecture in Room 115 of Lawrence Hall.

April 10 will feature a panel discussion on censorship and oppression featuring Foster, Yarbro-Bejarano, and San Francisco lawyer Mary Dunlap in Room 100 Willamette.

After the panel discussion, a social hour will be held at 5 p.m., in the same room.

At 1:30 in the Law Center, attorney Elden Rosenthal will present "The Skinhead Murder Trial: Reflections of the Trial Lawyer," followed by Professor Charles Wilkinson's "Indian Tribal Sovereignty in the Nineties and Beyond" at 2:30.

On Saturday, Foster will present a seminar workshop on gay and leshian literature in Latin America at 9 a.m. in Room 109 of Friendly Hall.

At 10:30 a.m., the two symposiums will sponsor a joint lecture called "Lesbian and Gay Rights in the Nineties."



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