

THE FIRST STATE OF IOWA CONFERENCE ON MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Ames, IA – Iowa Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education (IA-NAME) will hold its first annual conference on Saturday, May 19, 2007. The theme *Critical Multicultural Education in Iowa: Moving Beyond Fun, Food, and Festivals* addresses the need to shift from a celebratory approach regarding Multicultural Education and challenges us to take a more action-oriented approach in preparing ourselves and others to accept responsibility for addressing, learning, and teaching about issues of social justice and the various communities and cultures we interact with daily in our interdependent world.

IA-NAME welcomes proposals from faculty, staff, university administrators, K-12 teachers, parents, school administrators, community activists, government and organization officials, college and high school students and other parties interested in the conference theme. The conference will offer a wide range of presentations centered on teaching strategies for social justice, creating culturally inclusive schools, challenging privilege and oppression, and dismantling racism and prejudice. Other topics such as anti-bias school curricula and climate, parent and community involvement, and culturally responsive pedagogy will also be addressed. **Deadline for submissions has been extended. The new deadline is February 12, 2007.**



Keynote speaker, **Dr. Sonia Nieto**, Professor Emerita of Language, Literacy, and culture will be the keynote speaker. Researcher, teacher, lecturer, and writer, her research focuses on multicultural education and the education of Latinos, immigrants, and other students of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Her books include *Affirming Diversity: The Sociopolitical Context of Multicultural Education* (4th ed., 2004), *The Light in Their Eyes. Creating Multicultural Learning Communities* (1999), and *What Keeps Teachers Going?* (2003).

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