Affirming Diversity: Workshops on Multicultural Education

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You are cordially invited in welcoming
Dr. Sonia Nieto
to Rhode Island College
for a special reception

Friday, March 22
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
The Unity Center
Lower Level of Donovan Dining
AFFIRMING DIVERSITY
PROGRAM FOR MARCH 23, 1996

8:30  REGISTRATION AND COFFEE  PUBLISHERS' EXHIBIT
9:00  KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY DR. SONIA NIETO

Sonia Nieto is Professor of Education in the Cultural Diversity and Curriculum Reform Program in the School of Education, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Nieto attended New York City public schools and taught in public schools in Brooklyn and the Bronx before moving into the Puerto Rican Studies Department at Brooklyn College. Dr. Nieto's scholarly work has focused on curriculum issues in multicultural and bilingual education, the education of Latinos in the United States, and Puerto Ricans in children's literature. She has written many articles and book chapters in addition to Affirming Diversity, has worked extensively with teachers and schools, and serves on many boards and commissions with a focus on educational equity and social justice for all children. A member of the advisory board for the Handbook of Research in Multicultural Education edited by James Banks and Cherry McGee Banks, she has received numerous awards including the Human and Civil Rights Award from the Massachusetts Teachers Association in 1989 and the Outstanding Accomplishment in Higher Education Award from the Hispanic Caucus of the American Association for Higher Education in 1991. She is married to a middle school bilingual teacher and children's book author and is the mother of two daughters.

10:00  DISCUSSION
10:30  Concurrent Sessions

Anti-racist Multicultural Literature for Elementary School Students
Prof. Nikki Thomas

Counselling Issues among Diverse Populations
Prof. Terry Bontrager

Working Effectively with ESL Students in Mainstream Classrooms
Prof. Pat Medeiros-Landurand

Toward a Multicultural Curriculum: Integrating Latinos (secondary)
Prof. Ellen Bigler

SKIN DEEP (video presentation and discussion)
11:45 LUNCH--PUBLISHERS' EXHIBIT

1:00 Concurrent Sessions

*Multicultural Literature for Secondary Students*
Prof. Brian Robert

*Cultural Communication and Working with Families of LEP Students*
Prof. Pat Medeiros-Landurand

*Toward a Multicultural Curriculum: Integrating Latinos (elementary)*
Prof. Ellen Bigler

*Multicultural Art in Elementary Classrooms*
Prof. Elizabeth Henshaw & Prof. Elizabeth Rowell

*Accessing Multicultural Resources for ESL Teachers and Students*
Prof. Lena Dame

SKIN DEEP (video presentation and discussion)

2:15-3:00 FOCUS GROUPS

Evaluation of Workshops.

Needs assessment facilitated by organizers in small groups to gather information on:

Who is doing what in RI schools?
What would the participants like to see addressed in future presentations and workshops?
Names and addresses to include in future mailing lists.