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The Dialogue on Diversity

Ninth Annual Spring Lecture

JUSTICE or JUST-US: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Politics and the Challenge of Diversity

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April 21, 2004
12:30–2:00 p.m.
Gaige Auditorium

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Program

Introductory Remarks:
Dr. John Nazarian, President
Rhode Island College

Introduction of Speaker Urvashi Vaid
Dr. Mary Ball Howkins, Co-Chair
The Dialogue on Diversity Committee

Keynote Speaker Urvashi Vaid

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Questions from the audience

Workshops 2:10–3:45 p.m.

Workshop I (Faculty Center, Main Dining Room)
Continue the conversation with Urvashi Vaid as she discusses
moral, religious, and political opposition to GLBT rights and the
movement’s responses.

Workshop II (Faculty Center, South Dining Room)
Through discussion and interactive exercises, Youth Pride will
inform and explore strategies for reducing homophobia, empha-
sizing the importance of the school setting.
About the Dialogue on Diversity Committee

Rhode Island College recognizes that diversity is a fundamental strength of our community and the larger society. As an institution of higher education, it is committed to promoting an understanding and appreciation of the differing backgrounds and beliefs of individuals in the College community as well as the larger community of which it is a part. To this end, President John Nazarian established the Rhode Island College Dialogue on Diversity Committee and charged it with providing leadership and coordination of activities in furtherance of the cause. The committee, which has been in operation since 1995, is comprised of representatives from faculty, staff, and students. Members take the lead in encouraging all of the College community to reach beyond tolerance to a genuine understanding and appreciation of each other and our diverse strengths and contributions.

Since its inception, the committee has organized events that expand the discussion of diversity on campus. It sponsors two major events: (1) the Dialogue on Diversity Spring Lecture and (2) Promising Practices, a day-long conference on diversity issues for present and future teachers. More recently, the committee has sponsored forums for the discussion of other significant related issues.

The Dialogue on Diversity Committee welcomes newcomers—faculty, staff, and students—to its meetings. If you are interested in joining or in receiving more information, contact co-chairs Dr. Mary Ball Howkins (mhowkins@ric.edu or 456-9511), or Dr. Ellen Bigler (ebigler@ric.edu or 456-8385), or Dr. Tony Teng (tteng@ric.edu or 456-8640).
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