



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In the United States, not only are racial demographics undergoing dramatic transformation, but the very meanings of race and racism are shifting. This national conference will assemble prominent scholars who will provide insights on the changing terrain of race and ethnicity with regard to theory, methods, and public policy. Our purpose is to push the boundaries of knowledge in four specific areas: the conceptualization and measurement of shifting racial attitudes; the changing relationship between race, ethnicity, and gender; whether the very meaning of race and the boundaries of racial categories are changing; and how these various transformations are playing out in important social institutions and policies.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

LAWRENCE BOBO is Professor of Afro-American Studies and Sociology at Harvard University. He has been a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences and a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation. He is a co-author of *Racial Attitudes in America: Trends and Interpretations* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1997). His latest book is *Prismatic Metropolis: Inequality in Los Angeles* (New York, NY: Russell Sage, 2000).

EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Texas A&M University. He is the past chair of the American Sociological Association's Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology. Among his recent books is *White Supremacy and Racism in the Post-Civil Rights Era: Theoretical Reflections and Essential Analysis* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001).

REYNOLDS FARLEY is Professor of Sociology and Research Associate in the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. His recent books include *Detroit Divided* (New York, NY: Russell Sage, 2000) and *New American Reality: Who We Are, How We Got Here, Where We Are Going* (New York, NY: Russell Sage, 1996). In 1995 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award at the University of Michigan.

JOE FEAGIN is Graduate Research Professor in Sociology at the University of Florida, Gainesville. He is a former president of the American Sociological Association, a Pulitzer Prize nominee, and the author of over a dozen books including *Racist America: Roots, Current Realities and Future Reparations* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2000), and *Liberation Sociology* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2001).

EVELYN NAKANO GLENN is Professor of Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She is a former president of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and the author of the forthcoming book, *Unequal Freedom: Intersections of Race, Gender, Labor and Citizenship* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, forthcoming), as well as many other publications.

MANNING MARABLE is Professor of History and Political Science and the Founding Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University. Dr. Marable is the author of over a dozen books, including *What Black America Thinks* (Boston, MA: Houghton-Mifflin, 2001). He has also written over 200 articles for academic journals, edited volumes, and other scholarly publications.

BARBARA RESKIN is Professor of Sociology at Harvard University and the newly elected President of the American Sociological Association. She has authored scores of articles and chapters for scholarly publications. Her most recent publications are "Now You See 'Em, Now You Don't," an article on race and gender in labor market research, and a book, *The Realities of Affirmative Action* (Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association, 1998).