



LOVING DECISION CONFERENCE 2007

THE NEXT 40 YEARS OF MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITIES



CALL FOR PROPOSALS & CALL FOR ART DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

The Loving Decision Conference will be held June 21-24, 2007 hosted at the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice on the campus of Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. This international event is being coordinated by the Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) with organizing efforts from many affiliate organizations and allies in the U.S., Canada, and partnering countries. For the first time in U.S. history, this event wishes to bring together not only “interracial” couples, “multiracial/ethnic” individuals, and “transracial” adoptees, it also intends to unite students, families, policy makers, educators, celebrities, businesses, and advocacy organizations representing all communities.

A much needed dialogue is welcomed as we enter the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Loving v Virginia Supreme Court decision which ended the legal ban on interracial marriage in the United States. This historical case not only raised issues about intermarriage between “whites” and people of color in this country, but it also grappled with the complexities around “race” that are still being confronted by this diverse population today. Furthermore, as the issue of legalized marriage is still being prohibited in the 21st century upon other communities, what questions might we still need to address in the U.S. and elsewhere? Is there such thing as a “multiracial” community, and if so, who makes up this community? Or, is it a community that can even be defined?

This conference will be a monumental event that seeks to educate, entertain, and bridge connections between all key players and communities in society toward bettering relations in the 21st century. For more information about the conference and program events, including registration and donations, please visit: www.lovingconference.com.

We invite works from a wide range of topics that might include:

- Identity Formation (Beginners to Advanced)
- Trends in Interracial Families & Unions
- Multiracial Parenting
- Transracial Adoption
- Advocacy & Public Policy
- LGBTQ Multiracial Issues
- Educational Issues
- In the Workplace
- Youth Issues
- Dating & Relationships
- Media
- Health and Ethnomedical Issues
- Generational Issues (interracial couples, multiracial issues)
- Individualized Workshops/panels (i.e., “Monoracial” Issues; “Minority-Minority” Issues; “White” Privilege)
- International experiences
- “Mixed” cultures (i.e., Creole, Mestiza/o, Mestif, so-called Coloured, Aborigine, etc.)
- Additional topics (please specify)

For Proposals, please submit: a) 1-page abstract (maximum) of paper/presentation and intended audience, double-spaced; b) 1-page CV/Resume; c) Bio, not to exceed 150 words to proposals@lovingconference.com, “ATTN: Loving Day Proposal Submission” by the deadline. You may also send proposals via snail mail to: AMEA / P.O. Box 29223 / Los Angeles, CA 90029-0223. **For Artwork/Performances, please submit:** examples of artwork (by mail only) or performance ideas (by email or mail) which relate to the themes of the conference and/or speak to the list of topics. All media considered. Send up to 20 images (CD or slides), or 10 min. video with SASE for return of materials, along with your bio (150 words max.). Send attention to “Loving Day Art/Performance Submission.” Please note that all presenters must also pre-register for the conference.

Notifications will be made by **March 2, 2007**. Please limit direct queries about the overall conference to coordinators, Jungmiwha Bullock (AMEA President) and Harold Gates (AMEA VP), at coordinators@lovingconference.com.