



LOVING DECISION CONFERENCE 2007

THE NEXT 40 YEARS OF MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITIES



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Over 100 Presenters will Participate in Event Commemorating 40 Years of Legal Interracial Marriage

Loving Decision Conference 2007: The Next 40 Years of Multiracial Communities

CHICAGO, IL - The Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) has coordinated an international conference to mark the 40th anniversary of Loving v. Virginia (1967), the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize interracial marriage. For the first time in U.S. history, the growing multiracial community and their advocates including children, family members, friends, academics, diversity organizations, business professionals, students, celebrities, political leaders, and religious figures will have a forum to unite.

Over 100 presenters and performers throughout the U.S. and abroad have been accepted to lead various sessions from June 21 -24, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois. They will present readings, workshops/panels, and live performances that address some of the following areas:

- * Adoption & Transracial Perspectives
- * Education, Services & Youth Development
- * Gender & Sexuality
- * Marriage, Families & Parenting
- * Whiteness, Passing & Privilege
- * Classification, Identity & Racial/Ethnic Formation
- * Race, Politics & the Law
- * Media & the Arts
- * Community Building, Organization & Movements
- * International Experiences

The first evening of the conference will consist of a family friendly cocktail gathering, and the next evening will culminate with a special extravaganza. It will be an entertaining night of comedy, dance, poetry, live music, and special guests. Writing contest and scholarship winners, and volunteers will also be recognized.

"I'm truly amazed by the overwhelming support we continue to receive about the conference. This is going to 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," said Jungmiwha Bullock, President of the Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) and head conference coordinator.

The conference will be hosted at the *Mansfield Institute for Social Justice* on the campus of Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. For more information about the conference, including registration and a full schedule of events, please visit www.lovingconference.com.

The event is being coordinated by the Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) with support from many of their affiliates and allies including: iPride, Bridge Communications Inc., MOHXCA, Interracial Family Circle, HONEY Inc., Oregon Council on Multiracial Affairs, The Topaz Club, Biracial Family Network, Multiracial Americans of Southern California, Multiethnic Education Program, American Counseling Association, and Loving Day Organization.

About Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA): AMEA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which serves as an international umbrella association dedicated to advocacy, education and collaboration on behalf the multiethnic, multiracial and transracial adoption community and allies. Donations for the conference can be mailed to: AMEA / P.O. Box 29223 / Los Angeles, CA 90029-0223

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