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Annual conference will address cross-cultural issues in counseling and education

DECEMBER 13, 2007

The seventh annual Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education will focus on understanding the dynamics of multi-ethnic and multi-racial groups in the United States.

Sponsored by Georgia Southern University, the conference will take place on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9, at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

Educators working in kindergarten through college will join psychologists, social justice advocates, social workers, volunteer service providers and other people who are involved in diversity and cross-cultural issues.

The three keynote addresses will cover counseling immigrants, developing a moral identity, and black identity development. Other presentation themes will include white/male/heterosexual privilege, cultural diversity, cultural and ethnic competence in counseling and education, and issues of oppression and racism.

Participating Georgia educators can earn credit for one professional learning unit (PLU) for attending the conference. Continuing education units (CEUs) are available for qualified social workers and counselors.

The early registration fee is \$185 per person. The fee will be reduced to \$155 per person for schools or organizations that send four or more participants. The fee includes two days of instruction, conference materials, continuing education credits, continental breakfast and lunch both days, and refreshment breaks. The early registration rates are good through Monday, Jan. 21.

To register for the conference or obtain more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ccissues.html> or call (912) 681-5551.

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Noted Journalist Lisa Ling to speak at Georgia Southern University

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Lisa Ling, special correspondent for the 'Oprah' show and contributor to the National Geographic channel and the Oxygen Network, will speak at Georgia Southern University as part of the Leadership & Civic Engagement Week. Ling will speak on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at the Georgia Southern University Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement is sponsoring Ling's presentation as one part of Leadership and Civic Engagement Week that is schedule to run from Monday, Jan. 28 through Friday, Feb. 1. The week is designed to help students learn how their goals and passions can lead them to opportunities that will make a difference.

Ling's presentation titled, 'Opening Minds and Hearts to the Issues Surrounding Us,' is built around a career in television that began at the age of 16. She went on to become one of the youngest reporters for Channel One News, a network that appears in middle and high school classrooms across the country. Beginning in 1999 she shared her opinions with millions of Americans as a co-host on the daytime talk show 'The View.' In 2002 she became the first woman to host 'Explorer' on the National Geographic channel where she compiled stories ranging from the complex issues surrounding China's one-child policy to female suicide bombers.

During her career Ling has reported from more than 24 countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan. She also serves as a contributing editor for USA Weekend and co-authored the book 'Mother, Daughter, Sister, Bride: Rituals of Womanhood.'

'One of our main goals is to focus on service as part of Leadership and Civic Engagement Week this year. Lisa Ling is someone who not only has demonstrated strong leadership skills, but is making an impact on the area of social change both in the United States and in the world,' said Jodi Middleton, leadership coordinator in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Ling's presentation is free and open to the public. The Performing Arts Center is located on the Georgia Southern campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive.

For more information, contact Jodi Middleton at 912-871-1435.

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