

Diversity conference explores inequality

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Reporter

The second annual Diversity Leadership Conference, hosted by the Multicultural Student Council, will take place April 1 and 2 at Elon University.

The theme of the conference is "Exploring the Essence of Power, Privilege, Oppression & Inequality." Tim Wise, an award winning anti-racism author and national speaker, has been selected as the keynote speaker of the event.

Wise was selected because of the message behind his work.

"He's a white male who brings in a different ideology and perspective about race," said Jessica Turner, student program coordinator. "This conference will show that diversity does affect everyone."

The registration cost for the two-day conference is \$40. Alicia Johnson, president of the Multicultural Student Council, said the cost is appropriate

based on the amount of sources the event provides.

"It pays for the gifts that each attendant will receive as well as their meal," she said. "The registration price gives each attendee the ability to hear from phenomenal speakers such as corporate executives, graduate students and other wonderful people that will offer a great network of connections."

On the first day, prospective Elon students and registered members will attend pre-conference workshops that will provide a wide variety of topics such as transformation, accountability, intelligence, micro-aggression, discrimination and race relations.

Elon alumna Tina Loveless will then give a presentation.

"She will talk about power and privilege and how it relates to society," said Melissa Jordan, assistant director of the Multicultural Center.

The day will end with dinner

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and entertainment by Belly Dance Troupe, a group based in Greensboro.

The second day will consist of an opening session with Dr. Dennis Kennedy, president of the National Diversity Council.

"Mr. Kennedy provides experiences from his professional career as well as others as a person of diverse background and the challenges that come with it," said Tyrice Johnson, vice president of the Multicultural Student Council.

Three workshops, incorporating four presentations that from attendants may choose, will follow Kennedy's speech. The final event will be Wise's keynote speech, at Whitley

Auditorium.

"There's no other opportunity where there's a wealth of knowledge about many different diverse topics," Jordan said.

He said he believes that this conference will educate those that register and attend.

"Students not only have the opportunity to gain a better understanding for themselves, but they also have an opportunity to become more self aware and develop ways to improve the social climate of their communities," Johnson said.

The deadline for registration is March 25. Anyone interested may register online or visit the Moseley tables.

NEWS BRIEFS

Campus association hosts golf tournament

The Elon MBA and Elon MBA Student-Alumni Association will sponsor their 4th annual golf tournament Saturday, April 30 at Mill Creek Golf Club in Mebane. The benefits from the tournament will go toward the Elon Academy.

Registration ends April 16 with an \$80 entry fee per solo player or \$75 per player on a team. The fee includes a gift bag and dinner.

Elon's business program ranked among nation's best

The Martha and Spencer Love School of Business was rated among the nation's top undergraduate business programs in 2011 rankings released by Bloomberg Business Week.

Elon ranked #60 out of a total of 113 schools, the first time Elon has appeared in the annual rankings.

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from October to January.

The committee and the dean responsible for the tenure of the applicant make separate recommendations on whether the assistant professor should get tenure.

The recommendation from the dean comes with a one-page explanation, according to House.

"After they have made the recommendations, I bring both of these bodies together," House said. "If they are in an agreement we write an easy 'yes,' but if they both say 'no,' or if they are not in agreement, then we discuss for a

long time."

House, the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the deans met in January to discuss whether the people in question fit all of the qualifications that need to be met in order to qualify for tenure.

From this discussion, House makes a recommendation to President Leo Lambert who then makes a recommendation to the board.

"At Elon we are primarily a teaching institute," House said. "But while teaching is most important, good teaching, while necessary, is not sufficient."



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Rebecca Olmedo, assistant professor of Spanish.



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Lisa Peloquin, assistant professor of sociology.

Corrections

In the article titled "Book by Grameen Bank creator selected for freshman common reading," Amelie Busch was misquoted.

The correct quote should read: "What Dr. Yunus has created is a large network of microfinance institutions that work with the poorest of the poor and provide fair interested rates, savings programs and financial education."

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