The KU Commission on Human Diversity

The Commission on Human Diversity facilitates the development of an environment in which members of the university community are valued and their differences honored. Understanding for and among all groups is pursued through the arrangement and support of special activities such as open forums, diversity dialogues and education workshops that promote awareness and honor of each other’s differences.

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Interfaith Perspectives for Community, Peace, and Social Justice

Friday, March 30, 2012
McFarland Student Union

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8:30 AM—BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION  
Room 250—President’s Room

9:15—10:00 am—BREAK OUT SESSION I  
See Below

10:15—11:00 am—BREAK OUT SESSION II  
See Below

11:15-12:00 PANEL: Sharing our Spiritual Journeys  
Room 183—Alumni Auditorium

12:00-1:00 LUNCH & DISCUSSION  
Room 223—Formal Dining Room

Session I; 9:15-10:00 am
Room 312  
Levinasian Ethics of the Other and Interfaith Relations  
Dr. M. Ashraf Adeel

Room 157  
Holiday Centers: A Way to Promote Interfaith Activities in School  
Dr. Nurun Begum

Room 250  
Religion, Hegemony and Violence  
Dr. Mahfuzul Khondaker

Session II; 10:15—11:00 am
Room 312  
Christina Rossetti’s Faith Based Environmental Ethics  
Dr. Todd Williams

Room 157  
Our Words Have Life  
Deborah Johnson

Room 183  
FILM: Interfaith Dialogue
Facilitators: Brandon Nolt & Martha Anderson

Presenters:
Dr. M. Ashraf Adeel—Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Kutztown University. Dr. Adeel’s philosophical interests include contemporary philosophy of language and science as well as modern Islamic thought. Ph.D in Philosophy from University of Hawaii. MA and BA from University of Peshawar

Dr. Mahfuzul Khondaker—Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Kutztown University. M.A. and Ph.D in Criminology from Indiana University of PA; BSS and MSS in Sociology from University of Dhaka

Dr. Nurun Begum—Assistant Professor of Education at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. D.Ed & M.Ed from the University of Dhaka and M.A. from Indiana University of PA.

Deborah Johnson—Assistant Professor of Elementary Education at Kutztown University. She is currently completing her doctorate degree in education with an emphasis on multicultural, social justice, and diverse strategies for teachers to increase the retention and graduation of African American males in the urban setting. Deborah speaks at many forums on educating urban students and how to prepare teacher with practical techniques for success.

Dr. Todd Williams—Assistant Professor of English at Kutztown University. He is the author of the forthcoming book *A Therapeutic Approach to Teaching Poetry*. His primary field of interest is nineteenth-century British literature with an emphasis on the Pre-Raphaelite poets.

Student Panelists: Kerry Pernot, Jarred Schlottman, Ahmed Hamed, and Erin Smiley
Facilitators: Dr. Amy Pfeiler-Wunder & Rev. Sue Marie Baskette