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Miller Lecture Series:

We typically have one fall and one spring speaker in the Miller Lecture Series. In the fall, we heard Dr. Barbara McCombs from the University of Denver Research Institute speak on the "*Implications of a Learner-Centered Model for School Reform and a Seamless K-20 Educational System*" (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC%202003-04/McCombs.html>). In the spring, Dr. Sonia Nieto discussed "*What Keeps Teachers Going?*" (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC%202003-04/MDaniels.html>). Both presentations were well attended, though the latter one was definitely more popular. Dr. Nieto had people standing in the back of the room.

When nominations were received for 2004-2005 speakers, one of the two people selected, Dr. Maurice Daniels from the University of Georgia and a graduate of IU, was recommended for to come to IU this spring to commemorate the Brown versus Board of Education decision of May 17th, 1954. Dr. Daniels will be speaking at IU on April 29th. His topic will be "*Unsung Foot Soldiers in the Struggle for Civil Rights*" (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC%202003-04/MDaniels.html>). As per the recommendation of Ghangis Cater, the decision was made to bring him in early instead of in the fall of 2004. The committee concurred with his recommendation. While the end of April is not the best date for student and faculty schedules, the timing of AERA, the recent talk by Dr. Nieto, and the end of the spring semester limited the presentation options for bringing in Dr. Daniels.

Since there were three speakers in 2003-2004, after discussion with the Dean's office, it was determined that there will be only one Miller Lecture speaker in 2004-2005, unless there is someone visiting IU next year whom we could get to speak for free or at nominal fee and would fit the profile of a Miller Lecture Series speaker. The Miller speaker for next year will be Dr. Barbara Rogoff from the University of California Santa Cruz. She is known for her work on child development, sociocultural theory, and cross-cultural issues in cognitive apprenticeship. In particular, Dr. Rogoff examines the role of adult guides in children's development as they participate in cultural activities.

Finally, as indicated to above, we created a Website for the Miller Lecture Series (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC%202003-04/LSCpresenters.html>). Information from all prior Miller Lecture speakers is indexed there from 1992-2004. This site has proven quite helpful. Michele Rudge-Custer is commended for her efforts all year, and, in particular, in accumulating relevant resources for this Website.