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Creating Equitable Schools Focus of Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium



ROCK HILL, S.C. — The evolution of racism in America's schools is the focus of **Winthrop University's 13th Annual Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium**, set for 7 p.m. Monday, March 10.

The 60th anniversary of the landmark Brown vs. the Board of Education decision has inspired **Dr. Pedro Noguera's** lecture, which will also relate to "second-generation discrimination" and highlight what can be done to create equitable schools.

Pedro Noguera

Noguera, **the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at New York University**, is a prolific scholar who has published more than 150 research articles, monographs and research reports on topics such as urban school reform, youth violence, race and ethnic relations in the American society, the role of education in community development and conditions that promote student achievement. He is also currently the executive director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education and co-director of the Institute for the Study of Globalization and Education in Metropolitan Settings.

He has earned multiple degrees, including a doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley, and has taught at public schools in Rhode Island and California. He held professorships at Harvard's Graduate School of Education and at USC-Berkeley. Throughout his career, he has worked with schools nationally and internationally as a researcher and advisor.

The colloquium honors late English Professor Dorothy Perry Thompson, founder of Winthrop's minor in African American Studies program, Adolphus Belk, director of the program and associate professor of political science has explained. The colloquium also offers the opportunity to "bring in nationallyand internationally-renowned writers and scholars to talk about different aspects of the African American experience."

The colloquium is sponsored by the African American studies minor, the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy, the Global Learning Initiative, the Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society and the Departments of Political Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Sociology and Anthropology, and History.

The lecture will be in Whitton Auditorium, located within Vivian Moore Carroll Hall. It is a free cultural event and is open to the public.

For more information, contact Adolphus Belk at 803/323-4581 or belka@winthrop.edu.

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