

The Editor Notes . . .

This issue, perhaps more than any other, brings together the many concerns of NAIES. The abstracts from the Eleventh Annual Conference on Ethnic and Minority Studies demonstrate the wide-ranging interests of NAIES members and the many issues unresolved in our society. Lorenz Bell Graham, a guest lecturer at the Conference, agreed to share with *Explorations* readers some of his experiences as a writer of adolescent fiction. Although a brief interview cannot encompass the many insights he shared during the special session on "Ethnicity and Adolescent Literature," his comments reflect the difficulty of being a black writer writing about the black experience for a world of white publishers.

The two articles and research note demonstrate the variety of research conducted on ethnicity. Bataille and Silet review both literature and film in relation to Euroamerican history and philosophy to demonstrate why the image of Amerindians remains so distorted. Jenkins and Terrell focus on the grave problems facing traditionally white educational institutions—the retention of those minority students they have recruited. Kinloch relates in a brief note his research on Hawaii's culturally diverse and racially mixed population and the racial and economic inequities that have evolved. The critiques suggest further research directions for established scholars and students.

I expect that the topics covered in this issue will surface again, but hope that each paper, discussion, and article will bring us closer to finding solutions to on-going problems of racism, sexism, distortions of the past, and diminished identities. I remain hopeful that we will remain steadfast and strong in our determination to provide the means to carry through on an agenda of social and political justice which benefits ethnic peoples.

The publication of a five-year index as a supplement to this issue of *Explorations* should provide members with a helpful guide for research as well as a sense of what topics were addressed between 1978 and 1982. NAIES has a limited number of past issues available for purchase should any one of the articles pique your interest.

Finally, the Executive Council is looking forward to the Twelfth Annual Conference in Kansas City with the same degree of hope and determination that made the Eleventh Annual Conference a success in Ontario, California. Peace and Freedom.

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