2009-2010
The Dr. Shirley S. Seaton
Cultural Awareness Series

The Office of Multicultural Affairs at John Carroll University invites you to join in an exploration of cultural differences and cultural issues of concern. The 2009-2010 presentations will illuminate various cultural perspectives, sharpen understanding of the ways in which all are interconnected and celebrate diversity.

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September 21, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Dolan Center for Science and Technology,
Donahue Auditorium

OMA's Annual Comedy Fest featuring:
Comedian Roy Wood, Jr.'s unique brand of comedy provides an honest look at life and the world in which we live. He has appeared on CBS's The Late Show with David Letterman, HBO's Def Comedy Jam, TV One's The Funny Spot with Tony Rock, and Comedy Central's Bob & Tom Comedy Tour.

Amy Anderson created the first Asian-American stand up showcase, CHOP-SHTICK at the Hollywood Improv. Born in Korea and adopted by Swedish parents in suburban Minnesota, Amy was selected for both NBC's and CBS's Multicultural Comedy Showcases. Amy can be seen on Comedy Central, MTV, CNBC, and VH1.
FREE with JCU ID; $5 without ID.

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October 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Dolan Center for Science and Technology,
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Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist and author Sonia Nazario will discuss her critically acclaimed book Enrique's Journey. The book recounts the unforgettable odyssey of one Honduran boy who bravely escapes unimaginable hardship and peril to reach his mother in the United States. The book is the outgrowth of a series of articles of the same title, which detailed the experiences of Latin American children who immigrate to join their parents in the United States. Nazario, a reporter for The Los Angeles Times, won the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing for the series.

(Presented in conjunction with the JCU Grasselli Library and Breen Learning Center, Center for Service and Social Action, Residence Life and Office of Orientation.)

October 29, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Administration Building, Kulas Auditorium

The Color Orange.
Longtime friends, rapper/ poet Mohammed Bilal, and hip-hop musician Josh “Boac” Goldstein, use hip-hop, theater, and “sheer mayhem” to challenge the American notion of Black and White, Jew and Muslim, and urban and suburban. Their presentation provides a fun, vibrant, new look at race, racism and the way in which we get along with one another.

November 18, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Dolan Center for Science and Technology,
Donahue Auditorium

Zonnie Gorman is a recognized historian on the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. As the daughter of Carl Gorman, one of the original Code Talkers, she offers a unique perspective. Gorman currently serves as project coordinator for the Circle of Light, Navajo Educational Project (CLNEP), a nonprofit organization that educates American Indians and others on the rich history and culture of the Navajo people.

January 25, 2010 at 7 p.m.
D.J. Lombardo Student Center, Jardine Room

Local radio talk show host, poet, and philanthropist Basheer Jones will reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his impact on the local African-American community. Basheer is host of Basheer Jones and Company on Cleveland's WEAE Newstalk 1490AM Morning Show and Urban Spotlight on 93.1 FM. He has interviewed a variety of nationally known individuals, including author and journalist Tavis Smiley and President Barack Obama.

February 18, 2010 at 7 p.m.
Dolan Center for Science and Technology, Donahue Auditorium

Vernon Wall is a nationally known speaker on social justice, leadership, diversity, sexual orientation, and other student affairs topics. He'll discuss tolerance, acceptance and appreciation as he explores the lives and experiences of those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. Wall has more than 20 years of student affairs experience and has served at numerous universities, including Iowa State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of North Carolina, at Charlotte and Chapel Hill.