Faculty, staff and students are cordially invited to attend the upcoming series of presentations planned as part of a new Colloquium Series, Achievement-A Shared Imperative,” sponsored by the Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education at the College of Education. Faculty and guest speakers will discuss research and initiatives pertinent to the minority achievement gap. Each presentation will include commentary from a member of the College of Education faculty and a discussion period. All presentations will be held in the College of Education, Room 1121 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

**February 5**

**The Achievement Gap in Maryland**

Panelist: Dr. Barbara Desmond, Baltimore County Public Schools  
Dr. Richard Steinke, Maryland State Department of Education

**February 19**

**Urban Schools and Student Achievement**

Panelist: Dr. Marvin Lynn, Asst. Prof., Urban Teacher Education, UMCP  
Dr. Lory Dance, Asst. Prof., Sociology, UMCP  
Mr. Michael Casserly, Exec. Director, Council of the Great City Schools (Invited)

**March 5**

**School Policies and Academic Achievement**

Panelist: Dr. Kenneth Strike, Prof. & Chair, Dept. of Educational Policy & Leadership, UMCP  
Dr. Carol Parham, Prof., Dept. of Educational Policy and Leadership, UMCP  
Dr. James Richmond, Superintendent, Charles County Public Schools (Invited)

**March 19**

**Quality of Teachers and Academic Achievement**

Panelist: Dr. Jennifer King Rice, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Educational Policy & Leadership, UMCP  
Dr. Eva Sanderson, Prgm. Manager, Office of Teacher Education, AASCU  
Dr. Virginia Pilato, MSDE (Invited)  
Dr. Leroy Thompkins, PGCPS (Invited)

**April 9**

**Professional Development for Teachers**

Panelist: Dr. David Stofa, Principal, Bladensburg High School, PGCPS  
Dr. Lawrence Leak, MSDE (Invited)  
Dr. Phillip Ganious, Principal, Montgomery Blair High School, MCPS

**April 23**

**Parents and Their Involvement**

Panelist: Dr. Charles Flatter, Assoc. Prof. and Chair, Dept. of Human Development, UMCP  
Parents from Prince George's County Public Schools (Invited)

**May 14**

**The Role of the Faith Community in Minority Achievement**

Panelist: Representative from the Archdiocese of Baltimore (Invited)  
Representative from the Latino Community (waiting for Dr. Greenberg)  
Representative from the Interfaith Action Communities (called Rev. Clemetson)

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