



# Common Theme

## What is the Common Theme?

The Common Theme is a yearlong program to engage the campus and community in the ideals of a liberal arts education and the UW-Green Bay interdisciplinary mission. It is designed to encourage faculty, staff, students, and community members to focus on a general theme from multiple perspectives and have a shared experience with open discussion and critical thinking. See [www.uwgb.edu/commontheme](http://www.uwgb.edu/commontheme)

## Summary of the 2010-2011 Common Theme, “The Leadership Question”

“Leading is about facilitating a group toward the accomplishment of a shared goal. Committed and engaged partners (also known as followers) are essential to this process. This powerful relationship isn't easy to achieve—it requires on-going learning and practice”.

This is a portion of the proposal that was selected as the common theme for 2010-2011 titled “The Leadership Question.” The proposal was a combined effort of the Office of Student Life, the Office of Residence Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Ecumenical Center, and the Campus Life Leadership Task Force. Other contributors included Debbie Furlong and Professors Lucy Arendt, Scott Ashmann, Jeff Entwistle, Denise Scheberle, and Kris Vespia.

## Selected Events Related to “The Leadership Question”

- Lisa Shannon, founder of Run for Congo Women, Women's Leadership Featured Speaker
- Paul Loeb: Soul of a Citizen, tied into First Year Seminars
- Maximum U Day
- UW-Green Bay Theatre production of “Twelve Angry Jurors”
- “Introduction to Leadership” offered as a First Year Seminar; taught by Lisa Tetzloff, Director of Student Life
- Clarence Darrow, “Attorney for the Damned”
- Women's Leadership Networking Luncheon
- Thomas Paine "American Revolutionary Patriot & World Citizen"
- "The Art of Leadership and the Business of Social Change" with Bill Strickland
- "Race Across Alaska" online book discussion with author Libby Riddles
- Liz Titus Putnam: Environmental Conservation & Youth Civic Engagement
- Dream Out Loud Day, a Leadership Conference

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If you have an idea or would like to get involved with the Common Theme, please contact one of the Common Theme Task Force members:

- Brenda Amenson-Hill (Co-Chair)
  - Donna Ritch (Co-Chair)
  - Angela Bauer-Dantoin
  - Sue Bodilly
  - Forrest Brooks
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## “Celebrating Differences Creating Community” 2011-2012 Common Theme

“Campus diversity with respect to (but not limited to) ethnicity, expressions of gender, age, socioeconomic status, ability status, religion, and sexual orientation offers significant social and educational benefits. Our goal for this Common Theme is to present a variety of opportunities on campus for students, faculty and community members to engage in positive discussions that explore and celebrate diversity, that identify and challenge oppression, and that focus on positive steps that can be taken toward crafting more inclusive campus community.

It is anticipated that these activities will bring us closer to realizing UW-Green Bay's select mission of “preparing students to think critically and address complex issues in a multicultural and evolving world.”

This a portion of the proposal submitted by Professor Angela Bauer-Dantoin (Human Biology), Deborah Rezac and Shawn Robinson (both of the American Intercultural Center), Professor Jolanda Sallmann (Social Work) and Professor Kris Vespia (Human Development).

### Class Events

This year two of the first year seminars are directly related to the common theme. They are:

- Ethnic Minorities in Science (HUM BIOL 202) taught by Professors Angela Bauer-Dantoin and Donna Ritch
- Dis This! Disability Pride, Politics, and Culture (DJS 198) taught by Professor Kim Nielsen

If your class, a portion of your course, or an event that is related to the common theme, e-mail Donna Ritch ([ritchd@uwgb.edu](mailto:ritchd@uwgb.edu)) or submit it using the form on the common theme website at [www.uwgb.edu/commontheme](http://www.uwgb.edu/commontheme) so that it can be included on the site.

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#### *Past Common Themes*

2008-2009 “Waging War, Waging Peace”  
by Professor Kim Nielsen

2009-2010 “Realizing Our Sustainable Future”  
by Professors John Stoll  
and Kevin Fermanich

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### Ideas for Future Common Theme Topics

Do you have an idea for the 2012-2013 common theme? Watch your e-mail for the request for proposals which should be coming out soon. The process for submitting a proposal is a very simple one. The Common Theme task force looks for interdisciplinary ideas that can connect faculty, staff, students, and the community. A stipend of \$3000 is awarded to the author(s) of the selected proposal to be used toward common theme programming.

## Upcoming Events

These are just a few events that are scheduled that relate to this year's common theme, "Celebrating Differences Creating Community." See [www.uwgb.edu/commontheme](http://www.uwgb.edu/commontheme) for more events and further details.

MTV Real World GLBTQ featuring JD Ordonez, Ruthie Alcaide and Katelynn Cusaneli  
Tuesday, September 27, 2011  
Phoenix Rooms, 8:00 PM

An Evening with Rachel Simon, author of *Riding the Bus with My Sister*  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011  
Christie Theatre, 7:00 PM

Ally Conference  
Saturday, October 22, 2011  
University Union, noon – 6:00 PM

"Whispering Black: Code Talk for Whites" by Molly Secours  
Saturday, October 22, 2011  
University Union, 5:00 PM

"Tearing Down the Wall that Divides: Finding Understanding Through Intergenerational Discussion," panel discussion sponsored by Human Development, Learning in Retirement, and Student Life  
Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
Phoenix Room B, 2:00 PM

"The Power of We: Overcoming Obstacles to Make a Difference,"  
by Spencer West  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
Christie Theatre, 8:00 PM

Nikki Giovanni – Poet  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011  
Phoenix Rooms, 7:00 PM

"Unveiled" by Rohina Malik  
Tuesday, November 15, 2011  
Christie Theatre, 7:00 PM

Daryl Davis - Grammy award winning pianist  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
Phoenix Rooms, 8:00 PM

International Education Week Luncheon  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
Phoenix Room C; no one -1:30 PM

Kwanzaa  
Saturday, December 3, 2011  
KI Center, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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