

2006-2007 Arts & Humanities Lecture Series

“The Blur of Mixed-Ethnic Identity: Focusing on the Politics and Possibilities of Multiple Selves.”

Dr. Shane Moreman, Assistant Professor of Communication

Thursday, April 12: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Alice Peters Auditorium

Individuals who can claim more than one ethnic background often confuse today's this-or-that discourse on race and ethnicity. In this presentation, Dr. Moreman (himself half-White and half-Latino) deconstructs the memoirs of mixed-ethnic authors for how these writers enact their multiple ethnic selves. Their examples are both cautionary tales and visionary narratives for all of us struggling for clarity on today's identity politics. As a communication researcher, Dr. Moreman's intellectual work both blurs and focuses notions of race and ethnicity at local, national and global levels. His most recent publication will be appearing in Peter Lang's Latina/o Communication Studies Today. An underlying theme in much of his work is not to help create a voice for the disempowered, but to help open the ears of the privileged.