

PRESS RELEASE

RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL WRITERS TO ATTEND LSU  
COLLOQUIUM ON CROSS-CULTURALISM

The Center for French and Francophone Studies will host an International Colloquium on Cross-culturalism on April 23-25. Six featured speakers, each of whose work deals with experiences across cultural and linguistic boundaries, will be attending the event. They and other scholars will discuss issues in bilingualism, colonialism and postcolonialism, minority literatures, linguistic and cultural translation, and interdisciplinary studies.

The colloquium is intended to address questions raised by the current debate concerning "multiculturalism" and "political correctness" in the context of how relations between different cultures have developed, especially through the experience of the French language.

The six speakers are well known in either their home countries or the US or both - in some cases world-renowned - and are prominent advocates of various positions on the subjects under discussion.

The colloquium is being organized by Professors David Wills and Patrick Mensah of the Department of French and Italian at LSU. Sessions will be in English or French or both and will be held from 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 23 to 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 25, in the Union Building, LSU. Full details are available from the Center for French and Francophone Studies, 213 Prescott Hall, Telephone 388 6589, Secretary Sherylanne Brown.

Details on individual speakers follow.