

## **Department Diversity Recruitment Report: History**

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The History department has continued to work towards the future recruitment of women and minorities. In particular, during the 2009-10 academic year we have:

- Networked at several conferences and on research trips, notably Chandra Mallampalli's conversations at a South Asian conference at the University of Wisconsin, and Alister Chapman's conversation with a non-white historian leaving the faculty of another Christian liberal arts college.
- Continued departmental conversations on the merits of a diversity hires, particularly as they related to our search for a one-year position in American history.
- Bringing a female Christian historian to campus for guest lectures.

We also hired Vanessa Crispin-Peralta, a woman who may also be a minority representative, to fill the position in American history.

An application for funds to attend the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in San Diego for further networking was turned down, presumably because of the budgeting constraints this past year. We were also affected by the absence of one of our department members for the year and the absence of a second for half the year.