REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERREPRESENTED ETHNIC AND RACIAL GROUPS (CUERG)

The Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups (CUERG) consists of the following CTSA members: Gerald Boodoo, co-chair, Duquesne University; Natalia Imperatori-Lee, co-chair, Manhattan College; Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University; Maria Teresa Dávila, Andover Newton Theological Seminary; Mark Miller, University of San Francisco; Sebastian Madathummuriyil, Duquesne University; Jessica Murdoch, Villanova University; C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union.

1. The majority of CUERG’s work this year has gone to reconstituting the committee and regularizing terms of service, as requested by the previous Board report and as is customary throughout the Society. The appointees are listed below, along with their terms of service:
   a. 1 year terms Gerald Boodoo (co-chair), Tracy Tiemeier
   b. 2 year terms: MT Dávila, Mark Miller
   c. 3 year terms: Sebastian Madathummuriyil, Jessica Murdoch, C. Vanessa White, Natalia Imperatori-Lee (co-chair)

2. The Interest group in Intercultural and Transnational Pedagogies will meet on Saturday June 9 from 9–10:30 a.m. The title of the session is: “The Future of Transnational and Intercultural Pedagogies: Embracing the New Normal.” The panelists will be Jean Pierre Ruiz, Tracy Tiemeier, Shawnee Daniels-Sykes and Carmen Nanko-Fernandez. This is the last year of the interest group’s three-year cycle, and CUERG will explore the possibility of sponsoring another interest group or session that would benefit the Society.

3. CUERG applauds the Society’s successes in increasing the participation of CTSA members from underrepresented groups on leadership teams and steering committees, and continues to encourage the greater visibility of these scholars on convention programs, and in every capacity throughout the society.

4. We will reinstitute the CUERG luncheon at this year’s convention and plan to make it a regular event at the CTSA. The event facilitates networking and the introduction of new members into the society. It further enhances the visibility of scholars from underrepresented groups and affords CUERG a chance to recruit new members, reach out to younger scholars of color, and plan for the future. This year’s luncheon will take place on Saturday, June 9 at 1:15 p.m. We would like to thank Mary Jane Ponyik for her assistance with the planning and execution of the luncheon.

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