

30th Annual KIPAS

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Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies Seminar in Social Theory & Practice

July 20-26, 2008---Los Angeles, California

Theme:

"Kawaida and Questions of Life and Struggle"

The Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies (KIPAS) 30th Annual Seminar in Social Theory and Practice will provide critical analysis, discussion and strategies for addressing major issues confronting our community and the world from a *Kawaida* perspective. *Kawaida* is one of the most influential philosophies in Black intellectual history, playing a significant role in the movements of Black Power, Black Arts, Black Conventions, Black Studies, ancient Egyptian studies, Afrocentricity, rites of passage, independent schools, Black student unions, Black theology and ethics, the Million Person Marches and reparations. *Kawaida* defines itself as a communitarian African philosophy which constantly searches for and uses the best of African thought and practice (ancient and modern) in pursuit of the good and in constant exchange with the world.

Designed for current and future leaders, teachers, organizers, activists and critical thinkers, the seminar brings together people in various fields from around the country who share a common concern for African people and the world, as well as a common commitment to progressive social change. It provides a context to learn and share ideas and strategies for leadership and struggle, and for reinforcement

and recommitment to the ongoing struggles for freedom, justice, power of the masses of people over their destiny and daily lives, and peace in the world.

This year's seminar will be organized around Dr. Maulana Karenga's book, *Kawaida and Questions of Life and Struggle, Volume II*, which brings forth an ongoing synthesis of the best of African thought, paradigms and practices for reflection, discussion and actively addressing current moral and social issues. These issues include: social and economic justice, the Obama campaign, reparations, immigration, war and peace, womanhood, manhood and male/female relationships, police violence, environmental care and justice, shared wealth and the right and responsibility of resistance in New Orleans, Sudan, Haiti, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and everywhere. ✿

Instructor:

Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor of Africana Studies, California State University, Long Beach; chair of The Organization Us and national chair of the National Association of Kawaida Organizations (NAKO); creator of Kwanzaa and the Nguzo Saba and author of numerous scholarly articles and books.

Sunday-----	20 July -----	Opening Session ---	3:00pm-5:00pm
Monday to Friday--	21 to 25 July --	Seminar -----	6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday-----	26 July -----	Closing Session-----	9:00am-12:00pm

- Registration Fee: \$150.00
- Site location: African American Cultural Center

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