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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

SAHADAT H. CHAUDHURY  July 5, 2006, 9am-12pm,  Rm. 287 Hills South.  
Chairperson:  David R. Evans

Beverley J. Bell  July 12, 2006, 10am-12pm, Rm. 21C, Furcolo Hall.  
Chairperson:  Dr. Judith Placek

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

BOBBIE COLEMAN  Proposed Dissertation Title:  Exploring White Teachers' and African American Students' Perceptions About the Teaching Methods and Techniques Used in Their Urban Classrooms.  Statement of Problem:  The majority of urban minority students, particularly African American students, continue to perform below proficiency on standardized state and national testing in all areas that seriously impact economically advanced career options, especially in areas of science.  If education is viewed as a way out of poverty, there is an urgent need to understand and implement pedagogical methodologies that assist urban minority students in achieving higher levels of success in science, and in school in general.  
Chairperson:  Dr. Kathleen Davis

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