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Miller Lecture Series Summary:

We typically have one fall and one spring speaker in the Miller Lecture Series, though this spring both speakers came during the spring semester. In February, we heard from Dr. Birgit Brock-Utne from the University of Oslo speak on "*Language of Instruction in Africa: A Special Focus on Tanzania*" (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC%202003-04/Brock-Utne.html>). In April, Dr. Barbara Rogoff from the University of California Santa Cruz discussed "Learning Through Intent Participation in Cultural Activity" (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC2004-2005/Miller%20Lecture%20Series--2004-2005/Rogoff.html>). Both presentations had between 40 and 60 people, and fostered extensive audience questioning.

The Miller speakers for 2005-2006 will be Kati Haycock, Director of the Education Trust in DC, and Dr. Lawrence Grossberg, Professor of Communication Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition, we have tentative commitment from Dr. James Banks of the University of Washington to speak in the fall of 2006.

Finally, the Website for the Miller Lecture Series continues to be refined (see <http://www.indiana.edu/~educpc/PC%202003-04/LSCpresenters.html>). Information related to Miller Lecture speakers from 1992 to 2005 is indexed there. This site has proven quite helpful to incoming speakers as well as to IU faculty members. Jennifer Lambdin is commended for all her support to the Miller Lecture Series this year, and, in particular, in maintaining and updating the web site.