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Challenging Communication to Transform Public Life

Wednesday, March 19, 2008
101 Science Building

David Zarefsky
7 pm – 8:30 pm
Arguing About Values

Thursday, March 20th, 2008
Elliott University Center Auditorium

Brenda Allen
9:30 am – 10:45 am
Communicating Difference Matters

Tom Nakayama
11 am – 12:15 pm
Public deliberation on race and the challenges to transforming public life

Barnett Pearce
2 pm – 3:15 pm
“Transforming Communication about values, identity, and race.”

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