



# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

### Faculty & Staff Diversity Mini-Grant Final Report

**Project Title:** *Critical Encounters with Globalization: a Colloquium Series*

**Grant Recipients:** Dr. Prakasam, Lead faculty with eight other faculty members listed in grant application

**Date Project Started:** 2008-2009 Academic year

**Amount of Money funded by the Mini-Grant:** \$4000

**1) How was the grant used to address a diversity or inclusion related goal?**

The grant supported Ferris State University Diversity Plan 2008 -2010, Strategic Goals and Initiatives 1.C by bringing two speakers who engaged faculty, staff (and students) in sustaining dialogue about and understanding of diversity. One was Dr. Lars Rensmann, Professor, University of Michigan. He spoke about "Diversity, Cosmopolitanism and Counter-Cosmopolitanism in the European Union. Dr. Soumendra Patnaik, Professor of Anthropology of Delhi University spoke about "Diversity and India"

**2) Describe the audience that was impacted by the grant's implementation:**

The grant allowed faculty and staff interested in globalization to work together in grant writing. The President and his wife hosted Dr. Lars Rensmann and faculty & staff for dinner as a way to inaugurate the BEYOND initiative.

**3) What is the overall assessment of the project's impact on the Ferris community:**

The grant allowed for faculty and staff to collaborate closely on identifying challenges and opportunities for global engagement at Ferris. It helped to support the initiatives and projects that have blossomed including increase international activities and engagements over the years.

**4) Explain how funds were distributed:**

Funds were distributed directly through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Primary Grant Recipient's signature

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