

Spotlight on ILA Members

ILA Members are doing amazing leadership work around the world, from starting new degree programs to nurturing young people who make a difference, from running innovative workshops and seminars to fostering organizational change. We are pleased to shine an ILA spotlight on the programs of our members. If you would like to nominate yourself or another ILA institutional member to be featured on these pages, please contact ILA at ila@ila-net.org.

Spotlight on James Beebe, Gonzaga University Institute for Action against Hate :

Gonzaga University Institute for Action against Hate hosted an international conference to establish the academic field of Hate Studies March 18 20, 2004



The objective of the conference was to bring together individuals with recognized expertise from complementary academic fields to establish the academic field of hate studies. Morris Dees, chief trial counsel for the Southern Poverty Law Center, was the keynote speaker at the conference banquet. Conference findings will be published in the next issue of the *Journal of Hate Studies*.

During the conference, special attention was given to the iden-

tification of contributions by various academic fields and next steps for creating the field of Hate Studies. In addition to the invited experts, more than 100 additional academics and researchers with expertise relevant to the study of hate attended.

Founded in 1997, the Institute's mission is to combat hate through research, education, and advocacy. The Institute has sponsored several successful educational events in recent years and published two issues of the *Journal of Hate Studies*. The conference was co sponsored and supported by the American Jewish Committee, the South-

ern Poverty Law Center, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre (Canada), and the Kootenai County Task Force on Race Relations. A guest editorial by Kenneth S. Stern that discussed the conference and the institute appeared in the *Seattle Times*, March 16, 2004.

Additional information about the Institute for Action against Hate and the conference can be found on our Web site (<http://www.gonzaga.edu/againsthate>) or by contacting the Institute at (509) 323 3665.

