CALL FOR PAPERS

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE PRESENTS
THE SECOND ANNUAL OPEN BOOKS – OPEN MINDS
STUDENT CONFERENCE

Topic: Rebecca Skloot’s The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Friday, April 12, 2013

Rhode Island College’s Open Books – Open Minds Program is calling for paper, panel, and roundtable proposals to be presented at our Second Annual Student Conference. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to submit a paper proposal. Instructors are encouraged to submit collaborative proposals for student panels or roundtables. Topics should be related to the 2012-2013 book selection, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, or inspired by issues raised in the book. We welcome submissions from any academic discipline as well as interdisciplinary approaches. We also welcome proposals of creative formats.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Genetics on an individual and macro level;
- “HeLa” cells in medical research;
- Bioethics;
- Race, class, gender and health care;
- Minorities/women and medical experimentation;
- Money, science, and medicine;
- Ethics of biography or journalism;
- Representing race or disease in science, literature, art;
- Genetics in speculative literature or science fiction;
- And any number of approaches from disciplines in the sciences, nursing, humanities, education, finance, and marketing.
- Teaching The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks or related issues in the college or high school classroom
- For more ideas for research, see the Adams Library LibGuide: http://ric.libguides.com/HeLa

To submit a proposal, email a 250-word abstract to aduneer@ric.edu, with OBOM PROPOSAL in the subject line. We request submissions of proposals generated in fall coursework by Friday, December 7. The spring deadline for submissions is March 25.

Please include the following with your proposal:

**STUDENT SUBMISSIONS**

- The name of the presenter(s)
- The title of the paper
- A 200-250 word abstract (a short description that concisely identifies your topic and approach)
- A faculty sponsor (or the name of the professor and the course in which you did the research)
- The academic institution and program in which you study or teach, if other than RIC

**FACULTY SUBMISSIONS**

- The name of the faculty facilitator
- The names of the student panelists
- The title of the course in which students have researched this topic
- The academic institution and program in which you teach, if other than RIC
- A brief description of the topic for discussion (200-250 words)

Undergraduate papers will be allotted 10-12 minutes each (time for approximately 1000-1250 words or four-five pages, double-spaced); graduate student papers will be allotted 15 minutes. We will accept proposals for already-formed panels or for individual papers, which we will group by topic.