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Newsletter

I would like to welcome Melissa Sweeney and Nadirah Gooden as they are the newest additions to our StirFry staff.

Melissa will be our new Seminar Coordinator and Nadirah will be our new Film & Products Coordinator. Both will be coordinating our National Training Centers along with Rainbow Markell.

They are both highly qualified, very knowledgeable and experienced.

Most importantly, they are deeply committed to the issues of diversity and the goals of StirFry Seminars.

We welcome them and feel fortunate to have them join us.

~ Lee Mun Wah, Director

Greetings and Salutations!

Nadirah here, coming to you in the latest incarnation of my blessed educational and employment experiences. Being the child of a gypsy-spirited woman, I have lived all over the U.S.; however, the Bay Area is where I call home and where I make sense. I have been fortunate to be employed doing work I love and support in the fields of diversity, community education and spirituality, with organizations such as America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, WI (a must know!), Public Programs at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, CA (a must be!), and now, StirFry Seminars (a must feel!). I am extremely excited to be working with StirFry, and I expect that my experiences as

Film Coordinator will offer me numerous opportunities to learn ways to be a better ally to myself, the world's targeted societies, and the wider sentient communities of our planet. I look forward to our future interactions . . .



Nadirah Gooden and Melissa Sweeney

Greetings!

My name is Melissa Sweeney and I am thrilled to be a new member of the StirFry team. I am originally from a small Midwestern town - Watertown, WI - and just moved to Berkeley after having lived in New York City for the past four years. I have a Masters Degree in Marriage & Family Therapy from Syracuse University, whereby I gained valuable experience working in a variety of mental health settings; my educational and clinical interest was working with interracial partnerships. I have spent my post-grad years working in the field of conflict resolution, managing a Certificate Program at Teachers College - Columbia University, as well as overseeing the Interrupting Oppression & Sustaining Justice Project. As a woman of European and

Native American decent, I have always been passionate about social justice issues, particularly concerning race relations in the United States. I am honored to now work for a company that is dedicated to building human relationships and celebrating our differences. I look forward to working with you all.