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The University of Dayton student group Consciousness Rising will hold its third annual conference March 20-22.

This year's theme is the "Effects of Structural Inequality," focusing on hyper-sexualization of culture and sex trafficking, corporate social responsibility and labor trafficking, and the invisibility of privilege, such as racial divides in America.

Using interactive exhibits, workshops, group discussions, and presentations, Consciousness Rising hopes to inspire and empower students, staff, faculty and the Dayton community to help eradicate human rights injustices.

All events are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, Sears Recital Hall: Walter DeKeseredy, Anna Deane Carlson Endowed Chair of Social Sciences at West Virginia University, will discuss violence against women, and poverty and crime.

3-5 p.m. Friday, March 21, St. Joseph Room 209: Abolition Ohio STOP Training for anyone interested in identifying the signs of human trafficking.

6:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, RecPlex: Concert by Remedy, Leap Years and Eric Hutchinson.

1 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 1700 S. Patterson Building: Keynote speaker Timothy Wise, an anti-racism activist and writer who has written *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*, as well as *Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority*.

2-5 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 1700 S. Patterson Building: Public is invited to participate in interactive student exhibits and groups discussing resources to combat current racial injustices. Topics include racism, oppression and the achievement gap, domestic and international racial and ethnic relations, the University's campus diversity climate, and corporate social responsibility.

4 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 1700 S. Patterson Building: Talk by Jim Keady, founder of Team Sweat, an international coalition of consumers, investors and workers committed to ensuring all workers producing Nike products are paid a living wage. Keady resigned his coaching position as St. John's University in 1998 rather than abide by the university's \$3.5 million endorsement deal with Nike that would require him to wear and endorse Nike products.

For more information or interviews, contact Erin Peery, Consciousness Rising president, or Shawn Robinson, associate director of media relations, at 937-229-3391.