

Ashton W. Welch Student Travel Fund



The **Ashton W. Welch Student Travel Fund** exists to help support students attending the NAES Annual Conference. Before Ashton Welch, passed suddenly in August 2010, he was a strong proponent of student engagement with NAES. Funds for this award are raised through donations from the NAES membership.

Ashton Welch was born in Barbados and received his Bachelor of Arts in history from Wilberforce University, Ohio, in 1968. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin, where he earned his master's in history and a certificate in African Studies in 1971. He earned his doctorate in history from the University of Birmingham, England. Welch began his career at Creighton University in 1971 as an instructor of history and brought his passion for African culture and black history to Creighton in 1975, when he became the director of the Black Studies Program. He served as chair of the department from 1985 to 1993. His teaching and research at Creighton focused on questions of ethnicity. His scholarly passion was recognized with many awards and publications, including recognition from the *National Association for Ethnic Studies* for his contribution to the discipline of Ethnic Studies and his last publication, *Killing Brown Slowly: The Judicial Undermining of Brown v. Board of Education*.

Submission Requirements and Process:

1. Each student applying for this award, must submit a 250-word essay that explains their financial need.
2. The student must be a current member of NAES, currently enrolled in school and live more than 50 miles away from the NAES Annual Conference site.
Please note:
 - students are not eligible for this award if they reside within a 50 mile radius of the current NAES conference site
 - the conference site changes each year
3. The essay and student's contact information must be received on or before **March 1, 2012**.
Please send completed essay and contact information to dariza@ethnicstudies.org

For more information, please contact:

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