RACIAL/ETHNIC RELATIONS SPECIALTY AREA EXAM:
NATIVE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGY
FALL, 2006

Instructions: Please answer three out of the following six questions, choosing one question out of each set of two. You have four hours to complete the exam. Best of luck!

Set A (2 hours suggested to answer one of these two questions):
1. Discuss the demographic history of Native Americans since 1492, especially in regard to their population size and geographic distribution.

2. Discuss the implications of the demography and sociology of Native Americans for understanding concepts or theories about assimilation.

Set B (1 hour suggested to answer 1 of these 2 questions):
3. What is known about the socioeconomic attainments of contemporary Native Americans? What demographic factors or sociological explanations help to explain these characteristics?

4. Discuss how multi-racial identity and ancestry are significant issues in the demography or sociology of Native Americans.

Set C (1 hour suggested to answer 1 of these 2 questions):
5. Using the work of scholars in the tradition of ethnic entrepreneurship, write an essay which shows how American Indians could create their own opportunities.

6. How do the health and mortality patterns of Native Americans differ from those of non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black Americans? How do theories of social stratification help us to understand such differential patterns?