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At Home Among Strangers: The Acculturation Process of Female African Refugees in the Upper Midwest 5

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This report details an action research project initiated by a team of university researchers with area female African refugees. The goal was to determine the primary issues facing this population. Subsequently, an inter-agency coalition was established to ameliorate the problems of the refugees.

Nurturing Children's Spirituality: A Preliminary Study of the Challenges in "Mixed-Faith" Marriages 25

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There is little empirical research on how families with one religious parent and one non-religious parent nurture their children's faith at home. Parents in this situation may have difficulty balancing the different interest levels in religion among family members, and how to create family rituals that are inclusive and not divisive.

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College and university students on campuses across the U.S. are enthralled with social networking web sites, most notably facebook.com. This paper examines the representations of self-identity constructed by students in their Facebook profiles and track how these electronic "gestures" change, over a brief period.

**The Cup Heard Round the World: A Burkean Analysis of the
NBA's Reaction to the Brawl at Auburn Hills 63**

Katherine L. Lavelle

The November 19, 2004 brawl in Detroit provided vivid evidence of the National Basketball Association's (NBA) damaged image. This paper uses Kenneth Burke's Terms of Order to show how scapegoating Artest highlighted a conflict in the NBA among its older fans and the younger fans and players who identify with hip-hop culture.