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Ann duCille, a professor of African-American and American literature at the University of California, San Diego, has received the 1997 Myers Center Award for the Study of Human Rights in North America for her book, *Skin Trade*.

Skin Trade (Harvard University Press, 1996) explores the meaning and merchandising of race and gender differences in America.

DuCille has been a faculty member in the UCSD Department of Literature since 1996. She holds a master's of fine arts degree in creative writing and master's and doctorate degrees in American civilization from Brown University. She is the author of *The Coupling Convention: Sex, Text, and Tradition in Black Women's Fiction* (Oxford University Press, 1993).

The Gustavus Myers Center, founded in 1984 and based in Fayetteville, Ark., offers annual awards for outstanding books about all kinds of intolerance in North America. Its purpose is to identify, reward and publicize these works. The award is named in honor of the author of the *History of Bigotry in the United States* (1943).

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