

**INTERROGATING THE AFRICAN DIASPORA: AFRICAN DIASPORA
IDENTITIES
2005 GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE**

August 6th, 2005

FIU Biscayne Bay Campus
Wolfe University Center, WUC 155

8:30 - 9:00: Opening Statements

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Vice-Provost, Biscayne Bay Campus

Dr. Joyce Peterson, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Jean Muteba Rahier, Coordinating Faculty, Interrogating the African Diaspora

Mapping the African Diaspora: Fragmented Geographies and Positionalities I

Chair: Dean Wagstaffe, Florida International University

9:00 - 9:15 Remembering Angola: The Construction of Cuban National Memory during the Angolan Intervention
Marisabel Almer, University of Michigan

9:15 - 9:30 Heirs and Pioneers Coming Home: Remapping the African Diaspora from Ethiopia
Giulia Bonacci, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

9:30 - 9:45 On the Corner of 125th and 7th: Constructing Allies in the Cuban and African American Press, September 1960
Devyn Spence, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

9:45 - 10:00 The Freedom of Difference: Decolonization in Nigeria and Chiapas
Tryon Woods, University of California, Irvine

10:00 - 10:15 **Discussant: Dr. Gaurav Desai, Tulane University**

10:15 - 10:30 **Open Discussion**

Mapping the African Diaspora: Fragmented Geographies and Positionalities II

Chair: Nzinga Mack, Florida International University

10:30 - 10:45 The ME in My Identity: How Diaspora Identities are Constructed in the Ghanaian Diaspora in the U.K.

Elvina Quaison, School of Oriental and African Studies, UK

10:45 - 11:00 Creating a Modern and Authentic Haiti: Intellectual Cooperation Between Haiti and the U.S. after 1934
Chantalle Verna, Michigan State University/Florida International University

11:00 - 11:15 Black Immigrants and Social Mobility: A Dream Derailed?
Andrea Queeley, City University of New York

11:15 - 11:30 Diaspora and Africanness: Historic Relations Between Africa and Columbia
Mario Diego Romero Vergara, Universidad de Valle, Columbia

11:30 - 11:45 **Discussant: Dr. Percy Hintzen, University of California, Berkeley**

11:45 - 12:00 **Open Discussion**

12:00 - 1:30 **Lunch Break**

Cultural Politics of the African Diaspora
Chair: Janice Giles, Florida International University

1:30 - 1:45 Reconstructing Blackness: Fanny Jackson Coppin and the Institute for Colored Youth
Kai Wood Mah, McGill University

1:45 - 2:00 Representation of Slavery in the Montreal Gazette, 1785-1805
Tamara Extian-Babiuk, McGill University

2:00 - 2:15 Repossessing the Black Body: Identity Construction and Appearance in the African Diaspora
Sybil Dione Rosado, University of Florida

2:15 - 2:30 **Discussant: Dr. Felipe Smith, Tulane University**

2:30 - 2:45 **Open Discussion**

2:45 - 3:00 Coffee Break

The African Diaspora: Hybridities Against Race?
Chair: Dr. Tometro Hopkins, Florida International University

- 3:00 - 3:15 *Una e Indivisible: Accounts of Haitian-Dominican Relations in the Island of Saint Domingue/Hispaniola*
Irmay Reyes-Santos, University of California, San Diego
- 3:15 - 3:30 *Performing Community, Creating Diaspora*
Carol Subino-Sullivan, Indiana University
- 3:30 - 3:45 *Making Blackness Invisible: The Politics of Identity Formation in Jamaica*
Maziki Thame, University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- 3:45 - 4:00 **Discussant: Dr. Dionne Stephens, Florida International University**
- 4:00 - 4:15 **Open Discussion**

The African Diaspora: Contesting the Heteronormative

Chair: Richard Fantina, *University of Miami*

4:15 - 4:30 Consuming the Black Male Body: Capoeira, Tourism, and
Ethnosexual Encounters in Bahia, Brazil
Dara Schoenwald, Florida International University

4:30 - 4:45 Questioning Queer: Examining the Black Queer Subject
in the Post-Apartheid (Black) Public Sphere
Xavier Livermon, University of California, Berkeley

4:45 - 5:00 Romancing "The Folk": Re-Reading the Nation in
Caribbean Poetry
Christian Campbell, Duke University

5:00 - 5:15 Precious African Links of a Mighty Chain: Amy Jacques
Garvey and the Politics of
Pan-Africanism, 1944-1948
Reena Goldthree, Duke University

5:15 - 5:30 **Discussant: Dr. Layli Phillips, *Georgia State
University***

5:30 - 5:45 **Open Discussion**

5:45 **Closing Remarks: Dr. Jean Muteba Rahier,
Coordinating Faculty, Interrogating the
African Diaspora**

6:30 **Certificate Distributions:**
Dr. Mark Szuchman, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Raul Moncarx, Vice-Provost, Biscayne Bay Campus
**Dr. Percy Hintzen, Dept. of African American Studies,
University of California, Berkeley**
**Dr. Felipe Smith, African and African Diaspora Studies
Program, Tulane University**

7:00 **Reception Dinner**