

**DAY ONE**  
**Friday, 7 March 2008**

All sessions are in Tango 3 & 4, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

- 7:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- 8:00-12:45 Late Registration; Early registrants can pick up materials, Tango 3 Hallway
- 8:00-6:00 Book Exhibit, Skyline Atrium
- 8:45-9:00 Opening Remarks and all sessions in Tango Rooms 3 & 4, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- Session 1: AAWL and Self, Family, and Community Identity**  
Chair: Marcheta Evans, U Texas-San Antonio
- 9:00-9:20 Jessica DeCuir-Gunby, N Carolina State U, & Adrienne Dixson, Ohio State U  
“From Jezebels to Nappy Headed Hos: African American Women, Language and Identity”
- 9:20-9:40 Alicia Beckford-Wassink, U Washington  
“Growing up with Two “Black Languages”: Kinship and Attitudes toward Jamaican Creole and African American English”
- 9:40-10:00 Peggy Jones, U Nebraska-Omaha  
“My Mother Tongue: A Linguistic Autoethnography”
- 10:05-10:35 Discussion
- 10:30-11:00 Morning Snack Break, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- Session 2: AAWL from Girls to Women**  
Chair: Sonia Saldívar-Hull, U Texas-San Antonio
- 11:00-11:20 Lisa Green & Tracy Conner, U Massachusetts-Amherst  
“Rhetorical Markers in Developing African American English-Speaking Girls’ Language”
- 11:20-11:40 Elaine Richardson, Ohio State U  
“Gender Ideologies in Hip Hop Feminism and Performances of Black Womanhood”
- 11:40-12:00 H. Samy Alim, U California-Los Angeles  
“We Just Doin Our Sista Thang”: Styling African American Women’s Language in Interaction”
- 12:05-12:35 Discussion
- 12:35-2:30 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 2:00-4:30 Late Registration; Early registrants can pick up materials, Tango 3 Hallway

**Session 3: AAWL and Regional Variation**

Chair: Bridget Drinka, U Texas-San Antonio

- 2:30-2:50 Iyabo Osiapem, College of William & Mary  
“Language and Identity among Black Bermudean Women”
- 2:50-3:10 Jennifer Bloomquist, Gettysburg College  
“People Say I Speak Proper, but Girl, I’m Ghetto! Regional Dialect Use and Adaptation by African American Women in Pennsylvania’s Lower Susquehanna Valley”
- 3:10-3:30 Shelome Gooden, U Pittsburgh  
“Authentically Black, Bona Fide Pittsburgher: A Prosodic Description of African American Women’s Speech in Pittsburgh”
- 3:35-4:05 Discussion
- 4:00-4:30 Afternoon Snack Break, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor

**Session 4: AAWL in Educational Contexts**

Chair: Kelly Rogers, U Texas-San Antonio

- 4:30-4:50 Christine Mallinson, U Maryland-Baltimore County  
“The Way I Can Speak for Myself”: The Social and Linguistic Context of Interviews with African American Girls in Washington, D.C.
- 4:50-5:10 Anne Charity, College of William & Mary, Renée Price, St. Catherine’s School  
“Variation in African American Secondary School Girl’s Language and Education”
- 5:10-5:30 Angela Rickford, San Jose State U  
“Six Deep Teaching Strategies for Engaging Struggling K-12 Students in Literary and Literacy Development”
- 5:35-6:05 Discussion
- 6:05 Adjourn for the day

**DAY TWO**

**Saturday, 8 March 2008**

All sessions are in Tango 3 & 4, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

- 7:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- 8:00-12:45 Late Registration; Early registrants can pick up materials, Tango 3 Hallway
- 8:00--5:00 Book Exhibit, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor
- 8:30-8:35 Opening Remarks

**Session 5: AAWL Representations in Literature and Film**

Chair: Norma Cantú, U Texas-San Antonio

- 8:35-8:55 Joycelyn Moody, U Texas-San Antonio  
“Black Intimacy and White Interlocution in 19th-Century Mediated Love Letters”
- 8:55-9:15 Calaya Reid, Clark Atlanta U/U Georgia  
“From Bitch to Baby: Struggles Dealing with AAWL and Character Dialogue in *Take Her Man*”
- 9:15-9:35 Grisel Acosta, U Texas-San Antonio  
“*Silencio Real*: Silences and Voices in Afro-Latina Language in “I Am Cuba” and “Anne B. Real””
- 9:35-9:55 Tani Sanchez, U Arizona  
“Discourses of the Black Female Messiah in Contemporary Film”
- 10:00-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30-11:00 Morning Snack Break, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor

**Session 6: AAWL from the Kitchen to the Amen Corner**

Chair: Larry Williams, U Texas-San Antonio

- 11:00-11:20 Lanita Jacobs-Huey, U Southern California  
“Talking about (and Beyond) Hair: Negotiating Expertise and “Realness” in Black Women’s Hair Care”
- 11:20-11:40 Angela Kortenhoven, Calvin College/Stanford U  
“Pentecostal Women Testifyin”
- 11:40-12:00 Charles DeBose, California State U-Eastbay  
“Church Lady Talk: African American Female Language in/and the Church”
- 12:05-12:35 Discussion
- 12:35-2:30 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 2:00-5:00 Late Registration; Early registrants can pick up materials, Tango 3 Hallway

**Session 7: AAWL Discourse and Grammar**

Chair: Howard Smith, U Texas-San Antonio

- 2:30-2:50 Arthur Spears, City University of New York  
“Theorizing AAWL: Toward a Theory of Grammar and Use”
- 2:50-3:10 Terry Meier, Wheelock College

“Stand Up and Speak Out: “Oppositional Talk” in the Discourse of African American Girls”

3:10-3:30 Denise Troutman, Michigan State U  
“Signifying and Black Woman’s “Place””

3:30-3:50 John R. Rickford & Mackenzie Price, Stanford U  
“Girls II Women: Foxy Boston and Tinky Gates Revisited”

3:55-4:30 Discussion

4:30-5:00 Afternoon Snack Break, Skyline Atrium, 7<sup>th</sup> floor

**Session 8: Where Do We Go From Here in AAWL Research?**

Chair: Sonja Lanehart, U Texas-San Antonio

5:00-6:00 Speakers: All conference presenters  
Conference speakers will field questions from audience members (PBS format)