CALL FOR PAPERS
4th Annual African American Studies Spring Symposium
University of Texas at San Antonio
Thursday, April 14, 2011
8:00AM – 6:00PM

African American Femininities: The Michelle Obama Effect

Abstract Submission Deadline | December 17, 2010
Presenters receive a $250 honorarium

Each spring since 2008, the University of Texas at San Antonio African American Studies Spring Symposium Committee has hosted a daylong symposium on African American Studies. Our topics have ranged from explorations of African American identity across multiple academic disciplines to Black popular culture.

This spring, on Thursday, April 14, 2011, we will continue our annual tradition of offering an outstanding program centered on analyzing African American experiences. For this symposium, we will focus on the conflicting and complex representations and realities of contemporary African American women, with “African American Femininities: The Michelle Obama Effect” as the theme. We especially encourage paper topics and panel presentations led by academics, community leaders and other intellectuals on marriage, family, children, health, sexuality, work, relationships, spirituality, and education.

Please submit by December 17, 2010 a 500-word single-spaced abstract written in English. We ask that you include a title, author's name, rank, academic/work affiliation, and an email address. Email abstracts to Dr. Rhonda M. Gonzales: utsaafamsymp@gmail.com. All decision letters will be emailed by January 21, 2011.

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