CALL FOR PAPERS
5th Annual African American Studies Spring Symposium
University of Texas at San Antonio
Thursday, April 12, 2012
8:00AM – 5:00PM

African American Masculinities:
The Barack Obama Effect

Abstract Submission Deadline | November 30, 2011
$500 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 Black popular culture to explorations of Black identity across multiple academic disciplines.

This spring, on Thursday, April 12, 2012, 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 men, with “African American Masculinities: The Barack Obama Effect” as the theme. We especially encourage paper topics and panel presentations led by academics, community leaders and other intellectuals on family, children, health, sexualities, work, relationships, spiritualities, and education.

Please submit a 500-word single-spaced abstract written in English by the end of the business day on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. We ask that you include a title, author’s name, rank, academic/work affiliation, postal address, and an email address. Abstracts for organized panels, workshops, and performances are welcome. N.B.: All accepted presenters must be in attendance for the entire day of the symposium and the evening reception in their honor.

Email abstracts, questions, or requests for further information addressed to Dr. Rhonda M. Gonzales at utsaafamsymp@gmail.com.

*Each single or multi-author presentation, workshop, and performance receives $500.