

## The Xth Conference AGENDA

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Note: Except as noted below, all conference events take place in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference rooms of the Butler Pavilion on the AU campus. Visit < <http://www.american.edu/maps> > for directions to campus, location of the conference site, and parking and transportation advice.

### Thursday evening, February 13th

8:00 p.m.

***World Premier*** of Brett Abrams' new gay comedy, ***Speak the Truth***

location: The AU Tavern (1st floor, Mary Graydon Center).

### Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m and 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Conference registration

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

#### **Workshop 1: Text Analysis**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 N

#### Presentations and discussion

Saunton, Helen (U Birmingham UK) Analyzing evaluation in coming-out narratives

Stockberger, Ingrid (Northeastern Illinois U) Reading lavender themes in BUST magazine

Barat, Erszebet (U Szeged, Hungary) Analytical categories and identity of discourses

12:30 N - 1:30 p.m. Break for luncheon

#### **Workshop II: Unpacking the language of homophobia**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*Workshop introduction:*

Bill Leap (American): Why study homophobic language?

*Approaches to the analysis of homophobic text:*

Chas Brua (PennState) Searching for echoes and anomalous voices

Amy Peebles (U Texas-Austin) Pre-emptive framing in gay Christian texts

*Hands-on analysis of selected texts.*

5:15 - 6:30 p.m. **Film screening** of *Daddy and Poppa* followed by discussion of the film and its use of narrative with director Johnny Symons, anthropologist and film consultant Ellen Lewin, and others.

location: Battelle-Tompkins Atrium (adjacent to Butler Pavilion)

This event is made possible by an Intercultural Activities Grant from the AU Office of Campus Life. Event co-sponsors include: AU Family Network, GLBTAResourceCenter, Center for Social Media, Anthropology Graduate Student Council, and the Lavender Languages Conference.

#### **Plenary session I: Lavender Languages so far: Retrospect and Prospect**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Chair: Kira Hall (Colorado)

Speakers:

Rudy Gaudio (SUNY Purchase)  
Keith Harvey (Manchester)  
E. Patrick Johnson (Northwestern)  
Sally McConnell-Ginet (Cornell)

**Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.-- 6:00 p.m. Conference registration, book table and exhibits  
location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

**Presentations of conference papers**

**Session 1 Lavender Languages, Public Media**

location: 6th floor Conference Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 9:00 a.m. - 12N

Session coordinator and chair: Roger Streitmatter (American)

Bell, Chris (New York City) The Writing Is On the Stall, or, The Impact of Bathroom Graffiti at the University of Missouri, 1996-1999

Fejes, Fred (Florida Atlantic U) Miami 1977-2002: Changes in Lesbian/Gay Public Identity

Stockberger, Ingrid (Northeastern Illinois U) Emerging femininities in an alternative women's magazine

Barat, Erzsebet (U Szeged, Hungary) Abuse of freedom to speech: Neo-conservative gate-keeping in the Hungarian printed media

Barnhurst, Kevin G. (U Illinois- Chicago) The normalization of lgbt political news on National Public Radio: Professional journalists, pacified communities, polarized opposition.

Streitmatter, Roger (American) How you media can help combat homophobia among American teenagers

**Session 2 What we call ourselves: Studies in the politics of lavender semantics**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

session chair: Kathleen O'Mara (SUNY Oneonta)

Wells, Brett David (U Maryland-College Park) Semantic universals of homosexualities

Dunn, Andrew (Bowdoin) Queer identity, language and community among men in Beijing PRC

White, Todd (USC) Agents and agencies: Transsexuals on parole

Sullivan, Sara (U Wisconsin La Crosse) The language of intersex: Pathology and personhood

Po'cs, Kara (USzeged, Hungary) The role of identity and gender in the negotiation of (non-)normative contexts

**Plenary session II: Identity, desire and beyond: Rethinking research goals in lavender language studies**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 N

Presenters: Liz Morrish (U Nottingham Trent) and Bill Leap (American)

12:30 N - 1:45 p.m. Break for luncheon

### **Presentations of conference papers**

#### **Session 3 French Twist: Talking queer in French**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 1:45 - 4:15 p.m.

Session coordinator and chair: Denis Provencher (U Wisconsin La Crosse)

Provencher, Denis (U Wisconsin La Crosse) The Globalization of the American Closet? In Search of Authenticity in the French "Coming-Out" Experience

Bullock, Barbara E. and Luke Eilderts (PennState) *Prononcer mâle ou prononcer ma*: Linguistic markers of effeminacy in early modern French

Hayes, Jarrod (U Michigan) Eatin' Tail, Suckin' Head: Talking about Food in French America

Higgins, Ross (Concordia/Archives gaies du Québec, Montréal) Why No "Y": Gay/Gai Politics in French

Harvey, Keith (Manchester) Intercultural movements: "American gay" in French translation

#### **Session 4 Race(ing) the Language of Desire**

location: 6th floor Conference Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Session coordinator and chair: E Patrick Johnson (Northwestern)

McCune, Jeffrey (Northwestern) "Black Woman Inside Me": Queer White Appropriations

Clark, Keith (George Mason) Quer(r)ying the 'Prison-House' of Masculinity: Ernest Gaines' Narratives of Homosocial Desire

Silberman, Seth Clark (Maryland) Harlem, Queerly: Reading Black Queer Vernacular in the 'streetgeist and folklore' of Eric Walrond's 'The Adventures of Kit Skyhead and Mistah Beauty' and Claude McKay's Home to Harlem

#### **Session 5 Lesbian mothers, gay fathers: An informal conversation about research and other topics with ethnographer and feminist anthropologist Ellen Lewin (U Iowa)**

location: 6th floor Conference Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### **Plenary session III The Conference Plenary address**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Chair: Bill Leap (American)

Welcoming remarks: Kay Mussell, Professor of Literature and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, American University

Speaker: Jennifer Coates (U Surrey Roehampton) "*Everyone was convinced we were closet fags*: The role of heterosexuality in the construction of hegemonic masculinity"

**Following a brief question and answer period, please join other conference participants at the Conference Reception honoring Dr. Coates, all conference speakers, and the hard working staff who make this conference possible.**

The remainder of the evening is left unscheduled, so that you may enjoy Washington DC's legendary lavender hospitality.

## **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Conference registration, book table and exhibits

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Coffee, juice, pastries and conversation**

### **Session 6 Unpacking the language of homophobia**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 N

Session coordinator and chair: Bill Leap (American)

Brua, Chas (PennState) A debate in print: Language for and against inclusion of sexual orientation in a school district's anti-harassment policy

Heintzelman, Lori (Colorado) Talking and taking the road OUT of homosexuality

Peebles, Amy (U Texas-Austin) Speaking to without speaking about: Gay Christians, truth, and text

Thurlow, Crispin, (Cardiff) Sleights of tongue: An explicit account of homophobic pejoratives and the "invisible" abuse of LGBT high-schoolers.

Rochelle, Warren (Mary Washington ) (Almost) Ordinary: Transitional Gay Imagery in Julian May's Galactic Milieu Universe

Armstrong, Nancy (California State University-Dominguez Hills) Reifying the Closet: The Development of Coded Language in the Research Process

Bramlett, Frank (U Nebraska-Omaha) Sissy boys and homo heroes: homophobic language in a comic book adventure.

Lang, Norris (U Houston) History, homophobia and Houston

Tobler, Aaron Unnecessary language: Framing homophobic messages in newspaper reports

12:30 N - 1:45 p.m. Break for luncheon

### **Presentations of conference papers**

#### **Session 7 Language and lavender geography**

location: 6th floor Board Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m

Session coordinator and chair: Bill Leap (American)

Caron, David (U Michigan) Mixed Signals: Reading Communities in a Paris Neighborhood

Schaffner, Steven (U Washington) "*Frat boys take it in the ass!*": A graphic and typographic analysis of homophobic restroom graffiti

McGlotten, Shaka (U Texas) Queerspaces of the screen

Pike, David (American) Life in the Sewers: Images of the Urban Underground.

Michels, Mindy (American) and Bill Leap (American) Urban (homo)sexual geographies: Comparing lesbian and gay men's perspectives

**session 8 The Art of the "Letter"**

location: 6th floor Conference Room, Butler Pavilion

time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Session coordinator and chair: E Patrick Johnson (Northwestern)

Merrill, Lisa (Hofstra) and Denise Quirk (Rutgers) "One Half of the Conversation: Constructing Lesbian Lives from Nineteenth-Century Letters"

Brody, Jennifer DeVere (Northwestern) "Queer Quotations"

Peterson, David (U Nebraska-Omaha) "My heart is broken and lonesome": Whitman's letters to Doyle and Stoppard as missive of queer desire.

4:00 p.m. **Conference adjourns and farewells**