

THE XVITH ANNUAL LAVENDER LANGUAGES CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 13-15, 2009

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Conference Venue:

The 6th floor conference rooms, Butler Pavilion, American University, Washington DC. www.american.edu/maps indicates directions to campus, a campus map, notes on subway/metro and bus connections, and locations of parking lots.

Registration: \$10.00, but \$ 5.00 or sliding-scale fee for students and persons on limited income. No fee for those attending a single session. We are not a profit center.

Plenary Speakers

- Aren Z. Aizura (U Melbourne) *Grammars of Trans Mobility: The Language of Gender Travel*
- Mary Weismantel (Northwestern University) *Unearthing lavender language: Prehistory, pottery, and the "language" of the Moche sex pots*

Special Events

Pre-conference Workshop (Friday, February 13th, 10:00 – 12N)

Is "Hope" Enough? Anticipating the LGBTQ Discursive Landscape of the Obama Administration

Congressional & White House **staffers**, political **activists**, & **linguists** working on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer human rights projects **examine** the new administration's positions on LGBTQ issues and build an agenda for lavender language research that engages these positions pro-actively.

Conference Roundtable (Sunday, February 15th 12 N) :

You Want to Study WHAT?" Negotiating (and Winning) Institutional Review Board Approval for Lavender Language Research

Mary Gray, PhD, Assistant Professor of Communication and Culture, and Affiliate Faculty of Gender Studies and American Studies, Indiana University – Bloomington

Gallery Talk (Saturday, February 14th, 4:00 p.m.) in association with the AU Museum's exhibit:

Carrie Moyer: Painting Propaganda

Roberta Smith describes Carrie Moyer's paintings as "bracing blasts from several pasts that look surprisingly contemporary because of the deliberation with which they are made. Starting with the elegant earthiness of raw, unbleached canvas, Ms. Moyer builds thin, levitating strata of contrasting colors, forms and techniques, each with its own set of historical, stylistic and physical references."

<http://www.american.edu/cas/katzen/museum/exhibitions09jan.cfm>

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

10:00 A.M. PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:

Is "Hope" Enough? Anticipating the LGBTQ Discursive Landscapes of the Obama Administration

session organizer and moderator: Michelle Marzullo (American U)

12:00 N REGISTRATION TABLE AND BOOK EXHIBIT OPEN

1:00 P.M. Session A Queer Embodiment

session organizers and chairs: Katharina Vester and Despina Kakoudaki, (American U)

Vester, Katharina (American U) *Queer Appetites, Butch Cooking*

Koch-Rein, Anne (Emory U) *Trans-figuring Frankenstein: Monstrous Metaphors and Dysphoric Knowledge*

Kakoudaki, Despina (American U) *Make Me a Real Boy: Theorizing the Artificial Body.*

Sondheim, Steven (American U) *19th century circumcision and its implications with deviant sexual acts.*

3:00 BREAK

3:15 P.M. Session B Language, Difference & the State of 'Queer'

session organizer and chair: Michael David Franklin (U Minnesota)

Cartwright, Ryan (U Minnesota) *"Danger Amid Security": Sex, Class, and the Horror of Rural America*

Viteri, Maria Amelia (Catholic U of America) *Latino 'Queer' Voyages*

Franklin, Michael David (U Minnesota) *Friendship, Institutions, Oral History*

Dillon, Steve (U Minnesota) *Toward a Methodology of Haunting: The U.S. Prison Regime and Imprisoned Queer Political Logic*

Sarmiento, Tom (U Minnesota) *Queer Masculinity: Articulating the Homoerotics of Filipino Homosociality*

discussant: Elijah Edelman (American U)

6:00 P.M. Break

6:15 P.M. Sweets from the Sweet: Intergenerational Black Queer Language (re) Production

- Moya Z. Bailey: A 4th year Women's Studies graduate student at Emory University and Co-founder of Quirky Black Girls Social Network.
- Alexis Pauline Gumbs: founder of BrokenBeautiful Press (www.brokenbeautiful.wordpress) and PhD candidate in English, Africana and Women's Studies at Duke University.
- Bea Sullivan: graduate of Oberlin College and member of the New Jersey 4 Solidarity Committee and INCITE: Women of Color Against Violence.
- Julia R. Wallace: founder of Queer Renaissance, MDiv in Theology from Emory University and filmmaker currently in the Film Production Program at Georgia State University.

This event is co-sponsored by AU Women's/Gender/Sexuality Studies Program, American Studies program and the Multi Ethnic Studies Program

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

**8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION TABLE AND BOOK EXHIBIT OPEN ;
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

9:30 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session C.1. Lesbian Discourse

session organizer and chair: Lucy Jones (U Sheffield)

Jones, Lucy (University of Sheffield) *"I'm such a girl!" The reworking of binary gender and the construction of (in)authenticity in a lesbian community of practice*

Turner, Georgina (Loughborough University)

Welcome to Dykesville: Constructing 'Us' in Diva magazine

Moges, Reznat (California State University-Long Beach) *The Signs of Female Masculinity*

Engebretsen, Elizabeth Lund (Duke University) *Gendered sexual categories among lala/lesbian women in post-millennial Beijing*

Session C.2. Recovering Lavender History

session chair: Robert Hill (American U)

Abrams, Brett L. (independent scholar) *Dream Factory Queers*

Bernier, Joseph and Audrie MacDuff (SUNY Potsdam) *Finding a Common Ground: A Historical Perspective on LGBT Lexicon*

Ryall, Michael (Independent Scholar) *A case study of non-normative sexuality in the last half of the nineteenth century.*

White, C. Todd (James Madison University)

Marry, Mary! (Quite Contrary): Homosexual Marriage in ONE Magazine, 1953–1959

11:45 A.M. CONCURRENT DISCUSSION SESSIONS ¹

Session D.1. How do we reach those kids ? Studies in Queer Pedagogy

session organizer and chair: Robert Hill (American U)

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Girls (and Boys) Gone Wild: Using Coming-of-Age Films to Teach Contemporary Ideologies of Gender and Sexuality

Kendrick, Erik and John Speaks (Georgia Perimeter College)

Gay and Lesbian Issues in the ESL Classroom

Session D.2. Lavender Languages, Urban spaces

Sosa, Joseph Jay (Chicago) *“Eu Sou Simpantizante:” Translating Gay-Friendly Urban Space in São Paulo*

Lainez, Rafael (American U) *Language of Salvadorian immigrant geographies in Washington DC*

1:00 P.M. PLENARY SESSION I

Unearthing lavender language: Prehistory, pottery, and the "language" of the Moche sex pots

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Mary Weismantel (Northwestern University)

Mary Weismantel's presentation is made possible through the generous support of the Graduate Student Council of AU's Department of Anthropology.

2:15 P.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session E.1. Seeing Queerly: Reading Visual Art as Intertextual Representation

(session organizer and chair: Helen Langa (American U)

Park, Jess (U Illinois- Urbana Champaign) *Coming out of, rather than Looking in, Boucher and Fragonard's **CABINET***

Siddons, Louise (Michigan State U) *'They are a queer looking lot': Frank Van Sloun's Representations of Lesbian Sexuality*

DeGuzmán , María (U North Carolina- Chapel Hill) *The Transport of Minikins, or Towards a Queer Phenomenolgy*

Andrews, Chris (U Notre Dame) *Lavender Eye Transplants: Seeing a New World Through the Perverse Gaze of a Queer Dictator*

Session E.2. Learning to Speak Queer: Rethinking Lavender Language Socialization

session organize and chair: Stephen L Mann (U South Carolina)

DiDomenico, Stephen (University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign) *Learning to narrate queer: Language socialization and the 'coming out' story genre,*

Mann, Stephen L.(University of South Carolina) *Age and Online Language Socialization: Does Size (of Network) Still Matter?*

Schroeder, Will (University of Virginia) *An Inverted Diaspora: Globalizing Queer Affect in Urban China*

Chirrey, Deborah (Edge Hill University) *Reading the script: how we make sense of coming out*

4:00 P.M. Gallery Talk in association with the AU Museum's exhibit:
 Carrie Moyer: Painting Propaganda
Ms. Moyer will lead the discussion and comment session.

Event location: The exhibition galley in the AU Museum, a short walk from the Conference site.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

**8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION TABLE AND BOOK EXHIBIT OPEN ;
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9:315 A.M. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session F.1. Lavender Language in the Neoliberal Moment

session organizers and chairs: Michelle Marzullo and William Leap (American U)

Marzullo, Michelle (American U) *Only when we're 'ready' ": Sexual Orientation and the Materiality of Marriage/Commitment in a Neoliberal Context*

Vanderstouwe, Chris (San Francisco State U) *Restoring Tradition or Protecting Civil Rights: The Media's Discursive Role in the De-legitimization of Same-Sex Marriage through Coverage of Proposition 8*

Peterson, David (U Nebraska Omaha) *Neoliberal homophobia*

Gray, Mary (Indiana U) *Risky business: Constructing (Queer) Human Subjects in the wake of neoliberal systems of ethics regulation*

Leap, William (American U) *Neoliberal incest*

discussant: Jeff Maskovsky (CUNY-Queens College)

Session F.2. Conversation, Stylistics, Status

session chair: t.b.a.

Fisher, Tony (Kyushu Sangyo University) *Politeness, Interruption, and the Metadiscursive Labeling of Gender*

Motschenbacher, Heiko (Goethe University Frankfurt) *The Interface of National, European and Sexual Identities: Linguistic Camp in the Eurovision Song Contest*

Usher, Dylan (U Toronto) *"I'm like: 'That's so gay!'" A sociolinguistic analysis of GLBQ speech in Canadian Youth*

Vélez S., Carlos Martin (Brescia University) *Meanings of Gay and Hispanic/Latino labels in US newspaper texts: A critical discourse analysis*

Harrison, Marlen Elliot (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) *Gay in English, Straight in Japanese: Examining the relationships between language learner motivation, identity conflict, performance of sexuality, and linguistic community*

12:00 N Conference Roundtable²

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1:15 P.M.. PLENARY SESSION II

Grammars of Trans Mobility: The Language of Gender Travel

Aren Z. Aizura (U Melbourne)

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2:30 P.M. SESSION G Transgender Language/Politics

session organizer and chair : Elijah Edelman (American U)

Kier, Bailey (U Maryland College Park) *Eco Transformations of Identity: Mapping Transgender Representations and Queer Ecologies*

Edelman, Elijah (American U) *Walking While Transgendered: Neoliberal Regulations of Trans Bodies in the Nation's Capital*

Baker, Sadie (DC Trans Coalition) *Genitals Only: The Discourses of Housing Trans Prisoners in Washington, D.C.*

discussant: Michael David Franklin (U Minnesota)

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4:30 P.M. Lav Lgs XVI adjourns – See you next year at Lav Lgs XVII !!!

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